



St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

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Faith, Fellowship & Service*

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Deadline:**

9:00 am, April 20, 2022

Send entries to:
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**Weekend
announcement items
are due by 9:00 am
Wednesday morning**

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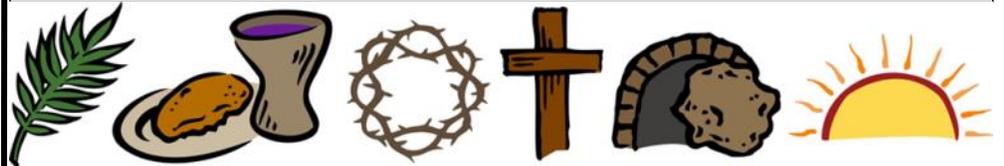
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Saints Alive!

APRIL NEWSLETTER

March 31, 2022

HOLY WEEK



Worship during Holy Week:

Palm Sunday, April 10 at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Great Vigil of Easter (Saturday), April 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 17 at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Throughout the season of Lent, Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church has focused on imagery of journey. The journey intensifies during this week set apart, called Holy.

On Palm Sunday, the church remembers Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the way that celebration moves to betrayal in a short time. On Maundy Thursday, the church remembers Jesus' great commandment to love one another as he has loved us, and love that is embodied in service. On Good Friday, the church prays rich prayers for all creation, for all people, and for ourselves as we adore Christ, the one crucified for the salvation of the world. During the Easter Vigil, the journey brings the church to the garden where gathered around the first fire, the assembly journeys to hear God's saving story and celebrate the first announcement of the Resurrection.

Finally, on Easter Sunday, the church opens itself to the fullness of the implications of Jesus' resurrection: new life, new creation, forgiveness, salvation.

Come! Join in the fullness of this journey through Holy Week.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor David

Parents of fifth graders please plan to join Pastor David with your child for instruction in Holy Communion.

We will discuss what makes a sacrament, ways to understand Holy Communion, reverence while receiving and celebrating Holy Communion, and the wonderful gift God offers through Holy Communion.

Contact Pastor David to indicate your intention to participate.



THAT SENIOR PASTOR'S MUSINGS

But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

~~Luke 24:11 (NRSV)

I have found it to be true that until people see something for themselves, they don't believe what they are told. It starts early. Tell a child the stove is hot, don't touch it. In my time at the university, the director where I worked and I traded this experience. She would tell me things about the programming and I would not believe her. Well, I would not believe until I saw. Other times, I would come back from conferences and report on what I had learned and her response would be, "That won't happen." Well, until it did. Back and forth we would go. Perhaps you have a similar experience.

Each Easter, the church hears stories of Jesus' closest followers struggling to believe what they are told about his resurrection. When the women came back from the empty tomb, the disciples did not believe them. When Jesus appeared to the disciples but Thomas was not there, Thomas did not believe them. When Jesus walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, they were struggling to believe the reports that Jesus was alive.

Faith is like that, isn't it? The author of the letter to the Hebrews notes that "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (11:1) As the church rounds the corner from Lent into Easter, ponder what things are the ground of hope. What is hard to see, but hoped for?

The church and those who believe in Jesus have a promise that can only be received by faith. That promise of life that is borne through death. That promise is that no matter how dire the world appears God is present. God is active. God is working for reconciliation.

In this Easter Season, come and see. Join the chorus of faithful witnesses to the hope and faith and promise of God's love in and through the resurrection of Jesus. Continue to journey with Jesus living in the hope of new life.

These words are not an idle tale, but a way forward in challenging time.

Yours in Christ,
Pr. David Frerichs (he, him, his)



*He is not here
but has risen.*

Luke 24:5

LOAVES AND FISHES

Our gratitude to the awesome volunteer team who helped feed the hungry on Sunday, February 27 at Loaves and Fishes. Thank you to bakers Dawn Frerichs, Phil Wood, Jean Kirch-Holliday, Barb Lewis and Susan Krings for donating cookies and brownies.

Also, thanks to Bobette Rose, Dawn Lessiack, Sarah Larson, Kim Hickey, Nova and Ron Berg, and Jenine Loesing for planning, preparing, packaging, and delivering the meals. One hundred twenty "to-go" meals were prepared for distribution.

