

# St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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*Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:00 a.m.*

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## February 2021

### Love Everyone ~ Exclude No One



St. Andrew Lutheran Congregation welcomes all who are seeking a place of healing and wholeness, a nurturing, faith-forming spiritual home.

Our community embraces people of all races, abilities, cultures, gender and sexual identities, ages and family constellations.

### + Shrove Tuesday — February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Worship Online

With Burying of Alleluias and Burning of Palms

### + Ash Wednesday — February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Gather via Zoom for Worship Online

*St. Andrew will be delivering to each local household a kit containing resources to the congregation in observance of these two days and in devotions throughout*

### Opportunities for Service

**Fresh Produce Distribution**

**Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

**East End Cooperative Ministries**

**Shelter Dinner**

**Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 p.m.**

### In-Person Gatherings Remain On Hold

We at St. Andrew remain committed to protecting the health and safety of congregation members and people of the larger community. We have been operating under the guidance of our Synod Bishop, The Rev. Kurt Kusserow, and his recommendation not to hold any gatherings in person, along with the public health advisories and mitigation efforts from Allegheny County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Church activities will remain online, with no in-person, indoor worship, meetings, or gatherings, until further notice. Produce distribution will continue outdoors with precautions in place according to the requirements of the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

Please watch for additional updates and announcements. St. Andrew's worship committee and council do have a previously developed precautionary plan in place so that we can move more smoothly to in-person

### Sunday Morning Worship

**10:00 a.m.**

*Via Zoom or by Phone*

Click the following link, which includes an encrypted version of the password.

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### Women of the ELCA Gathering

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in Phoenix, Arizona**

Renew your spirit with thousands of faithful women who are eager to grow, learn, pray, and share in community together! Join the group in Phoenix and live your faith in love that leads to justice.

### ELCA Youth Gathering

*Has been rescheduled. New Dates:*

**July 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

## From the Pastor

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday with the call to repent — to go in a new direction and return to God. The first reading for Ash Wednesday usually comes from the prophet Joel, but there is an alternate reading from Isaiah that I found particularly striking this year. I share it here and invite your reflection on this text as a guide to your prayer and devotions during Lent.

<sup>2</sup>*Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.*

<sup>3</sup>*“Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.*

<sup>4</sup>*Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.*

<sup>5</sup>*Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?*

<sup>6</sup>*Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?*

<sup>7</sup>*Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?*

<sup>8</sup>*Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.*

<sup>9</sup>*Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and the Lord will say, Here I am.*

As we move into the season of Lent, we give thanks for our God of new beginnings, who is “gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness” (Exodus 34: 6). I wish you blessings in your observance of the season.

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## Are You Subscribed to *Living Lutheran*?

*Living Lutheran* is a publication affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the denomination of which we at St. Andrew are a part. *Living Lutheran* is a helpful resource for staying connected within this church, with news on religion, social issues, congregational life, global and domestic mission, faith and family, spiritual practices and resources, and more. Click [here](#) or call 800-328-4648 to subscribe.

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## Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, and the Season of Lent

The season of Lent, (from a word for “spring”), a 40-day liturgical season of reflection and repentance, begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Typically, St. Andrew would gather on Shrove Tuesday (or “Mardi Gras”) the day before, to share in pancake dinner and fun time with the community before a worship service. Worship on Ash Wednesday would begin our Lenten observance with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. This year, due to the pandemic, St. Andrew’s observance of these special times in the church calendar will look quite different. There will be a recorded worship service for Shrove Tuesday that includes the burying of the “Alleluias” and burning of palms from last Palm Sunday. This service will be posted to the congregation’s Facebook and YouTube pages, along with our website, for you to engage with at your convenience. For Ash Wednesday, a prerecorded Family Service will be available on Facebook, YouTube, and St. Andrew’s website. We will also offer a Zoom gathering for worship, similar to how we have been worshiping on Sundays, at 7:00 p.m. Login information is:

### Ash Wednesday Worship

**Time: Feb 17, 2021 07:00 p.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83966881944?pwd=eVlFQ2lmaWY2aFhEWTFwNytkNG9odz09>

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**Passcode: lent**

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83966881944?pwd=eVlFQ2lmaWY2aFhEWTFwNytkNG9odz09>

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## Pick Up Lent Resource Boxes to Assist with Your Devotions

Recognizing that it will not be possible to hold St. Andrew’s traditional in-person gatherings for Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday this year, St. Andrew’s Worship Committee and Christian Education/Faith Formation Committee plan to provide resource boxes for people of the congregation to support your worship and devotions throughout the season of Lent. One box, intended to serve all households, will include a Lenten daily devotional booklet; items for a Mardi Gras celebration on Shrove Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> (Mask, Pancake Mix, and an Alleluia sheet to color for “Burying the Alleluia” during worship); and ashes and a prayer card for worship and imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday.

