

# St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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

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## The Wednesdays in Lent: March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> Service of Evening Prayer

St. Andrew is providing a service of Evening Prayer for the Wednesdays in Lent. The videos will be available on Wednesdays via St. Andrew's website, Facebook, and YouTube pages for you to access at your convenience. We invite you to pause for a moment each week to turn to God in prayer and reflection, as we remember and give thanks for God's promises poured out in the covenant of Holy Baptism.

## 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 continue operating under the guidance of our Synod Bishop, The Rev. Kurt Kusserow, who recommends holding off on gathering for a bit longer, while preparing precautionary measures in place so that when numbers decline further, congregations will be prepared to resume in-person activities. We will continue to take under consideration public health advisories and mitigation efforts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Allegheny County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. For now, church activities 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 have a previously developed precautionary plan in place so that we can readily transition to in-person worship when conditions allow.

## 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.

Register at [www.welcatg.org](http://www.welcatg.org).

## March 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.  
Come and See!

## Opportunities for Service

**Fresh Produce Distribution**  
**Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

**East End Cooperative Ministries**  
**Shelter Dinner**  
**Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:30 p.m.**

## 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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Passcode: 2005177

## ELCA Youth Gathering

*Has been rescheduled. New Dates:*

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

## From the Pastor

<sup>1</sup>*I will stand at my watchpost,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what the Lord will say to me,  
and what the Lord will answer concerning my complaint.*

<sup>2</sup>*Then the LORD answered me and said:*

*Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.*

<sup>3</sup>*For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.*

*If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.*

Habakkuk 2: 1-3

*[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Humanity must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again ... He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?*

Mark 8: 31, 34-36

Mark's Gospel text above comes from the + Second Sunday in Lent. Jesus' first disciples have great hope in the one they are following, who has done so much to help those around them, who seems to be, as Peter says, the Messiah. They cannot fathom that Jesus' ministry would lead him to rejection, suffering and death. Jesus teaches them how different God's way is from the ways of the world around them. It is not the path that seeks the fulfillment of one's own desires for comfort and joy, or even benefits of the temporary good. It is instead the way of the cross, a willingness to give things up, including temporary satisfactions, for the long-term good of others. It is a mindset to which God calls us to return in this Lenten season.

After such a snowy winter, this week's two consecutive days of sunshine produced a palpable sense of relief in Pittsburgh. You could just tell how ready and eager people are for better days to come, and not just in regard to the weather. We have been searching for hope amid so much loss throughout the pandemic, and the vaccine currently being distributed has provided some of that, even if not nearly as quickly as we would hope. I can't speak for everyone, but I am so tired of worship online — nearly everything online — and can't wait to be back in the regular presence of people, especially with all of you at St. Andrew. At the same time, we remember the cross and Jesus' call to discipleship, to seek not just what we want and yearn for but to bear one another's burdens, continuing to refrain from certain aspects of communal life in order to keep our neighbors safe, many of whom will likely not have access to a vaccine for some time to come.

It is hard. We feel like we've been apart far too long already. We see the signs of hope, they spur our eagerness to return to normalcy, and it makes it an even greater struggle. The disciples witnessed their friend, teacher, and Messiah betrayed, suffering, dying on the cross. They muddled together through shock, disappointment, and grief as best they could. On the third day, at dawn, the tomb was found empty. Jesus had been raised and a new hope for the world, and their world specifically, brought to light. As we journey toward the cross and Easter, we look with hope for the new beginnings, new possibilities, new life God will bring.

