

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

304 Morewood Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

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

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Returning to Worship

As vaccines continue to be administered, many of us are eager to return to worship in the sanctuary of the church, and St. Andrew's worship committee and council have outlined precautions for how the congregation can do this as safely as possible. As you know, our plan to return has been delayed due to another spike in coronavirus numbers at the end of March/early April. After discussion among St. Andrew's worship committee, our **new goal date to return to in-person worship in the sanctuary is + Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd.**

Masks will be required for all who come to worship, and attendance will be limited to 25% of indoor capacity in accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's current guidelines. In order to allow adequate distancing and accounting for worship leaders and ushers, this would allow St. Andrew to offer 50 slots for worship. For now, we will still need to ask people to sign up for places at worship so that we have information for possible contact tracing should anyone become ill after a gathering.

In the meantime, in addition to online Sunday services at 10:00 a.m., St. Andrew will be offering Holy Communion at 12:00 p.m. on Sundays for the month of May. Signup links for May 2nd, May 9th, and May 16th. are listed here:

Sunday, May 2nd — <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-may2outdoor>

Sunday, May 9th — <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-may9outdoor>

Sunday, May 16th — <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-may16outdoor>

May 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, May 4th
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

**East End Cooperative Ministries
Shelter Dinner**
Thursday, May 20th
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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81295765981?pwd=b0UvOXE1UnBGQIRNN1MvZ0VpRmVLZz09>

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46# US (Washington DC)
Meeting ID: 812 9576 5981
Passcode: 1793746

Learn More about Reconciling Works

June 5th, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Perry Highway Lutheran Church
11403 Perry Hwy, Wexford, PA 15090



ELCA Youth Gathering

Is now scheduled for:

July 24th-28th, 2022

From the Pastor

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

John 14: 25-27

¹²I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

John 16: 12-15

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability ... this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

Acts 2: 1-4, 16-18

On May 23rd, 50 days after Easter Sunday, the Christian church celebrates the festival of Pentecost. On this day, often called the “birthday of the church,” we give thanks for God’s gift of the Holy Spirit and its role in calling and gathering us as the church. As we see in the readings from John’s Gospel above, the Spirit is God’s presence with us after Jesus’ death, resurrection, and ascension, a comforting and sustaining presence who furthers our understanding of what Jesus has taught us. The book of Acts testifies that the coming of the Spirit provides each of us individually, and the full range of God’s people from every nation, with unique gifts for the building up of the church and service to the people and world God loves. This wasn’t immediately understood and celebrated when the Spirit first came, though. God’s people heard a loud sound like the rush of a violent wind, saw tongues of fire coming down from the sky and resting on them, and heard what must have been a mind-boggling cacophony as everyone spoke in other languages. The crowds are “bewildered, amazed, perplexed,” even disdainful, dismissing the speakers as having drunk too much wine. On that first Pentecost, no one could have predicted where the Spirit would lead God’s people and the church in coming days and years.

In John 16 also, the Spirit leads God’s people into the future, “declaring to us the things that are to come.” After over a year of isolation from the pandemic and mostly online worship, we in the church today are not quite sure what congregational life is going to look like as we return. We may still have fear and trepidation about being able to gather safely. We may still feel overwhelmed by all the new technologies and applications we’ve had to learn, and look forward to worship gatherings that feel a little more “normal.” Yet we know that things will not be the same. Everything from singing, to sharing of the peace, to Communion practices will still require adjustments, and we may mourn the changes and miss what we can no longer share together. But as we work together through whatever grief we carry, we will also help one another see how this new context can be freeing, offering us new opportunities to celebrate God’s grace and share the Gospel in different ways. For a church that is committed to “always reforming,” this is good news. So we look with toward Pentecost Sunday in hope of a “re-birth” as the church. As the Spirit continues to move among us with God’s gifts of forgiveness and grace, helping us remember what Jesus tells us is essential, declaring new things that are to come, we will see together that God is indeed leading us into new life. Thus Pentecost is thus the culmination of our celebration of Easter and the promise of the resurrection. Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

In Christ, Pastor Ross Carmichael

Worship via Phone, Tablet, or Computer

St. Andrew's weekly worship services will continue to be available 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/

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, 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/81295765981?pwd=b0UvOXE1UnBGQIRNN1MvZ0VpRmVLZz09>

2) The step-by-step method a) go to zoom.us b) click "join a meeting" c) type in the Meeting ID: 812 9576 5981

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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Meeting ID: 812 9576 5981, Passcode: 1793746

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

Weekly Outdoor Communion on Sundays at 12:00 p.m.