We are grateful to the serving team who distributed meals: Gwen Gray, Gary, Erica and Carter Lembke, Gloria Fishman, Chris, Kathryn and Lilah Fishman-Weaver, and Lauren Lessiack.



We are thankful for the congregation's donations and support as we continue to feed those in our community who are in need. Monetary donations to support this ministry may be made directly to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. We are looking for volunteers to bake, cook, or distribute meals each month.

Meal distribution begins at 4:00 pm at Wilkes Boulevard Methodist Church. The next opportunity is Sunday, April 24, 2022.

If you are interested, please contact Susan Goldammer or Jenine Loesing.

We remember the words of Jesus . . . *just as you did to one of the least of these . . . you did it to me.*
Matthew 25:40.

GROWING HOPE LENTEN OFFERING

Although our Growing Hope Lenten offering was March 20, you can still contribute either online or by check. You can support a Growing Hope Globally farmer for as little as \$55 – and help that farmer be food secure for life!



RELIEF FOR UKRAINE

There are multiple ways to provide support for Ukraine. One option is through Lutheran World Relief (lwr.org), which will be matched up to \$422,000. Another option is to give through Lutheran Disaster Response (ldr.org, then click on Eastern Europe Crisis Response).

AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY DONATIONS UPDATE



Thank you to all who have donated to this cause. The families are slowly easing into life in the US, but they have many needs! Affordable housing is nonexistent in Columbia, utilities are expensive, health and dental care are needed and the adults will likely have low-wage jobs to begin with. Our families do not have working papers yet. They are taking English classes twice a week and are studying for driver's licenses, but we do not know how long it will be before they can be employed.

How can you help? Donating money is best. We are using it to fill in the gaps (school supplies, for example).

ASSISTIVE LISTENING AVAILABLE

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church is testing and developing Assistive Listening technology that encompasses three technologies. The hope is that among those technologies, the widest range of needs can be met.

- ☞ Those with hearing aids may want to consult with their audiologist or hearing aid provider to assess which technology or technologies they have available in their hearing aid. The question is whether their aid has Bluetooth, telecoil, or neither. In researching options, these are the key options.
- ☞ Those with Bluetooth and a smart phone may want to try our new Listen Everywhere system. Three simple steps will connect you to the sound system in worship. 1. Connect to the Saint Andrew's Lutheran Guest WiFi Network (watch for the QR code); 2. Download and install the Listen Everywhere app on your cell phone (again, a different QR code, be sure to have the Apple ID or Google Play password available); and 3. Connect your phone to your hearing aid, cochlear implant, or personal headphones via BT.
- ☞ Those with telecoil technology may borrow a receiver from Saint Andrews, and attach a provided loop

lanyard. The loop provides a personal near field loop that broadcasts directly from the receiver to the hearing aid. There is volume adjustment on the receiver.

- ☞ Those with neither of these technologies may borrow a receiver and attach a provided universal ear speaker. In this case, one may be better served to remove the hearing aid in the ear being used.

Saint Andrew's has purchased a limited number of receivers and is currently assessing which technologies are in greatest demand during worship. The current system can serve up to 1,000 users on the Bluetooth option. Be patient with the process of assessing what capacity is needed at Saint Andrew's.

For more information or to test drive the system on a weekday, contact Pastor David.



CREATION KEEPERS: EARTH WEEK ACTIVITIES

“SACRED TRUST” is the theme of Earth Week at St. Andrew’s: April 22-May 1

Many faith traditions speak of honoring future generations with equity and justice. This outlook, expressed in Genesis 17:7, “*I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations...*” implies responsibility of believers to maintain this connection. Working to ensure a safe and stable climate for future generations is foundational to the mission of Interfaith Power & Light, the source for some of the materials Creation Keepers Ministry is using this year.

Mark your calendars for the following events:

National Climate Prayer at Noon, Earth Day, Friday, April 22: A short time of prayer in our Memorial Courtyard Garden. You may join in-person or by zoom (link will be sent out later).

Screening of the movie *Youth v Government* (110 min), Friday evening, April 22, 6:30 pm: Watch for the email sign-up which will be posted soon. The link to view the movie will be sent out by email a day or two beforehand to those on the sign-up list.

