



# St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

*Sharing Christ in  
Faith, Fellowship & Service*

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# Saints Alive!

**MAY NEWSLETTER**

April 29, 2022

## BLESSING FOR GRADUATES

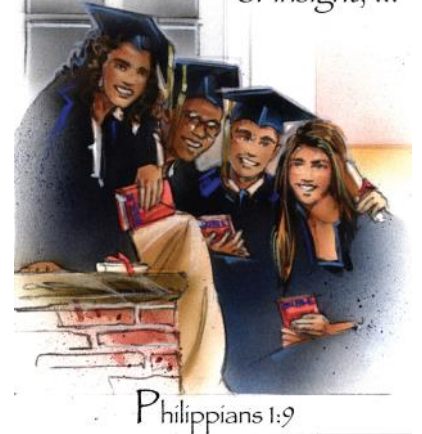
Join in offering prayers of blessing for graduates on Sunday, May 22. Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church marks milestones in the lives of young members. Graduation is a nodal moment that calls for naming the transition to whatever is next.

For some the next is work. For others, the next is trade school. For still others, their next is college. What matters is that no matter where they are, God is with them.

*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*

~Psalm 139:14

This is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ...



## POKEMON and Pizza!



Special Sunday School Event

May 1, 2022 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

St. Andrew's Fellowship Hall

Join us for Pokemon, Bible story fun and PRIZES

Bring: Nintendo DS, Nintendo Switch or Pokemon Go device.

**Important:** RSVP to Pastor Alfi at [pastoralfi@saintandrewslutheran.org](mailto:pastoralfi@saintandrewslutheran.org)

## SHRUB PLANTING

As part of Earth Week, St. Andrew's families will be planting shrubs in our Rain Garden after the 11:00 am service Sunday, May 1. All are welcome! This project helps advance our official landscape plan for this vital site. See the map on the Narthex display.

## THAT SENIOR PASTOR'S MUSINGS

*And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.*

~~Revelation 5:14 (NRSV)

Easter is a season filled with images of new life, of the Lord God who is and who was and who is to come. So many images of God's throne surrounded by all kinds of creatures singing praise to the Lamb fill the pages of Revelation. Yet, this lamb is also the shepherd in the church's hearing in John's Gospel. And John tells of the risen Jesus meeting the disciples on a beach, and asking Peter if he loves Jesus. Peter asserts that yes, he loves Jesus. And Jesus tells him, "Feed my lambs."

As Pr. Carmelo Santos noted in the sermon April 24, it is hard to bring good news when there are so many difficult things happening around us. War, and economic difficulty, and so much more threatens a sense of peace and well-being.

In the midst of it all, there is a profound need to worship. In worship the community listens to God's word. The community prays together. The community sings together. The community confesses and hears the assurance of God's forgiveness together. The community shares fellowship. In all of this the people of God come together to witness the face of God among them, and in one another.

In difficult times, it is more critical than ever to worship and to watch for manifestations of the risen Christ among us, indeed in the face of the other. Through this Easter Season let us persist in gathering in the name of the risen Lord, worship and give thanks for God's gifts of grace and forgiveness, and for the blessing of being church together.

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

## LOAVES AND FISHES

Our gratitude to the awesome volunteer team who helped feed the hungry on Sunday, March 27 at Loaves and Fishes. Thank you to bakers Dawn Frerichs, Karon Speckman, Gwen Gray, Kim Hickey, and Nova Berg for baking and donating muffins.

Also, thanks to Bobette Rose, Dawn Lessiack, Sarah Larson, 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, Gloria Fishman, Chris, Kathryn and Lilah Fishman-Weaver, Lauren Lessiack and Susan Goldammer. Also, a big thanks to Susan Goldammer for coordinating and recruiting the serving team.



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, May 22, 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.



### How LWR is helping with Ukraine crisis

#### Response in Ukraine:

- Medical supplies and equipment
- Partnerships to provide shelter
- Identifying gaps in availability of services for gender-based violence, mental health services, etc.

#### Response in Poland

- Emergency cash/vouchers for refugees
- Protection from sexual exploitation and abuse
- Ongoing support for the Evangelical-Augsburg Church of St. Martin in Krakow, which has established a hotel for Ukrainian women and children
- Shipping and distributing LWR Quilts and Kits

#### You can help with LWR quilts and kits

The displaced and needy of the world cry out for our help – and how can we respond? Join St. Andrew's quilting group or volunteer to make quilt tops, etc. Contact Karon Speckman. Also, you can get involved with making kits – either school, baby, or personal care. Contact Linda Vedder.