While our return to in-person Sunday worship in the sanctuary has been delayed, the worship committee has discussed the possibility of celebrating Holy Communion together on a more regular basis. In May, St. Andrew will offer a weekly opportunity to receive Holy Communion on Sundays at 12:00 p.m., which additional times to be added if necessary. In order to do this safely while coronavirus numbers remain relatively high, we will hold these Communion services outside in the parking lot at the back of the church as we have in previous months. We will continue having signups in order to manage attendance numbers and collect contact information in case any illness were to occur. Each week will have its own signup link—please see below:

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Sunday, May 16th — <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-may16outdoor>

The worship committee's plan and hope is to return to in-person worship in the sanctuary on + Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd, at 10:00 a.m. The service would be live-streamed for those who are unable to attend or who do not yet feel safe in doing so. We will continue to watch the local numbers, as well as CDC, state, county, and synod guidelines and as usual, update the congregation on any change in plans with weekly emails and other communications. Even if we are able to return to worship in the sanctuary on the 23rd, we will still offer outdoor Communion on the 23rd and 30th, with signup links to come.

Thank you for your continuing patience and flexibility as we seek to return to worship together while still doing what we can to keep the community safe.

RE-new Days Outside at St. Andrew Saturdays, May 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd

This spring, St. Andrew will be holding RE-new Days, a time for outside work and education events at church, on May 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd. The schedule will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with programming from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Come and join us as we dive deep into Mark 4: 1-9 each week for 15 to 20 minutes, then enjoy community time in small groups as we work on the outside of the church and caring for our community. Extra time is allowed on either side of the program hour for anyone who would like to come early or stay for additional work around the church grounds. These events are for all God's children no matter their age. Check back for more information to come. In person events will require pre-registration for the purpose of contact tracing, if needed. Please wear a mask in case we are not able to keep six feet of distance for some outdoor activities or if you need to go into the church to use the restroom. Please sign up here and select what days you plan to attend: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffGJWOO_mzSayLhIfC6j0fFAIjOe6JcgKDXYNs9eiOPCHvCw/viewform?usp=sf_link

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.

Welcome to Discord

We invite you to connect with congregational activities on the St. Andrew Discord server. Discord, a popular group-chatting app, was originally made to give gamers a place to build communities and talk. St. Andrew will be using Discord for youth events, confirmation class, and young adult events to start with. More applications will be coming online in the months to come, including livestreaming worship. You can join the server with this link: <https://discord.gg/Fp7TwZh75T>

Young Adult Happy Hour

Wednesday, May 12th, 2021 7:00 p.m. Join us on Discord for conversation and a time share, enjoy each other's company and talk about Summer 2021. Join the Discord Sever at: <https://discord.gg/Fp7TwZh75T>

Youth Updates

St. Andrew will be returning to a hybrid youth ministry calendar starting Sunday, May 2nd, 2021. In person events will require pre-registration for contact tracing purposes, if needed. Please sign up here for May 2nd: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdugq0XDPMZfy6v-jOxaDjdHixOqRg_yS2sVi7lqhVlqx8xQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Or here for May 23rd:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdtNNE-ztShMRdVTd7_X0MmoZsohrHclANOOwE9NM2bte_Fng/viewform?usp=sf_link

Or here for May 30th:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeNvPT-Gxardv11ht1sxqbdMDuPP9-4sG0YcQWds7cxcjvPeQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Lutherlyn Summer Camp Opportunities

Lutherlyn, a church-affiliated camp in Prospect, PA, “is a God-given place to be accepted, challenged, and sent ... A week at camp is great for a camper’s self-esteem, independence, and faith development (not to mention really fun!). But it is more than just a week away from it all ... each camper is sent back home and out into the world with the challenge and tools to let their light shine so that others may see the love of God in them.”

Registration for Summer Camp 2021 has begun. Please visit www.lutherlyn.com for dates, prices, details, and registration. There is a short video introducing summer camp available at www.lutherlyn.com/summer. “Camperships” (financial aid scholarships) are available to help ensure that children and youth do not have to miss camp due to financial concerns.

For additional information, please contact the camp office at 724-865-2161 or registrar@lutherlyn.com.

Agapé Summer Camp Opportunities

Camp Agapé is an outdoor ministry of the Lutheran Church, providing summer camping programs and retreat facilities. Located in Hickory, PA, about 35 miles southwest of Pittsburgh, Camp Agapé has over 250 acres of rolling hills, fields, and forests. The beautiful, rustic site provides a unique opportunity for Christian growth and living in a simple environment. The natural setting allows visitors to enjoy the beauty and wonder of God’s creation while experiencing an intentional Christian community.