Described as a climate change ‘superhero’ movie, “*Youth v Government*” (110 minutes) is a new, award-winning film that follows the landmark lawsuit 21 youth have filed against the United States government for its role in causing climate change and violating their rights to life, liberty, and property, while also failing to protect essential public resources.

A TREE IN MEMORY OF KAY MAAS

Planting a tree in celebration of Kay Maas’ life is a fitting tribute in several ways. In addition to the many ways she served at St. Andrew’s, she loved nature and was actively involved in our Creation Keepers Ministry. Also, in lieu of flowers, her family requests that trees be planted in her memory. We are starting a fund to plant a native tree and provide for its care while getting established. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please mark your donation with Kay Maas’ Tree.



Sunday, April 24, 8:30 & 11 am: Portions of this year’s creation-focused Earth Day worship service from Lutherans Restoring Creation will be used at each service.

Sunday Forum, April 24, 9:45 am: Discussion of the week’s theme and the movie, “*Youth v Government*”.

Wednesday, April 27, 6:30 pm: Interfaith Power and Light will host a webinar with Christi Cooper, the filmmaker of *Youth v Government*, and two youth plaintiffs from the film.

Sunday, May 1: Following the 11 am service—responding to the Earth Week theme with planting in our Rain Garden by multiple generations. After a blessing at the end of the service, we will proceed to the Rain Garden area on the north side of the church to plant shrubs. The shrubs are being provided by anonymous donation. Bamboo markers for families to decorate or label will also be provided. We want to focus on families with several generations currently at St. Andrew’s planting a shrub, but everyone who wants to assist & support is welcome.

If your family would like to plant a shrub, contact Sheryl Mehrhoff by Sunday, April 24.

“The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world it leaves its children.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Dear Endowment Board Members,

Thank you for funding the purchase of books for the Grief Support Group I facilitate at Lenoir Woods Retirement Community. I am so glad Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry could partner with St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church in this way.

Sincerely,
Sally A. Robinson

Dear St. Andrew’s Community,

Thank you for believing in CASA’s mission and making sure we can continue to persistently and effectively advocate for the best interests of children in foster care so they can thrive in a safe, permanent home.

Kelly Hill
Executive Director, CASA

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE
EASTERN EUROPE CRISIS RESPONSE

MARCH 2022

ELCA.org/disaster

On Feb. 24, Russian forces invaded Ukraine, launching land, sea and air attacks. Airports are now shut, and few railway lines are operational. Civilians fleeing the violence are heading toward Ukraine's western districts and such neighboring countries as Poland, Moldova, Slovakia, Romania and Hungary. Hundreds of thousands of people are seeking refuge in neighboring countries. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter, basic necessities and pastoral care.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

Your gifts designated for "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region.

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 Yes, I want to help!

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Give through your congregation or make your check out to
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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center,
 P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009** and write "Eastern Europe Crisis
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A CONGREGATION OF THE EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Senior Pastor
**Rev. David
Frerichs**

March 20, 2022

To all voting members of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church,

Associate
Pastor
**Rev. Alfi
Wyatt**

The Congregation Council has established the date for the Annual Congregational Election Meeting on Sunday, April 24, 2022. The only agenda item will be Election of Leaders. Voting will take place immediately following both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services in the Centrum and via Zoom.

Director of
Music
**Clara
Smith**

Voting procedures will use the Slido.com platform for polling at the meeting. Zoom participants may sign in using the chat function for the purpose of registering attendance by voting members. There will be voting kiosks at church for those who desire assistance with voting with council members as attendants. For those at home, individual members may register their vote either from a unique smart device or computer, or use "private" browsing in their web browser to record unique votes. Those who call into the Zoom meeting by phone, and do not have access to a web browser, will be able to vote by phone.

Organist
**Sheryl
Mehrhoff**

Parish
Administrator
**Kay
Alexander**

Questions or concerns may be directed to Cindy Vedder, President.