### Thank you to all who participated in our recent Growing Hope Lenten Offering!

#### Join us for these events:

#### Summer Ingathering in Graybill, Ind., Friday, July 22-Saturday, July 23

For more information: <https://www.growinghopeglobally.org/event/summer-celebration-2022/>

#### Kenya visitor to our church and area: July 29-31

Philipine Kidulah of the Kenya West Pokot program will visit us this weekend. Karon and Paul Speckman visited Philipine and the Kenya program several years ago. More details about the visit will be coming.

## AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY REPORT



Thank you to all who have donated time, goods, money, and transportation to the refugee families! April has been a busy month. Three men are working full time jobs. The last man just got his Social Security Card so hopefully he will become employed soon too. Temporary Missouri Identification Cards have also been obtained.

A garden was requested and with the landlord's permission, was tilled and started. Two of the men in particular, are very happy to have a chance to grow fresh vegetables for their families. Thank you to all who have planted extra rows of okra and tomatoes or other vegetables in their own gardens for the refugee families. The families will happily accept donated garden produce also.

The families now have pillows for every member for sitting on the floor. A round of shoe shopping occurred as some of the kids outgrew their shoes and the employed men needed comfortable shoes for standing all day at their jobs.

Last, but not least, Catholic Charities staff are scheduling medical appointments. The children are all getting their first general care medical appointments, so we need lots of transportation volunteers.

If you can help with transportation, please contact Susan Goldammer or Merri Chapman.

Monetary donations are always welcome too.

## THANK YOU ST. ANDREW'S!



We want to express our gratitude again for the gift you gave our family last year. While it was our pleasure to provide direction and setup of the digital equipment, it took time away from family and you recognized that.

With your recognition, we were able to use your generous gift to help us go skiing in Salt Lake City, our first family vacation since before Joanne started chemo the second time. Paul has wanted to go back for more than 12-years and the kids have wanted to learn to snowboard.

As for Joanne, she got back on skis for the third time in her life. The trip was wonderful.

Thank you again, you are wonderful!  
The Boomers

Dear St. Andrew's,

Thank you so much for the kind words, the gift card and candy, the prayer book and prayer shawl and the wonderful reception. I was overwhelmed by your kindness. I have enjoyed my time working here and will miss each of you! Thank you for letting me serve God with you.

Sincerely,  
Kay Alexander



Notes of **THANKS**

Dear St. Andrew's Lutheran Church,

We so appreciate your support of the Grief Group at Lenoir Woods. We meet twice monthly with Pastor Sally Robinson and the literature you paid for has been helpful in our journey of grief.

Thank you,  
Signed by members of the group

Note: Support from the Endowment Board grant purchased books to support this ministry of grief care.

Thank you to Bobette Rose and Jenine Loesing for cleaning out and straightening up the Red Door Room! After these two women finished with the room, the items stored in there are visible and easy to find.

Thank you also to Gary Lembke who hauled away the items that were no longer being used by St. Andrew's.

We appreciate your hard work!





**Central States Synod**  
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
 God's work. Our hands.

April 13, 2022



**United with Christ in Baptism.** It has been almost three years since we gathered as a synod in assembly, having cancelled our 2020 assembly and then “gathering” on-line for our 2021 assembly. We have had to cancel many in-person events as we have navigated the pandemic, being reminded to practice “social distance” and wear masks which cover most of our faces, missing out on the smiles! It has not been easy.



**United with Christ in baptism.** We have experienced the reality that we are a deeply divided country and even within the church have struggled with differing views on how to address racial justice and even when and how we should speak publicly as the church. It has not been easy.



**United with Christ in baptism.** That is the truth that binds and guides us as the body of Christ. That is the truth revealed by your mission support, financial gifts to the synod, 50% of which are shared with the church-wide organization. This past year congregations gave \$1,548,906 which was \$50,850 less than last year. Our synod expenses were \$1,634,038 but we were able to cover all of these when we include our other receipts from the annual appeal, reimbursements, and grants. We had expected to partially supplement our income by using reserves from the last year, but through your generosity, we avoided using these and will apply those to support the work of the synod in future years. For all the challenges of these past couple of years, we have continued to be the church together, united with Christ in baptism. Thank you for your generosity.