Households with children under 18 will receive a second box with additional resources to help young ones observe Lent. Boxes will be available for pick at the back of the church on **Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** and on **Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** If you need to arrange for a box or boxes to be dropped off at your

## Camp Agape Recruiting Workers for Summer 2021

Camp Agape in Hickory, PA, an outdoor ministry of the Lutheran church, is recruiting for summer positions in 2021, May 30<sup>th</sup> - August 5<sup>th</sup>. The camp is hiring a Camp Chaplain, Counselors and Assistant Counselors, Lifeguards, Program Assistant, Day Camp Assistants, a Health Room Assistant, and a Kitchen Assistant. Employment includes room, board, and meals. Applicants must be 18 years or older. Please contact Karen Reardon at [campagapeprogramdirector@gmail.com](mailto:campagapeprogramdirector@gmail.com) to apply.

## St. Andrew Congregational Meeting — Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup>

Each year, St. Andrew publishes an Annual Report of the Congregation, which includes reports from staff, council and committee liaisons, and officers, including the Treasurer's Report summarizing the church's financial status. St. Andrew's practice is to hold a congregational meeting as an opportunity for the congregation to discuss the Annual Report, ask questions, and share a vision for the ministry to come in the year ahead. Since the last congregational meeting was so late in the year, St. Andrew's council has scheduled the next congregational meeting for Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. We will once again conduct this meeting via Zoom, beginning at 11:00 a.m., after our Sunday worship. The access information is listed below. At this meeting, we will:

- Hear reports from our ministry together in this past year, which will include a review of the final budget numbers for 2020.
- Discuss and vote on proposed changes to our constitution, which will be sent to members of the congregation 30 days in advance of the meeting.
- Share updates on St. Andrew's Reconciling in Christ commitments, the newly established Congregational Assistance Fund, and a vision and planning process to address the needs of the building.

As always, we thank you for your participation and for all you do to support and carry out the mission and ministries of our congregation!

Topic: St. Andrew Congregational Meeting

Time: Mar 21, 2021 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86967705053?pwd=YVg4THIRMWpma3JJN2dXWG9IU1Z6QT09>

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## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Future Church Design Affirmed by ELCA Church Council

The Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), St. Andrew's denomination, affirmed the church's proposed Future Church design, which focuses on "a renewed purpose to activate the entire church so that more people may know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice, and love."

In response to continuing trends in membership and diversity and the data from an innovation readiness survey, the following new criteria were affirmed for the ELCA:

1. Prioritize the engagement of new, young and diverse people.
  2. Unite all expressions of the church (congregations, synods and the churchwide organization) into one church—together.
  3. Align decision-making, accountability and leadership where best suited.
  4. Operate in agile, flexible and speedy ways.
  5. Act based on data and measurable impact.
  6. Eliminate silos and divisions.
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## Sunday Worship via Phone, Tablet, or Computer

For the time being, St. Andrew's primary worship service each week will remain online. There are several options for accessing worship:

Zoom, 10:00 a.m. – The Zoom platform allows people of the congregation to interact with one another before and after the service. Sign on or call in starting at 9:45 a.m. Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

Facebook, 10:00 a.m. – Worship (which currently is pre-recorded, will be posted to Facebook at 10:00 a.m.  
[www.facebook.com/standrewlutheranchurchpgh/](http://www.facebook.com/standrewlutheranchurchpgh/)

YouTube – Worship will be posted to St. Andrew's YouTube channel, making it available to watch at any convenient time.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjNotsDrdK70XkmEYiutY8Q/videos>

St. Andrew Web Page – Worship will also be posted to our website, [www.standrewpittsburgh.org](http://www.standrewpittsburgh.org), for viewing at your convenience.