Camp opportunities for this summer are now available. “Traditional or ‘classic’ camp is where children have the opportunity to explore outdoor ministry at its finest. Camp Agapé has many classic camp activities to offer, such as hiking, fishing, bouldering, swimming, campfires, sports, arts and crafts, Bible study, and religious services.” Camp options, pricing, and registration are available at www.campagape.org.

For more information, please contact campinfo@campagape.org or 724-356-2308.

Engagement Surveys for Households with Children

In order to help the education and faith formation committee plan activities for this summer and fall, please fill out these quick surveys based on your child(ren)’s age.

Infant to Preschool:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeiIZwSmlsmcMU-ad4b1ZDx85QeMCCe4GJDvrdPEgyyUG4kA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Kindergarten – Second Grade:

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Third – Sixth Grade:

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Seventh – Twelve Grade Parents:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetW-n34437FzE5kzH868zyojwt3vDgdvPr6afGNIZOJn-1Og/viewform?usp=sf_link

Seventh – Twelve Grade Youth:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfiiE38Fwyfu-36Hlv9WUO0IeVgmhdxP0vQITyBV9H7bMbGfA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Memorial Service for Eileen Bartoli, Amy Bartoli's Mother Saturday, July 24th, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Many at St. Andrew will remember our prayers for Amy Bartoli and her mother, Eileen, who passed away on February 21st, 2021. At that time, only a small, outdoor graveside service was possible. St. Andrew parishioners are now invited to a memorial mass to be held on Saturday, July 24th, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Bernadette Catholic Church (part of the Christ the Divine Shepherd parish—[Christ the Divine Shepherd - Monroeville/Penn Hills, PA](#)). The address of St. Bernadette is 245 Azalea Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146. We ask your continuing prayers for Amy and her family as they remember her mother and give thanks to God for her life.

Messages St. Andrew Has Received

From Alice Chater:

Pastor Ross and All Church Members

Wishing you God's blessings at Eastertime.

Thank you so much for all the things you sent to me, the bulletins, the Easter bag, etc. You're so kind and thoughtful and I appreciate you always thinking of me. I really belong to a wonderful church. At almost 97 I really wish I could attend church but I live in one room and a wheelchair. Happy Easter and God bless you all!

Love,

Alice Chater

From Margie Visconti

Dear Pastor Ross and St. Andrew,

Thank you for that "In Christ" verse that I feel is very inspirational for ALL times we need to be enlightened to overcome any conflict we might face. The verse directs people to think and act like Jesus Christ did and does, with love and concern for ALL AND EVERYTHING! I hope that everyone is well and happy like I am and so are my house friends and assisting staff. Love and happiness to you and everyone!

Margie

From Esther Dugoni

Pastor Ross and the St. Andrew Church,

Thank you for the lovely Easter lily and all the many other copies of weekly sermons, prayer books, etc.

Sincerely,

Esther Dugoni

From Doug Lash

Dear People of St. Andrew,

Thank you very much for all the cards and messages following the loss of my sister, Beth. My family and I appreciate all the prayers and support.

Sincerely,

Doug Lash

Camp Agapé Open House — Sunday, May 2nd 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

If anyone would like to learn more about camp before signing up, Camp Agapé (72 Agape Road, Hickory, PA 15340) will be hosting an Open House day on Sunday, May 2nd, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to see the cabins, meet staff members, and make new friends. There will be time to visit the prayer and meditation trail, and the camp store will be open with Agapé's new hoodies and T-shirts, and maple syrup and honey.

Connect via the Facebook event at: [Camp Agape Open House | Facebook](#)

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.

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 the people of India facing a crisis with the recent surge in coronavirus numbers.

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, Paul Bonenberger, and Rod Hermann.**

For those whose needs are ongoing: Marissa, Larry Lash, Rhonda, and Mary Sommerfeld.

For those who have been hospitalized recently or are recovering from surgery.

For all who are in need or who have requested our prayers: Bonnie Adelson and Bruce Klotz, Rachel Faulkner and her family, Cindy, Joyce Compton, Deb B., Karen Grecko, Allen Henderson, Beth Hermann, Chad and Wendy Hermann, Abigail Litz, Karen Shaffer, Tom Swanson, and Marsha Young.

For those who are grieving: Colleen Cooke; Doug Lash and his family; the Paetz family; Vanessa Sebetich, Mary Limbacher, and their family.