**United with Christ in baptism we have:**

- Continued to support congregations through transitions, calling new pastors, raising up and training Synod Authorized Ministers, and working with leadership to clarify their purpose and a vision for moving forward.
- Supported the work of the racial justice team, the Lutherans Restoring Creation team, the Candidacy Committee, and the PMA team.
- Given grants to ministries across this synod and church including Bethany College, Wartburg Seminary, the Lutheran School of Theology, Hollis Renewal Center, Camp Tomah Shinga, Kansas Interfaith Action, and Missouri Voices of Faith.
- Provided resources and training to rostered ministers and other leaders at our Fall Theological Conference, Diversity Development Workshops, Ministry Enrichment Events.



**United with Christ in baptism** we are now preparing for an in-person assembly June 9-11 in Olathe, KS under the theme: *United with Christ, All Creation Groans, All Creation Sings*. We are helping to sponsor a synod-wide youth event July 24-27 at Camp Tomah Shinga. We are working together to discern where God is calling the church in these days, for indeed, we are **united with Christ in baptism**.

Rev. Susan Candeia, Bishop

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## MAY FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING

Our May Fifth Sunday offering will support the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture's (CCUA) Planting for the Pantry program.

Thousands of pounds of produce grown through this program at the Urban Farm, near the Farmer's Market goes directly to Columbia food pantries where it provides nutritious, locally-grown produce to local families.

The program also offers educational and volunteer opportunities for us to further cultivate our offering. Planting for the Pantry demonstrates care for Creation by practicing regenerative agriculture to produce abundant, nutritious food for our Columbia neighbors in need.

Put your money where their mouths are...

## DIALOGUE IN THE PURPLE ZONE

Gather on Saturday, **May 7, 14, and 21 from noon to 2:30 pm CDT** for this course on engaging deliberative dialog. From the promo material: "How can we talk with people

who differ from us politically, theologically or culturally? Are there ways we can engage issues of public concern in our congregations so that we can listen, respect, and learn from each other?"

"Based on her book, Preaching in the Purple Zone:

Ministry in the Red-Blue Divide, Rev. Dr. Leah Schade will introduce participants to deliberative dialogue in "The Purple Zone" to find common ground within the red/blue divide in our congregations. Deliberative

dialogue is a form of civil discourse that brings people together from diverse experiences and viewpoints to share their concerns about a topic, discern their shared values, and suggest steps for moving forward. Deliberative dialogue is an opportunity to listen deeply and share openly

and respectfully. In this way, we can build community, even when there are strongly held opinions from many perspectives.



"Rev. Dr. Leah Schade is the Associate Professor of Preaching and Worship at Lexington Theological Seminary. An ordained Lutheran minister for 20 years, Dr. Schade earned both her MDiv and PhD degrees from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary). She has pastored churches in suburban, urban, and rural contexts. She is the author of five books, and is currently conducting a longitudinal research study about ministry, preaching, and social issues. She is also the EcoPreacher blogger for Patheos. In December 2021, Dr. Schade was

elected 2nd Vice President of the Academy of Homiletics, a three-year position that will culminate with serving as President of the Academy in 2024."

For more information, contact Pastor David Frerichs.

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

March Summary	March 2022	Year to Date
Giving toward the Budget(1)	\$ 23,398	\$ 84,533
Actual Expenses for Budgeted Items	\$ 42,535	\$132,770
Giving over/(under) Expenses	\$ (19,137)	\$ (48,237)
<b>Response to Budget</b>		
Budget (Spending Estimate) Approved at 1/30/22 Annual Meeting	\$ 47,412	\$145,110
Giving over/(under) Budget	\$ (24,014)	\$ (60,577)
<b>Nonbudget Special Offerings</b>		
Growing Hope Globally	\$ 1,834	\$ 1,983
Afghan Refugee Fund	\$ 1,607	\$ 4,912

#### Notes:

- (1) March year-to-date giving decreased 37% over March 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:

Jayne Young	Michelle Thomas
Peg Gibson	Mike Alexander
Carol Kroshel	Becky Kulpa
Clarke O'Neill	Dan Allie
Pam Struessel	Vera Leip
Liz Lopez	Joanne Boomer
Kathy Hefner	Ellie Hanney
Marvin Davidson	Stephanie Hsiung
Rev. Dr. C.W. Dawson	Christy Provancha
Candi Glancy	Jim Steele
Madalyn Gramke	Debbie Franklin
Vena Champion	Kate Donaghy
Patric	Valencia Clemons-Bush
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 Elaine Grev, Gale Gastler, Ed Hermsen, and Resa Kerns.