For those accessing the service via Zoom, there are three ways to enter:

1) The one-step method

Click the following link, which includes an encrypted version of the password.

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2) The step-by-step method a) go to [zoom.us](http://zoom.us) b) click "join a meeting" c) type in the Meeting ID: 847 3332 2183 d) then the passcode: worship

3) Dial in on your audio-only phone and put in the Meeting ID and numerical passcode.

One tap mobile

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## ReconcilingWorks Encourages Expanded Member Commitments

Since 1983, the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program has been a public way for faith communities to see, name, celebrate, and advocate for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions in the Lutheran church. The RIC Program is made up of congregations, synods, colleges, seminaries, outdoor ministries, and other Lutheran organizations.



***The purpose of the RIC Program is to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; work for racial equity and commit to anti-racist work; and support the national program.***

In that spirit, ReconcilingWorks is encouraging all partner Reconciling in Christ congregations to expand and update their public commitments by 2025:

1. Your community explicitly states a welcome to people of "***all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions***" or "***LGBTQIA+***" and names its commitment to ***racial equity or antiracism*** in its welcome statement.
2. ***Open to calling*** an LGBTQIA+ and Black, Brown, Indigenous, Person of Color (BIPOC) Rostered Leader.
3. Will allow community space/sanctuary to be used for ***LGBTQIA+ weddings and blessings***.
4. Will ***make a meaningful contribution*** annually to support the national RIC program.

This holy ministry is about living the journey by creating ongoing milestones to help you deepen and expand your com-

St. Andrew has not reviewed or changed our welcome statement in some time, so this is a good opportunity to revisit our commitments and update our public witness to more fully reflect where we are in 2021. It will be important to include the whole congregation in the conversation, as we want our statement of welcome be a reflection of who we are and the type

## Letters to St. Andrew

### From Bonnie Adelson (Bruce Klotz's Wife)

Dear St. Andrew Community —

Thank you so much for supporting me and Bruce and for all your prayers. Pastor Ross's calls and texts/emails to Bruce have been helpful and supportive to both of us.

I so love the prayer shawl. Just looking at it brings peace to me - it brings me warmth and support. I think of the church a lot. And wish all of you hope in the new year. You have all given me hope - thank you.

Bonnie Adelson

### From the Schey Family

Welcoming **Arthur Lucas Schey!**

Born: December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 11:15 a.m., Weighing: 8 lbs., Measuring: 20.5 inches

Happy Holidays and Happy 2021! We wish to share the love, hope, and joy of having a new baby with our family and friends during this atypical holiday season! Helene (6) is an extremely inquisitive and creative girl. She is doing well in virtual kindergarten where she is learning French. Harriet (3) is a sweet and articulate little girl. She loves to build, craft, and explore with her big sis. Arthur is healthy, and an amazing addition to our family.

Love, Nick, Anna, Helene, Harriet, and Arthur Schey

### From Global Links

Dear St. Andrew Lutheran Church Members — Thank you for your support for Global Links and our mission. We could

## Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) Sets Policy/Advocacy Priorities for 2021

Since its inception in 1939, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) has offered welcome to over 500,000 refugees to the United States. The organization has “supported, equipped, and empowered these new Americans, while advocating for policy that protects all of God’s children.” LIRS has faced many challenges in the past several years, as circumstance and public policy have limited their capacity to effectively serve their constituents. As a new Congress and Executive Administration begin work, LIRS has set an agenda of advocacy priorities. For those in the congregation who are interested in supporting the work of LIRS, these emphases are:

- 1) Prioritize the reunification of all separated families and strengthen protections for unaccompanied children.
- 2) Restore U.S. leadership in refugee resettlement.
- 3) Ensure COVID-19 relief, testing, and treatment regardless of immigration status.
- 4) Reinstate asylum, suspend deportations, and institute Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Patrol (CPB) reforms.
- 5) Invest in and implement community-based alternatives to detention.
- 6) Provide Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) recipients a path to citizenship.
- 7) Reduce the citizenship backlog.
- 8) Advance immigrant workforce and education opportunities.
- 9) Provide a pathway to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented people in the U.S.
- 10) Act on climate displacement.

