

# St. Andrew's Message

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## **Dates to Remember**

### **June 1**

8:00 a.m. Worship Service Live

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Worship Service Live and Zoom

11:00 a.m. Semi Annual Meeting

### **June 3**

6:30 p.m. First Communion lesson

### **June 8 Confirmation and First Communion**

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Worship Service Live and Zoom

### **June 11**

6:30 p.m. Life Commission

### **June 15 Father's Day**

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Zoom

### **June 18**

7:00 p.m. Memorial Committee

### **June 19**

7:00 p.m. Council

### **June 22**

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Zoom

### **June 29**

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Zoom

## **WORSHIP**



**June 2025**

### **The Pastor's Pen**

To all the faithful at St. Andrew's,

2024 has been pretty good for us as a community. We have expanded our ministry footprint with a major interest in helping feed the hungry in our area. To this end we are supporting the food pantry at First Presbyterian through volunteer

support, collections of cereal and financial support. I am so proud of you St. Andrew's for sensing God's call to support neighbors in need.

We continued our practice of regularly meeting to delve into Scripture and discuss our spiritual health. We read the book "Sailboat Church" and had some wonderful conversations about the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives. If you have never attended our 9am Bible study, give it a try. We have been investigating our prayer life, learning about faith and prayerfully seeking Christ in our lives both as individuals and as a community.

Behind the scenes I have been doing a bunch of visits. Lately many members have experienced hospitalization and hardship. These visits have proven again and again to be a blessing both to those I visit and to myself. If you could coordinate your hospital stays to overlap at the same hospital that would help my scheduling immensely (kidding!).

We have a big summer series coming up. The challenge from our Bishop Elect Foster to educate our congregations on Evangelism, Discipleship and Financial Stewardship. We are going to start with discipleship which I have been thinking about for a while. It'll be great you should come to church ALL SUMMER LONG.

There are projects in various levels of "shovel readiness" we have considered improvements to front and back yards of the church as the work of our Memorial Committee's plans continue.

We worshipped our way through Lent and Easter, hosted our annual Egg Hunt and had a wonderfully successful Produce Sale. Kathy DeMaio, Karen Conlon and myself attended

our Synod Assembly on Long Island and elected a new bishop, I am very excited for the ministry of Bishop Elect Foster. She brings an enormous amount of energy and enthusiasm to the synod office.

As you know personally this season has been a challenge for me with my father becoming ill. My appreciation for your prayers and support CANNOT be put into words. When I told Sue what was going on she immediately looked at me and said, "if you need to get on a plane, just go." Sue your words and actions have been so encouraging to me and they are reflective of the words and actions of others. Thank you all for your prayers and words of sincerity.

Thank you for being the most loving, kind and faithful communities I have ever worked with, I am humbled by the call to be your pastor and your friend.

Pastor Dave

## Council Notes

### June 2025

1. The Semi-Annual Congregational meeting will take place immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 1, 2025. The main purpose of this meeting is for election of the members of the Church Council and Nominating Committee and we hope to see the pews full.
2. We thank the 2025 Nominating Committee for their hard work in recruiting the following slate of new candidates for Council and 2026 Nominating Committee:
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  - a. Church Council – Karen DosSantos, Kim Guerra
  - b. 2026 Nominating Committee – Rob Granfors, Judith Hung, Margaret Jakubik, Dora Morabito, Andrea Rai, Gemma Reinkraut
  - c. Church Council returning members – Mike Banks, Susan Epting, Joanna Falcone, Chuck Farrell, David Hamm, Ashley Hedtke, Kristine Kallestén, Carol Holodak, John Leisher, Dale Sharp, Kristi Tudor, Pastor Dave Dockweiler
4. The Council approved the schedule for summer services. Beginning on Sunday, June 29, 2025, one service will be held at 9 a.m. There will be three outdoor services (June 29, July 27, August 24). In the event of inclement weather, we will move the service indoors and it will not be rescheduled outdoors. We will need help with set-up and take-down of the equipment for these services so please volunteer to help.
5. Rally Day and the resumption of Sunday School will be held on Sunday, September 14, 2025 with one service at 10 a.m. This service will be held outside and will be followed by a family picnic.
6. Sunday School Lenten Boxes – The Sunday School collected \$209.87, and the Church Council voted to add funds to bring the total donation to \$500. Farm



- animals, mosquito nets, etc. will be purchased through the ELCA catalog.
7. The Church Council approved immediately sending donations of \$500 each to St. Mary's Food Pantry, Jan Peek House, and First Presbyterian Church Yorktown Food Pantry as part of our benevolence.

## LEARN

June 2025

### Sunday School Update



It's hard to believe that another year of Sunday School is coming to an end! We have welcomed several new children to our classes and everyone is enjoying learning about Jesus and his teachings. It's been a wonderful year!

Happy Father's Day to all the men who are fathers, grandfathers, uncles, godfathers, and anyone else who plays such an important role in the lives of our children!

The last Harvest Sunday of the school year will next take place on June 1<sup>st</sup>, and we hope the entire congregation as well as the Sunday School students will help to contribute to this worthy effort. Let's try this challenge again and see who can bring in the most food to share with those less fortunate – Sunday School students or adult members of the congregation!

The children are working on their memory work and we look forward to Awards Sunday on June 22<sup>nd</sup> along with a popsicle party following the 10 a.m. service. We hope the pews will be full as we honor the children, their teachers and helpers, and the many others who have helped to make this year a success! Please remember to attend and you will also get to enjoy some treats, too!

The children collected \$209.87 in their Lenten boxes this spring and the Church Council voted to add funds to bring the total donation to \$500. The children will be working with the Sunday School staff to choose what to purchase through the ELCA catalog. Picking the cute little animals to send to needy families throughout the world is always a fun project! Thank you to all the parents who let the kids rob them of their pocket change again this year!

On behalf of St. Andrew's, thank you to all who have given so much of your time throughout the year to help the children to grow in their faith. Without the volunteers and the parents who faithfully bring the children each week, Sunday School would not be a success. Thank you so very much!

Sunday school resumes on Rally Day which is September 14, 2025 so if you have a child who will be 3 years old in September, please contact me so we can enroll him/her in Sunday School for next year.

As always, we welcome anyone who would like to teach or help with Sunday School, do a special lesson or craft with the children, or assist in any way. Please reach out to me with any questions at [epting.susan@gmail.com](mailto:epting.susan@gmail.com) or via cell at 914-715-9546.

Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in church each week!

God Bless,

Sue Epting, Sunday School Coordinator

## **Upon the Earth-Dedication of the Prayer Patio**





Thank you to all of our sponsors who purchased an engraved brick. To the members of the Memorial Committee and our landscaping crew, hats off! Great job. Our campus wide landscaping vision is available for your review and if interested, you can help make another part of this vision happen. Glory be to God!

**Financial**

## YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY - MAY

	2025	2024	Difference
Contributions	\$ 93,000	\$ 89,600	\$ 3,400
Rental Income	28,100	19,400	8,700
Other Income	6,500	6,300	200
Total Income	127,600	115,300	12,300
Expenses ( <i>Budget-\$131,000</i> )	128,600	125,100	3,500
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ (1,000)</b>	<b>\$ (9,800)</b>	<b>\$ 8,800</b>

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