In Christ,  
Pastor Ross

*Let us pray.*

Have mercy upon us, O God, in the temptation of our unsatisfied desires and the perplexity of our disappointments. Teach us that childlike faith in the simplicity of which is perfect rest. We thank thee that thy purposes are larger than our thought or hope; and that thy love denies as well as gives. So help us to set our hearts upon the doing of thy will and to rest upon thy care, that each present withholding may bring us assurance of a wider good. Hear our petitions for the gifts of the earth according to thy wisdom, and not our ignorant desire. Let not the fulfillments of this present time become the disappointments of the eternal life, nor the pleasures of today sources of weakness for tomorrow. Forgive us our weak striving, our impatient yieldings to self-will, our unresisted doubts and fears. Confirm in us thy strength, that when our time of blessing comes and thy love provides according to our heart's desire, we may be ready to make the noblest use of every opportunity. In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Isaac Ogden Rankin (1852 - ?)*

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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.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84733322183?pwd=UStXUEN4c2FvNE5LY21uczAvbExHQT09>

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.

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Meeting ID: 847 3332 2183, Passcode: 2005177

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbyJ8Ox75>

## 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 deliver one to your home. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XVT8H6S>

## St. Andrew Keeping Holy Week and Easter Plans Flexible

This year, Holy Week begins with + Palm Sunday - Sunday of the Passion on March 28<sup>th</sup>, with the + Triduum - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thus, + The Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Sunday, will be April 4<sup>th</sup>.

While coronavirus numbers have been decreasing in Allegheny County, our local Bishop Kusserow and ELCA Presiding Bishop Eaton have both encouraged further patience and caution, until virus numbers return to last summer's levels. We are grateful for the news that a number of people of St. Andrew have now been able to receive the vaccine to protect them from the coronavirus. Since many of us have already been eager to return to worship in-person, we anticipate those numbers growing as more and more people get the vaccine. At the same time, we recognize that there are others in our community who will likely not be able to be vaccinated for some time, and so we will continue to do what we can to provide adequate opportunities for everyone.

This means that there will be Holy Week services available online, especially for the people for whom in-person worship will not be feasible. The worship committee allows for the possibility that we may be able to hold some elements of Holy Week worship in person, either outside at the church or indoor in smaller numbers with precautions, as we did with Holy Communion on All Saints Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. We do know that, as we did for Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, and Lent, we will also prepare resource boxes to support you in your devotions on Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. We will offer pickup at the church on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. If you are unable to pick up a box and would like one, please speak with Director for Faith Formation Chris Atwood or Pastor Ross and they will arrange to deliver one to you.

# Music Recital for Children and Youth Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> after Worship

We invite you to join us after worship at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, when children and youth from the congregation will have the opportunity to share their singing, playing of an instrument, or other musical gifts with the congregation on Zoom. If your child is interested in sharing their gift, please [sign up here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vDXTqfPd19VZq\\_kBV3MzIBqizphLTAMd/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vDXTqfPd19VZq_kBV3MzIBqizphLTAMd/view?usp=sharing)

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## 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. Our next congregational meeting is scheduled 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 have been sent to members of the congregation.
- 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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Meeting ID: 869 6770 5053

Passcode: 4795003174

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86967705053>

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## Easter Egg Hunt at Home Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

St. Andrew will be arranging the opportunity for you to trade Easter Eggs Hunts at home with another family on Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>. Each family that signs up will fill eggs, take them to another family's home, and hide them around their yard. Once your family is safely back in your car, we ask that you call or text that family to let them know that their egg hunt is set up. Every family that signs up will set up an egg hunt for another family and will have one set up for theirs.

You can sign up here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdiakwdNbg7jJGTzuqGxgxorS9RiUq\\_sLq-j9KD12kj94oAyg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdiakwdNbg7jJGTzuqGxgxorS9RiUq_sLq-j9KD12kj94oAyg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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# Resurrection Stories Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

On April 10<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday after Easter, we will gather on Zoom at 3:00 p.m. to share Easter stories and songs. There will be a Google Doc that your household can sign up on to share a story or song, or you can just join the call to see, hear, enjoy, and be with your church community.

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## *Christ in Our Home* Devotional Booklets Available

Each quarter, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's publishing company offers *Christ in Our Home*, a devotional booklet with a daily Scripture reading, reflection, and prayer. The next edition is for April, May, and June. If you would like a booklet, please contact Director of Faith Formation Chris Atwood or Pastor Ross and they will arrange to get one to you in time to start on the new book in April.