In Christ,

Council
President
**Cindy
Vedder**

Janet Farmer
Council Secretary

Finances for the Mission of St. Andrew's Budget/Giving Analysis through February 2022

February Summary	February 2022	Year to Date
Giving toward the Budget(1)	\$ 34,604	\$ 61,134
Actual Expenses for Budgeted Items	\$ 44,754	\$ 90,234
Giving over/(under) Expenses	\$ (10,150)	\$ (29,100)
Response to Budget		
Budget (Spending Estimate) Approved at 1/30/22 Annual Meeting	\$ 47,412	\$ 96,740
Giving over/(under) Budget	\$ (12,808)	\$ (35,606)
Nonbudget Special Offerings		
Afghan Refugee Fund	\$ 2,502	\$ 3,305

Notes:

- (1) February year-to-date giving decreased 41% over February 2021.
- (2) Annual budget is \$580,441.

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Almighty God,
 you gave your apostle Andrew the grace
 to obey the call of your Son
 and to bring his brother to Jesus.
 Give us also, who are called by your holy word,
 grace to follow Jesus without delay
 and to bring into his presence
 those who are near to us,
 for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever. Amen*

We continue to offer prayers of hope and healing for:

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| Peg Gibson | Michelle Thomas |
| Mo Champion-Garthe | Mike Alexander |
| Carol Kroshel | Resa Kerns |
| Kevin Luehr | Becky Kulpa |
| Clarke O'Neill | Dan Allie |
| Pam Struessel | Vera Leip |
| Liz Lopez | Joanne Boomer |
| Kathy Hefner | Ellie Hanney |
| Gale Gastler | Stephanie Hsiung |
| Jackie Gastler | Christy Provancha |
| Marvin Davidson | Jim Steele |
| Rev. Dr. C.W. Dawson | Debbie Franklin |
| Candi Glancy | Kate Donaghy |
| Madalyn Gramke | Valencia Clemons-Bush |
| Vena Champion | |
| John Wolfe | |
| Patric | |
| Beverly Brooks | |
| Ida Gastler | |

We pray for those in the military:

Eric Childers, Brayden Coy, Matthew Lee, Kevin Grove, and those serving throughout the world.

We pray for those with other kinds of needs:

For all who are recovering from tornados in the south, earthquake, tsunami, hurricanes, floods, wild fires, drought, heat, and natural disaster near and far.

For all who are distressed and painfully affected by recent anti-LGBTQIA legislation in Iowa, Idaho and Florida and policy decisions in Texas.

For those in harm's way in Ukraine through the Russian invasion.

O God, bring into your presence those who grieve the loss of loved ones:

For family and friends of Kay Maas.

O God, bring into your presence all for whom we may pray, that they may know your grace, your love, and your peace.



Landon Briggs	Apr 1	Jim Waldrip	Apr 15
Taylor Geneux	Apr 2	Bridget Canaday	Apr 17
Keith Westenhaver	Apr 2	Brent Lewis	Apr 17
Eric Vogelweid	Apr 3	Janet Caldwell	Apr 18
Gunilla Murphy	Apr 4	Grayson Briggs	Apr 19
Vivien Miller	Apr 7	Phyllis Glasker	Apr 19
Karin Snyder	Apr 7	Louella McIntosh	Apr 19
Ada Chapman	Apr 8	Carrie Cage	Apr 21
Rachel Leip	Apr 8	Baylee Eckles	Apr 25
Martin Shapiro	Apr 8	Emily Kittle	Apr 25
Gary Smith	Apr 8	Amanda Huff	Apr 26
Joe Mazza	Apr 8	Bob Buchheit	Apr 27
Sterling Cage	Apr 13	Christopher Casey	Apr 27
Sarah Freyermuth	Apr 14	Sherri Elsasser	Apr 28
Patrick Griffiths	Apr 14	Alyssa Lenzini	Apr 28
Larry Ludwig	Apr 14	Jill Wood	Apr 30

If your birthday is missing or is listed incorrectly, please contact Kay in the church office: office@SaintAndrewsLutheran.org.



Lost and Found

ITEMS LEFT AT ST. ANDREW'S

Have you misplaced your favorite coat or jacket? Maybe you can't locate your hat or a glove. Is it a coffee cup that has disappeared?

We have several items here at the church. Please look at the coat rack next to the church office and on the shelf in the plastic box. Any items that are still hanging around after Easter, April 17 will be donated to a charity.