The new president has released a plan to reform the country’s immigration system, which addresses some of these concerns, but as we well know, in our government system there can be a vast divide between hopes and what actually becomes enacted as law. There will be plenty of opportunities for advocacy in the upcoming months.

# In Our Prayers

St. Andrew continues to provide support for people in need through the ministry of prayer. *If* you would like to be a part of this ministry, or if you have a prayer request, please email [st.a.prayer.team@gmail.com](mailto:st.a.prayer.team@gmail.com) or [St\\_andrewELCA@verizon.net](mailto:St_andrewELCA@verizon.net). Thank you all for your ministry of prayer!

**We pray for St. Andrew...** for the pastors associated with our congregation: **Pastors Ross, Janet and Keith, Bob, Bruce, Deb, Dona, Erin, Kim, Jocelyn, Larry, Martin, Melissa, Paul, Peter, and Sarah**; for discernment and wisdom as we seek new ways of sharing the Gospel; for safety and protection for the congregation and community.

**We pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton**; for the **Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, Bishop Kurt Kusserow**, and our **Assistants to the Bishop, Pastor Peter Asplin and Pastor Melissa Stoller**; for our companion church, the **Tulear Synod of the Malagasy Lutheran Church in Madagascar and its bishops, Modeste and Octave Benil Andrianjafy**.

For the United States and its people, that all may know justice and peace; for the President, **Joseph Biden** and the Vice President, **Kamala Harris**; for all our elected officials and for those who serve in the armed forces; for God's blessing upon all nations, especially those suffering from internal strife, oppression, violence, and terrorism; for those who suffer from the effects of natural disasters.

**For healing ...** for all who are sick with covid-19, including **Christine Dick**; for those grieving loved ones; for all who work in healthcare; for those in the hospital; for those undergoing or recovering from surgery.

**For Those who are unemployed or furloughed; those struggling to secure work; those without health insurance; and all who have suffered economic instability due to the pandemic.**

**For those with cancer**, including **Bonnie Adelson, John Aitken, and Paul Bonenberger**.

For those whose needs are ongoing: **Marissa, Ruth Krug, Larry Lash, Rhonda, Matthew Sill, and Mary Sommerfeld**.

For all who are in need or who have requested our prayers: **Pastor Bruce and Kitty Brunkhorst; Bruce Klotz and Bonnie Adelson, Pastor Deb Byrum, Leah Carlisle, Rachel Faulkner and her family, Giovanna, Beth Hermann, Beth Lash, Doug Lash, Abigail Litz, and Marsha Young**.

**For those with special needs:** for those seeking racial justice and equity; for the LGBTQIA+ community; for those living with HIV/AIDS; for unaccompanied minors, migrants, and refugees, and for parents and children separated from one another; for those who are differently-abled; for those who are in prison; for all who are awaiting additions to their families;

for those who are in discernment and those who are making difficult decisions; for those who travel; for those with addictions; for those in difficult or disintegrating relationships; for those who have personally experienced the fragility of life; and for those who mourn, including **Sandy Beahm, Carol and JoAnn Chonoska and their family, Colleen Cooke, the Crowe Family, John, and Rose**.

**We pray in thanksgiving ...** for Christ's revelation to all nations in the season after Epiphany; for God's love and grace given in Baptism and through the Word; for the Christian community and the gift of the Holy Spirit; and for the

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## Taking Faith Home

You can now view Taking Faith Home — a resource for prayer and Bible readings at home previously featured as an insert in St. Andrew's weekly bulletins. Please find it in the "This Week at St. Andrew" Friday email.

