

# St. Andrew's Message

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## **Dates to Remember**

### **April 8**

6:30 p.m. Life Commissions

### **April 12**

8:00 a.m. Worship Service Live

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

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

11:15 a.m. First Communion Class

11:15 a.m. New Member meeting

### **April 16**

7:00 p.m. Church Council

### **April 19 70th Anniversary**

8:00 a.m. Worship Service Live

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

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

11:15 Luncheon

### **April 25**

9:00 a.m. Produce Sale

### **April 26 First Communion Celebration**

8:00 a.m. Worship Service Live

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

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

## WORSHIP



**April 2026**

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

Alleluia Christ is Risen! We have concluded our journey through Lent towards the challenging but rewarding conclusion. For everyone who took some time over the last 6 weeks to grow your faith in an intentional way I am proud! I'd like to highlight a few wonderful moments

that have occurred over the last month or so at St. Andrew's. Thank you to Mike Epting and Cyndi Clark for leading the discussions in church regarding our stained-glass windows. These presentations were insightful and thoughtful. It was interesting to learn more about the windows that we have passively observed, I noticed new items in the windows and made new connections. Thank you. Our adult Bible study times have had great attendance, and the discussions have been lively. I've enjoyed learning with you and look forward to more. We experimented with adding some more traditional service styles into our worship repertoire. I have heard people enjoy "passing the peace," if parts of our worship service sing to your soul in a powerful way please let me or the Worship and Music Committee know, we love to hear feedback.

Coming up we have new member classes and a welcome, a major anniversary (with Bishop Foster and meal), we will participate in the Battle of Yorktown and host a Produce Sale.

Our church is turning 70! For 70 years at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Christ has been proclaimed, people reminded that their sins have been forgiven, disciples have been organized and sent to share the news. Take a moment to thank God for all that has happened, is happening and will happen through the people of St. Andrew's. Our special anniversary celebration will happen on April 19th, we will have ONE service at 10am, Bishop Katrina Foster will preach, afterwards we will enjoy a luncheon. Come and join us at this wonderful event.

See You on Sunday! Pastor Dave

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## Council Notes

**Tenant Update** – Our tenant, Exploratory Play Center of Yorktown (EPCY) has applied for a license to operate as a daycare center and is awaiting the decision by the Office of Child & Family Services. The owner is working hard to meet the requirements for licensing and has had an initial inspection so is aware of issues needing to be addressed. We have provided her with the necessary paperwork required on our end. We are in close contact with the tenant and will keep you updated on the situation.



**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Andrew's** – We will be celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Andrew's on April 19, 2026. Bishop Katrina Foster will worship with us and the event will be celebrated with a brunch. We will also be welcoming new members to our congregation on that day. Please contact Sue Epting (914-715-9546) if you have any questions.

**Altar Flower Sponsorship** – Upon review of the sponsorship and payment for altar flowers, the Council approved increasing the cost to sponsor the weekly flowers to \$50.00. If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please sign up on the clipboard in the office. We all enjoy the beautiful bouquets and appreciate your willingness to decorate the altar. The payment can be made via check or cash placed in the offering plate or via online giving – please designate it as “flowers.”

**Bingo Party** – We had a great Bingo party on Saturday, March 21, 2026! Attended by 25 adults and a few children, everyone enjoyed playing the games, winning prizes, and eating pizza! Thanks to all who participated and we hope to see even more at our next event.

**New Members** – As part of our celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Andrew's, we plan to welcome new members on April 19, 2026. If you are interested in joining, please speak to Pastor Dave. A new member class will be held after the 10 a.m. service on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**First Communion** – Children in second grade and older who have not yet received the Sacrament of Holy Communion will do so on Sunday, April 26, 2026. A class will be held for these children immediately following the 10 a.m. service on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Pastor Dave or Sue Epting (914-715-9546) if your child is interested.

**Produce Sale** – The next produce sale will take place on Saturday, April 25, 2026. Please contact Chuck Farrell if you are available to help with this great fundraiser.

**Battle of Yorktown** – In honor of Earth Day, Yorktown will once again be holding the Battle of Yorktown and as always, St. Andrew's will be participating. Please contact Dale Sharp if you are interested in helping. The more hands, the more trash is picked up in our town!

## LEARN

April 2026

### Sunday School Update

Spring has arrived and Sunday School continues to be in full swing as the school year begins to wind down over the next few months. We are so happy to see all the bright and shining faces of our young children each week as they are the future of St. Andrew's! April will be a very busy month with lots of special events so we hope everyone will attend.

Your child should have received his/her Lenten box by now and we would like to collect them by Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. The children will then decide to whom they would like to donate the money. For the past several years, we have bought animals through the ELCA catalog.

Sunday School will not be in session on Easter, April 5<sup>th</sup> so please attend worship as a family.

Harvest Sunday will next take place on April 12<sup>th</sup> and we hope to help fill the shelves at St. Mary's Food Pantry with your donations.

Pastor Dave will be conducting a class for the First Communion children on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service. First Communion will take place on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> for those children in second grade and older if they have not yet received this Sacrament.

On Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Andrew's with Bishop Foster worshiping with us during the 10 a.m. service. There will not be an early service that day. We hope to have the Sunday School children sing a special song and the older children (3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades) will remain in church for the entire service. Immediately following worship, everyone will be treated to a delicious brunch so please try to attend.

Looking ahead to May, we will celebrate Harvest Sunday on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and we will do our annual Mother's Day flower planting on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

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.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Sunday School each week!

God Bless,

Sue Epting, Sunday School Coordinator

## Financial

Give online

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY -

### FEBRUARY

	2026	2025	Difference
Contributions	\$ 36,200	\$ 41,900	\$ (5,700)
Rental Income	6,000	11,200	(5,200)
Other Income	2,600	1,800	800
Total Income	44,800	54,900	(10,100)
Expenses ( <i>Budget-\$64,000</i> )	66,000	52,100	13,900
<b>(Deficit)/Surplus</b>	<b>\$ (21,200)</b>	<b>\$ 2,800</b>	<b>\$ (24,000)</b>

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