



**Announcements: April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

***Fifth Sunday of Easter***

**Sunday Worship Service @ 10 a.m.**

*Online streaming available*

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# SERVING GOD

April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10 A.M.

## PREACHER

Rev. Kenneth T. Saurman



## USHERS/ATTENDANCE

Matt & Susan Spirko

## ALTAR CARE

Larry Frederick



## READING LESSONS

Mike Bostian

## SERVING COMMUNION

Pastor Saurman  
Martha Nordstrom  
Linda Allind

## WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Pat Connolly

## READING PRAYERS

Kathy Herbert

## GREETERS

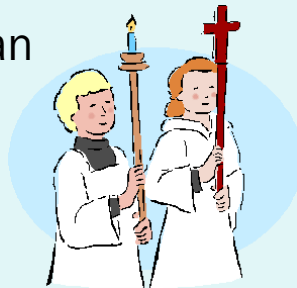
Pat Connolly  
Jan Snyder

## CRUCIFER

Mike Bostian

## ACOLYTE

Hunter Edmundson



## MUSIC DIRECTOR

J.T. Ellenberger

## BAKING BREAD

Mary Ann Coxson

## LIVE STREAM

Billy & Linda Bloomfield





# MARCH/APRIL ATTENDANCE

## IN SERVICE

DATE	TOTAL
March 20	32
March 24	122
March 28	34
March 29	56
March 31	162
April 7	96
April 14	84
April 21	86

## ONLINE

DATE	TOTAL
March 20	17
March 24	124
March 28	46
March 29	51
March 31	107
April 7	100
April 14	83
April 21	43



## OFFICE HOURS

Week of April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Emily Carraway

Monday: 8am - noon  
Tues.-Friday: 9am – noon

### Martha Nordstrom

Wednesday: noon – 4pm  
Thursday: 10am – 2pm

# Prayer Lists

## Members & friends with on-going health problems:

- ✦ Warren Johnson
- ✦ Beverly Carpenter
- ✦ Pastor Saurman
- ✦ Ken McCain
- ✦ Marilyn West
- ✦ Dave Brown
- ✦ Dave Stewart
- ✦ Linda Schmidt
- ✦ Pam Gorman

† Please pray for the family of L.C. Beck on his passing April 17<sup>th</sup> †

## Members and their caregivers needing prayers:

- ✦ Jerry & Jeanne Jackson
- ✦ Lonnie & Sharon Hopkins
- ✦ Nancy Michaels
- ✦ Sam & Mary Mascia
- ✦ Ginny Oriola (sister of Roland Hoekman)
- ✦ Dave & Shirley Lloyd
- ✦ Carole Reed
- ✦ Louis Morreale (nephew of Frank Salvatore)
- ✦ Norma Wiley (SIL of Marilyn Staley)
- ✦ Norman Payne
- ✦ Connie Stover (sister of Jan Snyder)
- ✦ Bev Young & Family on the passing of her brother, Gary Parsons
- ✦ Sandy Parsons (SIL of Bev Young)
- ✦ Jessica Super
- ✦ Judy Regrut
- ✦ Cindi Wallin

## St. Andrew Military Prayer List

- ✦ Eric Edmundson
- ✦ Andrew Heath (grandson of Dave & Peg Brown)
- ✦ Jonathan Peck (nephew of Dave & Peg Brown)
- ✦ Khai (Catherine NLCiin's son)
- ✦ Walt Owzarski



# **MENS GROUP**

**WHEN: Saturday, May 4, at 8 a.m.**

**WHERE: Weeks Hall @ St. Andrew**

**WHAT: coffee, breakfast, devotions, fellowship, introduction of Kole Nafziger & Richard Acosta**

**BONUS (if you wish to participate): evaluate organ cleaning project, discuss upcoming projects**

**All men are welcome and encouraged to attend!**



Spiritual Sisters will be meeting on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m., discussing Rivers, session three of "Scripture and Nature" in the March/April issue of "Gather."

Please let me know if you would like a hard copy of the lesson.

After the Bible study, at 11a.m., the Fellowship Committee will be setting up for Pastor Saurman's installation in Weeks Hall.

Mary Ann

# Spread The Word!

Check out the new Christian Education Opportunities flyer on the Welcome Table! Make sure to spread the word about current and future events happening here at St. Andrew. Feel free to take a handful of flyers to share with your friends and family!