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## Borrowing a Hymnal

Hymnals are available for home use until we gather again at church for worship. Sign up at the link below and we will

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## February Celebrations

### Birthdays

- 1 Mark Difilippo
- 3 Timothy Kocher-Hillmer
- 5 Anita Downie
- 6 Marta Spangler
- 7 Janet Grzegorzcyk  
Ryan Ruhe  
Pastor Ross Carmichael
- 8 Chad Hermann  
Toby Lash
- 9 Kai van Beek
- 10 Michael Boyd  
Jennifer Novelli
- 12 Angela Wyman
- 15 Caelyn Galyardt  
Alda Maria Gonzaga  
Isabel Gonzaga Doshi
- 17 Doug Lash  
Sarah Reeder  
Sue Sabol
- 18 Alice Valenta
- 19 William Scholze
- 23 Calum Chapman
- 24 Joy Givens
- 26 Carol Chonoska
- 27 Elyse Baxter Henry

### Anniversaries

- 14 Anna and Bob Lepsch
- 16 Timothy Kocher-Hillmer - Holy Baptism

## Thank You!

... to the **Deacons of the SWPA Synod Staff and Bishop Kurt Kusserow** for providing a Service of the Word for worship on the Second Sunday of Christmas, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

... to everyone who helped set up and/or distribute produce on January 5<sup>th</sup>: **Chris Atwood, Colleen Cooke, Sue and Scott Gaugler, Song Jian, Jan Kurth, Joseph Paetz, Christy Ruhe, and Hal Wilcox.**

... to the ELCA Bishops installed in 2019 for leading an +Epiphany service to be shared with the larger church.

... to **April and Jason Galyardt, Sue Gaugler, Joy Givens, Laura Reynolds, Luther Rinehart, and Jennifer Stoyko** for their contributions to worship on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

... to **Joseph Paetz** for singing and recording "Go Tell It on the Mountain" as the Children's Song for worship throughout the Season after Epiphany.

... to the **Asplin Family, C.E. Pino, Miranda Pino, Pastor Martin and Solveig Rafanan, and Laura Reynolds** for their contributions to worship on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

... to **Vicki Al-Ebrahim, Scott and Sue Gaugler, Richard Krug, Jan Kurth, Doug Lash, and Dixie and John Tymitz** for preparing food for the East End Cooperative Ministry Shelter Dinner on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

... to the **Baxter Henry Family, Amanda and Ty Best, Colleen Cooke, Jimmi Kocher-Hillmer, Richard Krug, and Maria Mangano** for their contributions to worship on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.

... to the **Asplin Family, Vanessa Brown, Joy Givens, Maria Mangano and David Rollinson, Kelly Spaninger, and Elsa van Beek** for their contributions to worship on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

... to **Sharon Koch** for coordinating musicians and singers for worship.

## In Sympathy

We offer sympathies and prayers for the for the family and friends of those who have passed away since the last newsletter was published.

**Bob Beahm**

**Gary Bost**

**David Conrad**

**Letitia Glasgow**

**Jill Knox**

**Martha Krehbiel**

## Welcoming Arthur Lucas Schey!

Born December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

at: 11:15 a.m.

Weighing: 8 lbs, Measuring: 20.5 inches

We celebrate with parents Anna and Nick  
and big sisters Helene and Harriet



## Service Opportunities

### Would You Like to Contribute to Worship?

St. Andrew is currently using a Google “Doc” spreadsheet to organize submissions from lectors, cantors, musicians, or assisting ministers for in worship. We are looking for people to:

- Offer a welcome to St. Andrew and our worship
- Provide an instrumental prelude,
- Sing a hymn or a psalm
- Read a lesson
- Pray on behalf of the congregation.
- Share the weekly dismissal (“Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!”).

As we continue with our online worship format, we would like these contributions to be submitted recordings, so we have assembled simple instructions that we will send in preparation for any date of service. If you would like to sign up, please visit the spreadsheet at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XcqfBsJhm6Vn4xhM-e2X3YEQeAnOOjEOVVZkXQE4iBU/edit?usp=sharing> .

The first time you go to sign up, you will receive a message about needing permission to access the document — please request permission and access will be granted. Submissions are due one week before each worship service. If you have

### “Strive for Justice and Peace in All the Earth” Advocacy Opportunities

In the covenant of Holy Baptism, God’s blessings come to us, and we respond in gratitude by committing ourselves to a way of life as followers of Jesus. This commitment is summarized in five baptismal promises, which include the call to “Strive for justice and peace in all the earth.” One means of answering that call is through advocacy for more compassionate and just public policies that support the most vulnerable people in our communities. Below are two links to help you get started (or to help you in continuing!) that work:

#### **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Advocacy Center**

You can sign up for ELCA Advocacy Alerts via email at

[https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/Advocacy?\\_ga=2.100603678.1476695542.1594990714-1992371135.1579724075](https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/Advocacy?_ga=2.100603678.1476695542.1594990714-1992371135.1579724075)

or visit the Advocacy Action Center to see the latest topics being discussed and voted on.