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## Texas Storm Relief Lutheran Disaster Response

*"I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2).*

Dear friends,

The last year has been full of changes and challenges for all of us. Now we are again witnessing a devastating disaster amid the ongoing pandemic. As neighbors in Christ, we have an opportunity to share God's hope, healing and renewal with each other.

Beginning Feb. 14, a polar vortex descended over the United States. Subfreezing temperatures and heavy snow swept across the country, impacting millions of people. The harsh conditions severely impacted Southern states, such as Texas, which lack the infrastructure to handle the freezing temperatures and record-setting snow and ice. This has led to power, food and water shortages throughout the region. At its peak, 4.5 million homes and businesses in Texas were without power. With bursting pipes and broken water systems, around 10 million Texans are facing water disruptions. As temperatures rise, melting ice and snow is expected to cause more water damage.

Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, the Southwestern Texas Synod, the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod, and Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response. Congregations are already conducting relief efforts such as supplying water, food and generators to those in need and opening their doors to serve as shelters. Long-term recovery may include repairing water-damaged homes, disaster case management and supporting vulnerable populations.

**[Please give today. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those whose lives have been devastated by the severe storms in Texas. Gifts designated for "U.S. Severe Storms" will be used entirely \(100%\) for direct response.](#)**

Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by severe winter storms and subfreezing temperatures in Texas. Doing this we reflect Christ's light and hope to our neighbors in their time of need. For updates on this and other disasters, follow Lutheran Disaster Response on [Facebook](#).

If you feel called to give, you can donate in several ways:

- 1) Online, through the ELCA website, at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(elca.org\)](http://www.elca.org)
  - 2) By phone at 800-638-3522, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Eastern time
  - 3) By sending a check made out to Lutheran Disaster Response, with "U.S. Severe Storms" in the memo line, to  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
ELCA Gift Processing Center  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009
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# Letters to St. Andrew

## **From Lois Boehm**

St. Andrew Church,

Your kindness is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for the care package we received; the pancakes turned out fine for our meal.

Lois and Kirk Boehm

## **From The Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This past year, as we have had to transform our worship, our gatherings, our understanding of church, the one thing that congregations continued to do well was minister to one another and to the communities around them. The gifts to congregations, to partner ministries, and to mission support have improved and saved lives across the world. Our church was and is able to share the gospel in word and deed in these difficult times.

Included with this letter is a certificate of appreciation for your 2019 Mission Support which provided us a foundation for this year of uncertainty. We are blessed by your generosity.

As we embark on a new year that promises a vaccine and hopefully a return to in-person gatherings, we wished to update you on your congregation's giving for 2020. Enclosed is a contribution statement of gifts received in the Synod office as of January 15. Your commitment to Mission Support is shown below:

### **Congregation: St. Andrew, Pittsburgh (Shadyside)**

2020 Commitment to Mission Support - \$29,580

Contributed as of January 15, 2021 - \$29,580

Care for God's people, in body, mind and spirit has always been in the work and mission of the church and your gifts have brought encouragement and hope in these frustrating times.

Thank you for sharing the love of Christ Jesus in new and meaningful ways.

In Christ,

Rev. Melissa L. Stoller

## **From Family House**

Dear Sue [Gaugler, who delivered items from St. Andrew's Hearts and Hands ministry],

On behalf of Family House and the more than 20,000 guests we serve annually, thank you for your recent in-kind donation of hats and scarves for our guests.

Through the support of donors like you, Family House continues to deliver its mission to provide comfortable and affordable housing to patients and their loved ones who are staying in Pittsburgh for medical treatment. The words of our guests resonate the true meaning of Family House.