For those with special needs: for those seeking racial justice and equity; for the LGBTQIA+ community; for support and protection for our transgender siblings as discriminatory laws are proposed and enacted in various states; 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, including **Lavaunn Glasnapp, Beth Lash, Michael Sebetich, Lilli Shine, The Rev. Kunja Daniel, president of the Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (India), and Bishop Emmanuel Panchoo of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh (India)**; for the promise of the resurrection to eternal life, that it would bring comfort and hope to all who mourn.

May Celebrations

Birthdays

- 4 Jim Herbert
- 5 Ellen Gozion
- 6 Chrissy (Sabol) Heaton
- 8 April Galyardt, Caleb Scholze
Caroline "Coci" Wilks
- 10 Taylor Van Dyke, Hunter Wyman
- 11 Devin Montgomery
- 12 Alice Chater
- 14 Leah McKenna
- 15 Isla Chapman, Giovanni Koch
William Montgomery
- 18 Kristen and Brian Kovak
- 19 John "Jack Best
- 20 Nicholas Iordanidis
- 21 Michael Carowitz
- 22 John Burt, Owen Machosky
- 25 Rebecca Serey
- 26 Adam Grzegorzcyk, Anna Schey
- 27 Amelia Sallach
- 28 Pastor Paul Koch
- 29 Samuel Givens, Janet Louden
- 30 David Givens

Anniversaries

- 19 Alda Maria Gonzaga and Ankur Doshi
- 27 Victoria Al-Ebrahim and Paul Rehwald

Thank You!

... to **Sue Gaugler, Joy Givens, and Laura Reynolds** for their contributions to worship on + Maundy Thursday, April 1st.

... to **Chris Atwood, Jeff Denlinger, Jimmi Kocher-Hillmer, and Dixie and John Tymitz** for their contributions to worship on + Good Friday, April 2nd.

... to **Chris Atwood and Joseph Paetz** for coordinating the online + Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 3rd, and for their attention to the worship space and technology.

... to **Kristen Asplin, Amanda and Ty Best, Jimmi and Timothy Kocher-Hillmer, Maria Mangano and David Rollinson, Jonathan Paetz, and Joseph Paetz** their contributions to worship on + Easter Sunday, April 4th.

... to everyone who helped set up and/or distribute produce on April 6th: **Sue and Scott Gaugler, Jimmi Kocher-Hillmer, Joseph Paetz, Dixie Tymitz, and Hal Wilcox.**

... to the **Chaplains of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod** (including **St. Andrew's Pastor Deb Byrum and Pastor Kim Rapczak**) and **Bishop Kurt Kusserow** for providing the inline worship service on the + Second Sunday of Easter, April 11th.

... to **Victoria Al-Ebrahim, Pastor Deb Byrum, Sue and Scott Gaugler, Taumi Kalcich, Doug Lash, Solveig Rafanan, and the van Beek Family** for preparing food for the East End Cooperative Ministry Shelter Dinner on Thursday, April 15th.

... to **Jimmi and Timothy Kocher-Hillmer, Maria Mangano and David Rollinson, Jonathan Paetz, and Joseph Paetz** for their contributions to worship on the + Third Sunday of Easter, April 18th.

... to **Jimmi Kocher-Hillmer, Maria Mangano and David Rollinson, Jonathan Paetz, and Joseph Paetz** for their contributions to worship on the + Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 25th.

... 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 April.

... 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

Lavaunn Glasnapp

Joseph Paetz's grandmother and Leanne Paetz's mother, who passed away on April 3rd, 2021.

Beth Lash

Doug Lash's sister, who passed away on April 17th, 2021.

Michael Sebetich

Vanessa Sebetich (and Mary Limbacher)'s father, who passed away on Tuesday, April 6th, 2021.

Lilli Shine

Colleen Cooke's friend and colleague, who passed away on April 8th, 2021.

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

Upcoming Elections Information

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, through its ELCAVotes! Initiative, and we at St. Andrew, continue to affirm our call as citizens to be engaged in matters of public life. Locally, we have a primary election coming up on May 18th. Please see the information below to help you be informed and able to participate in the elections:

May 18 Primary Election

To vote in Pennsylvania, you must first register to vote at least 15 days before the election. You can register to vote online, by mail, or at a number of government agencies, including Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Photo License and Driver's License Centers.