Saturday, April 2nd

8:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, April 3rd

Anonymous Angels

8:30 am Worship (In person only)

9:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Sunday Forum: Word and Fellowship

11:00 am Worship (In person and on Zoom)

6:00 pm Catechism Class

Monday, April 4th

2:00 pm Prayer Team

7:00 pm Congregational Vitality Meeting

Tuesday, April 5th

Election Day

6:30 pm Mutual Ministry

Wednesday, April 6th

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

10:00 am Women in the Word

10:00 am Staff Meeting

6:15 pm Lenten Evening Prayer

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 8th

9:00 am Quilt Tying

Sunday, April 10th

8:30 am Worship (In person only)

9:45 am Lent Event for All: What is Holy Week?

11:00 am Worship (In person and on Zoom)

2:00 pm Faith Milestone: Holy Communion Instruction

7:00 pm Youth Get-Together

Wednesday, April 13th

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

10:00 am Women in the Word

10:00 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 14th

7:00 pm Worship: Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 15th

7:00 pm Worship: Good Friday

Saturday, April 16th

7:00 pm Worship: Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 17th

Endowment Offering

8:30 am Worship (In person only)

9:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Sunday Forum: Word and Fellowship

11:00 am Worship (In person and on Zoom)

Monday, April 18th

Office Closed for Easter Monday

Tuesday, April 18th

7:00 pm Congregational Vitality Meeting

Wednesday, April 20th

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

10:00 am Women in the Word

10:00 am Staff Meeting

6:15 pm Wednesday Worship

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 21st

6:00 pm Council Meeting

Friday, April 22nd

9:00 am Quilt Tying

6:30 pm Youth v Government Film

Sunday, April 24th

Annual Meeting—Elections

8:30 am Worship (In person only)

9:45 am Sunday Forum: Creation Keepers

10:00 am Sunday School (In person and on Zoom)

11:00 am Worship (In person and on Zoom)

4:00 pm Loaves and Fishes Distribution

Tuesday, April 26th

1:00 pm Archives Meeting

7:00 pm Congregational Vitality Meeting

Wednesday, April 27th

8:00 am Men's Bible Study

10:00 am Women and the Word

10:00 am Staff Meeting

6:15 pm Wednesday Worship

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 30th

9:00 am Congregational Vitality Training

MAKING AN OFFERING

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church provides a variety of means for making an offering.

Those means include:

- **Offering Basket:** Place your offering in the basket as you enter or leave worship or send offerings by mail;
- **Online:** Visit SaintAndrewsLutheran.org website and click the Donate Now button;
- **Bill pay:** Use the convenience of the bill pay feature through your financial institution.
- **Give by Text:** participants may text their offering amount to (844) 989-4094 and follow the instructions;
- **Smartphone App:** participants may download the Vanco Mobile app from iOS App store or GooglePlay, then search for "St Andrews Lutheran Church" or "Columbia MO".



WORSHIP AT ST. ANDREW'S APRIL 2022

April 3rd

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8
Setting 5

April 10th

Sunday of the Passion / Palm

Isaiah 50:4-9a, 17-18; Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56
Setting 5

April 17th

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
I Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12
Setting 8

April 24th

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31
Setting 8

USING YOUR PHONE TO JOIN ZOOM WORSHIP

Sundays at 11 am and Wednesdays at 6 pm

You can use your phone to join worship every
Sunday at 11 am and Wednesday at 6 pm

To join, call (312) 626-6799.

You'll be asked for a meeting ID. The ID you need to enter on your phone is 573 449 5674.

- Call: (312) 626-6799
- Meeting ID: 573 449 5674
- Password: 65203



LENTEN CALENDAR

Now is the time to mark the calendar for worship opportunities throughout the season of Lent:

Lent Mid-week Worship, April 6, 6:15 p.m.
(in the Centrum and via Zoom)

Holy Week

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 10, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.
(in the Centrum and via Zoom)

Good Friday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.
(in the Centrum and via Zoom)

Vigil of Easter, April 16, 7:00 p.m.
(in the Centrum and via Zoom)

Resurrection of our Lord (Easter), April 17, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

YOUTH!

We will have a youth get together on April 10, 2022 that will start at 7:00 pm and go until 8:00 pm.

We are planning on meeting in-person in the Fellowship Hall at the church.

I hope to see you there!

In Christ,
Pastor Alfi



CATECHISM MEETINGS

In April we will have one session of Catechism. We will meet on April 3 from 6:00–7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor David and I will see you there!

In Christ,
Pastor Alfi