*Family House provided a safe, welcoming place to return to each night after spending the day in the hospital with my mother, who was recovering from a stroke. She was in the hospital and rehab for six weeks, and it would not have been possible for my sister and I to be with her if it were not for Family House. Thanks!  
Michele from Pennsylvania*

Your generosity helps to ensure that Family House will always be a "home away from home" to families who need us most. Thank you once again for your support.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Bell

Senior Director of Development

# 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, 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 and for those grieving loved ones who have lost their lives to the virus; 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, Larry Lash, Rhonda, and Mary Sommerfeld.**

**For those who have been recently hospitalized: Karen Shaffer and Matthew Sill.**

**For all who are in need or who have requested our prayers: Bonnie Adelson and Bruce Klotz, Pastor Deb Byrum, Rachel Faulkner and her family, Leah Carlisle, Cindy, Deb B., Giovanna, Pastor Janet Grill, Beth Hermann, Taumi Kalcich, Pastor Paul Koch, Beth Lash, Doug Lash, Abigail Litz, Janet Loudon, Oban McElwain, Tom Swanson, Matthew Tesch, Thomas (Toby), Angie Wyman, and Marsha Young.**

**For those who are grieving: Amy Bartoli and her family, Kitty Brunkhorst, Colleen Cooke, Becky and the Gaugler family, Leslie, and the Spaninger family.**

**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,

**We pray in thanksgiving ...** for God's promises and blessings through the covenant of Baptism; for God's love and grace that come to us through the Word; for the Christian community and the gift of the Holy Spirit; and for the many ways God continues to bless us.

**For all the saints;** for those who have recently died: **Eileen Bartoli, Elaine Brown, Pastor Bruce Brunkhorst, Cheryl Spaninger, Barbara Taylor, and Fred Utech**, for the promise of the resurrection to eternal life, that it would bring comfort and hope to all who mourn.

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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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## March Celebrations

### Birthdays

- 2 Bobbie Sue Luft  
Monica McElwain  
Jennifer Aitken Stoyko
- 3 Jason Cable  
Rachel Faulkner  
Karsten Worley
- 8 Pastor Erin Jones
- 9 Renee Sallach  
Pastor Deb Byrum
- 10 Julian Koch
- 11 C.E. Pino
- 12 Amy Grzegorzcyk
- 15 Sarita Doshi
- 19 Neil Mangano Rollinson
- 20 Rebecca Barrett
- 21 Dick Henius
- 24 Alessandro Novelli
- 26 Nicholas Reeder
- 30 Solveig Rafanan  
Scott Wyman
- 31 Pastor Tara Lynn

## Thank You!

... to everyone who helped set up and/or distribute produce on February 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Chris Atwood, Sue and Scott Gaugler, Song Jian, Monica McElwain, Oban McElwain, Dixie Tymitz, Hal Wilcox.**

... to **Jeff Denlinger, April Galyardt, Conrad, Taumi, and Arly Kalcich, Laura Reynolds, Joseph Paetz, Colten Rohleder, and Jennifer Stoyko** for their contributions to worship on the + Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

... to **Kristen Asplin, Sue Gaugler, Jimmi and Timothy Kocher-Hillmer, Lester Prince, Sue Sabol, and Bonnie and Matthew Tesch** for their contributions to worship on + Transfiguration Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

... to **Pastor Paul Koch** for his preaching and proclamation of the Gospel on + Transfiguration Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

... to **Jimmi and Timothy Kocher-Hillmer** for their contributions to worship on Shrove Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

... to **Jimmi and Timothy Kocher-Hillmer and Noël Marsh** for their contributions to worship on + Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

... to **Vicki Al-Ebrahim, Lindsay Baxter, Scott and Sue Gaugler, Richard Krug, Doug Lash, Monica McElwain, and Dixie and John Tymitz** for preparing food for the East End Cooperative Ministry Shelter Dinner on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

... to **Johanna Asplin, Isabel Doshi, Richard Krug, Laura Reynolds, Clark van Beek, and Alex and Jessica Welker** for their contributions to worship on the + First Sunday in Lent, February 21<sup>st</sup>.

... to **Kristen Asplin and Sue Gaugler** for their contributions to the evening prayer service for Lent.