Here's what you need to know to cast your ballot:

- The last day to register to vote in the Primary Election is May 3rd, 2021
- Absentee and mail-in ballot applications must be received by your county election office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11th, 2021
- The deadline to submit absentee and mail-in ballots must be received by your county election office (postmarks are not enough) by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18th, 2021
- There are certain requirements you must meet in order to qualify for an absentee ballot, but *anyone* who is registered to vote in PA can apply for a mail-in ballot in person or online.

Sites to check out:

<https://elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/ELCAVotes>

<https://www.votespa.com/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Mail-and-Absentee-Ballot.aspx>

There are also two initiatives on the Allegheny County and Pittsburgh ballot this May:

1) The **Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Prohibit Solitary Confinement Initiative** may appear on the ballot as an initiative in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, on May 18th, 2021.

The ballot initiative would prohibit the solitary confinement of persons held in the Allegheny County Jail, with exceptions for lockdowns, medical or safety emergencies, and protective separation requests.

[https://ballotpedia.org/Allegheny_County,_Pennsylvania,_Prohibit_Solitary_Confinement_Initiative_\(May_2021\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Allegheny_County,_Pennsylvania,_Prohibit_Solitary_Confinement_Initiative_(May_2021))

2) The **Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Ban No-Knock Warrants Initiative** may appear on the ballot as an initiative in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on May 18th, 2021.

The ballot initiative would require police to knock on a door, announce their presence, and wait at least 15 seconds before entering a residence to execute a warrant. The ballot initiative would also require police who are executing a warrant at a residence to wear and use a body camera and dress in uniform or wear clothing that identifies the officer as law enforcement.

[https://ballotpedia.org/Pittsburgh,_Pennsylvania,_Ban_No-Knock_Warrants_Initiative_\(May_2021\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Pittsburgh,_Pennsylvania,_Ban_No-Knock_Warrants_Initiative_(May_2021))

Use the links to read the full texts of the initiatives.

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 at sgaugler321@gmail.com or 412-735-8872.



Fresh Produce Distribution at St. Andrew — Tuesday, May 4th 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-produce10> .

East End Cooperative Ministries Shelter Dinner Thursday, May 20th

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. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-shelter25> .

St. Andrew GAP Relay Running Team

Are you a runner? St. Andrew is looking for eight (8) runners to make a up a GAP Relay team. The GAP Relay is a group run on the 150-mile Great Allegheny Passage to Cumberland, MD. Our team will start the run in Pittsburgh on Friday, October 15th, finish our adventure on Saturday, October 16th, and celebrate with a finishers' party like no other! The cost is \$130 per participant—this covers all registration and a team shirt. Please reach out to Chris Atwood for more information. You can also check out the GAP Relay website here: <https://p3r.org/races/gap-relay> .

Sundays - 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.— RE-new Outdoor Activi- ties Day 2
2 + Easter 5 10:00 a.m.—Worship Online 12:00 p.m.—Holy Com- munion Outside 5:00 p.m.—Youth Night In Person	3 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.— Produce Distribution 6:00 p.m.— Confirmation Class	4 7:00 p.m.— Education/ Faith For- mation Meeting	5 7:00 p.m.—Young Adult Happy Hour—On Dis- cord	6 7:00 p.m.— Education/ Faith For- mation Meeting	7	8 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.— RE-new Outdoor Activi- ties Day 3 4:00 p.m.—Vanessa Brown-Ben Wilson Wed- ding
9 + Easter 6 10:00 a.m.—Worship 12:00 p.m.—Holy Com- munion Outside 5:00 p.m.—Youth Night On Discord	10 7:00 p.m.— Worship Com- mittee	11 6:00 p.m.— Confirmation Class	12 7:00 p.m.—Young Adult Happy Hour—On Dis- cord	13	14	15 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.— RE-new Outdoor Activi- ties Day 4
16 + Easter 7 10:00 a.m.—Worship 12:00 p.m.—Holy Com- munion Outside 5:00 p.m.—Youth Night On Discord	17 6:00 p.m.— Confirmation Class	18 6:00 p.m.— Confirmation Class	19	20 5:30 p.m.— EECM Shel- ter Dinner	21	22 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.— RE-new Outdoor Activi- ties Day 5
23 + Pentecost 10:00 a.m.—Worship 12:00 p.m.—Holy Com- munion Outside 5:00 p.m.—Youth Night In Person (Tie Dye)	24 6:00 p.m.— Confirmation Class	25 6:00 p.m.— Confirmation Class	26 Newsletter Deadline	27	28	29 9:30 a.m.—Council Meet- ing
30 + Holy Trinity 10:00 a.m.—Worship 12:00 p.m.—Holy Com- munion Outside 5:00 p.m.—Youth Night In Person	31					