#### **Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa)**

LAMPa also has an email signup for Action Alerts at <https://www.lutheranadvocacypa.org/get-involved/actionet/>.

### St. Andrew Seeking Office Help

St. Andrew is need of a few people to help with office tasks. Please see the list below. If you are able to help, or have questions, please contact Chris Atwood at [director.faith.formation@standrewpittsburgh.org](mailto:director.faith.formation@standrewpittsburgh.org) or 724-208-9169.

- Editing and proofreading
- Assembling and Mailing
- Filing Documents

## Community Ministry Updates

### Emergency Food Pantry

This picture is typical of what we at St. Andrew try to stock in the outdoor Little Library every day. Every day, all items are taken. We hope we are helping at least a few people from going hungry this pandemic. Since summer, the food has been purchased (mostly) with 3 grants from Thrivent, of \$250 each. We just spent the last Thrivent grant the Gauglers are eligible to receive. The food should last approximately 6-8 weeks.

If this is a ministry the congregation would like to continue, we could use donations of foods that do not require a can opener. We could also apply for additional Thrivent grants if anyone is a Thrivent account holder. It is easy to apply for the \$250 grants for a ministry of your choice, and we would be happy to help with the process! Contact Sue Gaugler



### Hearts and Hands Ministry

Thanks to all who are crocheting and/or knitting scarves, hats and mittens. We have delivered a large bag of scarves to Shepherd Wellness Center, and a large bag of hats and scarves to Family House on Centre Ave. Some hats and scarves have also been taken from the Little Library.

**Fresh Produce Distribution at St. Andrew — Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Setup: 11:30 a.m. until Delivery Truck is Unloaded; 5:00 p.m.**  
**Distribution: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

St. Andrew continues its Produce to People Distribution following the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank's current precautionary guidelines: outdoors with masks, no-touch sign-ins, and produce brought directly to people's cars (when applicable). The produce is supposed to come pre-packaged this month but there may be a last-minute change, in which case we would need volunteers to pack boxes. If you would like to help, assistance is needed at 11:30 a.m. until the delivery arrives; at 5:00 p.m. to set up and move food outside; then from 5:30-7:00 p.m. to record names, direct cars, and distribute food boxes. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-produce7>.

**Community Ministry Meeting — Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

The next Community ministry meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom. Watch for further information about the Zoom login on the Friday emails or contact Sue Gaugler for the details.

**East End Cooperative Ministries Shelter Dinner — Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

St. Andrew provides a meal once a month, on the third Thursday, for guests at East End Cooperative Ministries (EECM) in East Liberty (6140 Station St., 15206). This month, we will deliver our dishes to the front desk of the shelter by 5:30 p.m., so please use containers you do not want returned to you. We will not stay and help serve the meal. The EECM is very grateful for the organizations who have continued cooking through the pandemic.

**Thank You for Your Contributions to 2020 Christmas Outreach**

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to St. Andrew's Christmas/Holiday outreach! We collected \$400 of

**Sundays - 10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

# February 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January 31 <sup>st</sup> + Epiphany 4 10:00 a.m.—Worship Online	1 7:00 p.m.— Worship Com- mittee	2 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.— Produce Distribution	3	4	5	6
7 + Epiphany 5 10:00 a.m.—Worship Online 5:00 p.m.—Youth Night	8 7:00 p.m.— Community Ministry Meeting	9 Young Adult Game Night (Online) - 7:00 p.m.	10	11	12	13
14 + Transfiguration of our Lord 10:00 a.m.—Worship Online	15	16 + Shrove Tuesday Online Worship Posted	17 + Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m.—Worship Service Online via Zoom	18 5:30 p.m.— Shelter Dinner	19	20
21 + Lent 1 10:00 a.m.—Worship Online 5:00 p.m.—Youth Night	22	23	24 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	25 7:00 p.m.— Christian Ed- ucation/Faith Formation Meeting	26	27
28 + Lent 2 10:00 a.m.—Worship Online 5:00 p.m.—Youth Night						