... to **Johanna Asplin, Amanda and Ty Best, Isabel Doshi, Sue Gaugler, Joy Givens, Jimmi Kocher-Hillmer, Laura Reynolds, and Clark van Beek** for their contributions to worship on the + Second Sunday in Lent, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

... to **Jimmi and Timothy Kocher-Hillmer** for mixing sound for online congregational worship videos.

... to **Chris Atwood** for compiling and editing the congregation's worship videos during February.

... to **Kristen Asplin, Amanda Best, and Conrad Kalcich** for serving as Zoom hosts for worship.

## In Sympathy

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

**Eileen Bartoli**

**Elaine Brown**

**Pastor Bruce Brunkhorst**

**Cheryl Spaninger**

**Barbara Taylor**

**Fred Utech**

*Rest eternal grant them, O Lord,  
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*



## 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-e2X3YEQeAnOQjEOVVZkXQE4iBU/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 any questions, please contact Pastor Ross (773.428.0310, [PastorRCarmichael@gmail.com](mailto:PastorRCarmichael@gmail.com)) or worship liaison Kristen Asplin at [kasplin@gmail.com](mailto:kasplin@gmail.com).

### “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/>.

The links will connect you directly with your elected officials and often provide an outline of talking points or sample language to help you prepare your message.

### 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
- Updating the Electronic Reader Board

## St. Andrew Receives Second Grant from Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation!

The congregation recently received word that for the second consecutive year, we have been awarded a \$10,000 matching grant from the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation's Historic Religious Properties Initiative! The grant is for the restoration of the left section of the "Jesus and the Children" stained glass windows on the Morewood Avenue side of the sanctuary and for new storm window covers for the smaller stained glass windows on both sides.

The congregation will once again be invited to give toward this project, and if we are able to raise \$10,000 we will receive the same amount from PHLF. We will formally notify the congregation when the appeal period for the grant will begin and when it will end.

We thank Jan Kurth and Scott and Sue Gaugler for all their work in putting the grant together. And thanks be to God!

### 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 [sgaugler321@gmail.com](mailto:sgaugler321@gmail.com) or 412-735-8872.



#### Fresh Produce Distribution at St. Andrew — Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> Setup: 11:30 a.m. until Delivery Truck is Unloaded 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-produce8>.

#### East End Cooperative Ministries Shelter Dinner — Thursday, March 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.

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

# March 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
February 28 <sup>th</sup> + Lent 2 10:00 a.m.—Worship Online Youth Night—5:00 p.m.	1 7:00 p.m.— Worship Com- mittee	2 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.— Produce Distribution 6:00 p.m.—Confirmation Class	3 Evening Prayer—Online Worship Posted  <i>Pastor Away</i>	4   <i>Pastor Away</i>	5   <i>Pastor Away</i>	6
7 + Lent 3 10:00 a.m.—Worship Online 5:00 p.m.—Youth Night 6:00 p.m.—ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting	8	9 6:00 p.m.—Confirmation Class	10 Evening Prayer—Online Worship Posted	11	12	13 9:30 a.m.— Council Meeting via Zoom
14 + Lent 4 10:00 a.m.—Worship Online 11:00 a.m.—Children's Music Recital 5:00 p.m.—Youth Night	15	16 6:00 p.m.—Confirmation Class	17 Evening Prayer—Online Worship Posted	18 5:30 p.m.— Shelter Dinner	19	20 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Holy Week Box Pickup
21 + Lent 5 10:00 a.m.—Worship Online 11:00 a.m. Congrega- tional Meeting Online 1:00-3:00 p.m.—Holy Week Box Pickup 5:00 p.m.—Youth Night	22	23 6:00 p.m.—Confirmation Class	24 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> Evening Prayer—Online Worship Posted	25 7:00 p.m.— Education/ Faith For- mation Meeting	26	27 At-Home Easter Egg Hunt
28 + Palm Sunday 10:00 a.m.—Worship Online 5:00 p.m.—Youth Night	29	30	31	April 1 + Maundy Thursday	April 2 + Good Fri- day	April 3 + The Vigil of Easter