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



Josie Miller	May 1	Grant Garrison	May 21
Carole Newman	May 1	Phillip Knost	May 21
John Farmer	May 2	Perry Morgan	May 21
Red Leighton	May 2	Lee Snyder	May 21
Russell Walls	May 4	Carol Headley	May 22
Mary Ellen Degnan	May 9	Anne Cox	May 25
Sarah Anderson	May 13	Glenda Moum	May 25
Oliver Domeier	May 14	Oscar Cox	May 26
Kelsey Fishman	May 14	Paul Blanchard	May 27
Betty Palm	May 18	Tim Domeier	May 29
Alan Anderson	May 20	Joanne Boomer	May 30
		Erica Kassel	May 30

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

## INSTALLATION OF ELECTED LEADERS

The Congregation Council will meet for their organizational meeting on Thursday, May 19. Following that meeting, the congregation will install these leaders and all other elected leaders during the worship services on Sunday, May 22.

## RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Join in recognizing the council members who are completing their service with the April 24 Congregational Meeting. They are Cindy Vedder and Mary Halliburton. Each has served as president during their terms on council. Saint Andrew's offers deep appreciation for their ministry of leadership.

*To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

~1 Corinthians 12:7



### **Sunday, May 1st**

- 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)
- 12:00 pm Planting the Rain Garden
- 12:30 pm Pokemon and Pizza
- 6:00 pm Catechism Class

### **Monday, May 2nd**

- 10:30 am Memorial Service: Elaine Grev
- 2:00 pm Prayer Team

### **Tuesday, May 3rd**

- 6:30 pm Mutual Ministry

### **Wednesday, May 4th**

- 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

### **Saturday, May 7th**

- 8:00 am Men's Breakfast

### **Sunday, May 8th**

- 8:30 am Worship (In person only)
- 9:45 am Sunday Forum: Claimed, Named, and Sent
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship (In person and on Zoom)
- 7:00 pm Youth Get-Together

### **Wednesday, May 11th**

- 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

### **Friday, May 13th**

- 9:00 am Quilt Tying

### **Sunday, May 15th**

- 8:30 am Worship (In person only)
- 9:45 am Sunday Forum: Word and Fellowship
- 10:00 am Sunday School (In person and on Zoom)
- 11:00 am Worship (In person and on Zoom)

### **Monday, May 16th**

- 7:00 pm Endowment Board
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee

### **Wednesday, May 18th**

- 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, May 19th**

- 6:00 pm Council Meeting

### **Sunday, May 22nd**

- 8:30 am Worship (In person only)
- 9:45 am Sunday Forum: Faith and Fellowship
- 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

### **Monday, May 23rd**

- 9:00 am Faith Milestone: High School Graduation Dinner

### **Tuesday, May 24th**

- 1:00 pm Archives Meeting

### **Wednesday, May 25th**

- 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

### **Friday, May 27th**

- 9:00 am Quilt Tying

### **Sunday, May 29th**

- 8:30 am Worship (In person only)
- 9:45 am Sunday Forum: Faith and Fellowship
- 10:00 am Sunday School (In person and on Zoom)
- 11:00 am Worship (In person and on Zoom)

### **Monday, May 30th**

- Memorial Day—Office Closed



## 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".

## RELIEF FOR UKRAINE

There are multiple ways to provide support for Ukraine. One option is through Lutheran World Relief (lwr.org). Another option is to give through Lutheran Disaster Response (ldr.org, then click on Eastern Europe Crisis Response).

## ASSISTIVE LISTENING AVAILABLE

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church has installed Assistive Listening technology that encompasses three technologies. Refer to the informational guide available at the church. Most Hearing Aid technologies (Bluetooth, T-coil, or universal speaker) can be accommodated with this system.



## WORSHIP AT ST. ANDREW'S MAY 2022

**May 1st**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19  
*Setting 8*

**May 8th**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23  
Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30  
*Setting 8*

**May 15th**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148  
Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35  
*Setting 8*

**May 22nd**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67  
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29  
*Setting 8*

**May 29th**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97  
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26  
*Setting 8*

## USING YOUR PHONE TO JOIN ZOOM WORSHIP

Sundays at 11:00 am and Wednesdays at 6:15 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.

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- Meeting ID: 573 449 5674
- Password: 65203



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## YOUTH!

We will have a youth get together on May 8, 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 May we will have one session of Catechism. We will meet on May 1 from 6:00–7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor David and I will see you there!

In Christ,  
Pastor Alfi