 <p><b>St. Andrew Lutheran Church</b> <i>"Everything is possible with God."</i></p> <p><b>Christian Education Opportunities</b></p> <p><b>Exploring Sunday's Gospel</b> Sunday's @ 9AM Weeks Hall @ St. Andrew</p>  <p><b>MENS GROUP</b></p>  <p><b>Men's Group</b> 1st Saturday of the month @ 8AM Weeks Hall @ St. Andrew</p> <p><b>Spiritual Sisters</b> Ladies Bible Study &amp; Fellowship 2nd &amp; 4th Saturdays of the month 10AM @ St. Andrew in the Tree Room</p> 	<p><b>Bagels &amp; Bibles</b></p>  <p><b>Bagels &amp; Bibles</b> Ladies Bible Study &amp; Fellowship 2nd Saturday of the month 8:30AM @ Participants' homes</p> <p><b>Online Bible Study</b> Future event</p>  <p><b>FAIRFIELD HARBOUR</b> <i>Life on the Neuse</i></p>  <p><b>Fairfield Harbour Bible Study</b> Future event</p> <p><b>Please suggest other interests!</b></p> <p>St. Andrew Lutheran Church 1605 Neuse Blvd. New Bern, NC 28560 252.637.5879</p>
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## March 2024 Treasure's Report Summary

### Operating Revenue:

- Pledged contributions: **\$18,725** - Regular offering and church only expenses.
- Unpledged contributions: **\$4,878** - From members who do not pledge but contribute.
- Other: **\$130** - From use of facility, Thrivent Choice Dollars, loose plate checks and cash.
- Transfers: **\$0**- From various special accounts such as Fellowship, Evangelism etc.
- **Total Operating Revenue: \$23,733.** This amount is slightly above budgeted revenue.

### Operating Expenses

- Personnel: **\$10,564** – Wages, FICA, Housing, Cont. Ed., Auto Allowance, supply personnel and taxes
- Benefits: **\$293** – Health Insurance, retirement, disability.

- Occupancy: **\$2,982** – Utilities, insurance, admin. costs and accounting costs
- Mortgage: **\$4,751** – Principal and interests.
- Council and Committees: **\$3,272** – Ten standard committees.
- SYNOD Support: **\$917** – Year to date: **\$2,751**. Annual commitment is \$11,000
- Total expenses: **\$22,779**. This amount is under the budgeted figure.

### Net Operating Revenue

- Result is a positive income of **\$954**.
- Year-to-date Net Operating Revenue: **\$21,623**.

### Restricted Accounts (Invested with Edward Jones and Thrivent Credit Union).

- Revenue: **\$5190**. - SOD, Fellowship, RCS, Volt, Memorials, grants, etc.
- Expenses: **\$1,265**. – Memorial, Columbarium, Mortgage reduction, RCS and Vanceboro.
- Transfers: **-\$0**. - **From/to** general account...
- Balance, end of March: **\$137,091**.

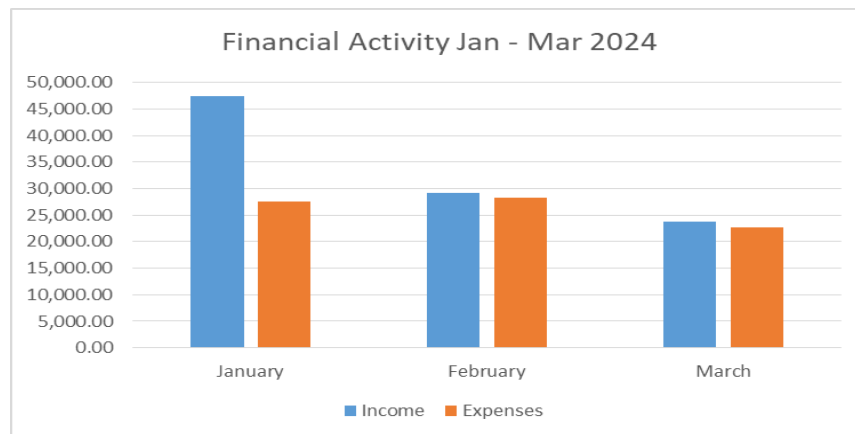
### Investments end of March: **\$135,618**. Purchased two CDS from Thrivent C.U.

- Edward Jones Money Market **\$5,311**. Gained \$22 in interest.
- Thrivent Credit Union Money Market: **\$96,076**. Gained \$153 in interest.
- Thrivent 7 month CD (**\$8,000**). Gained \$31 in interest. **Current value \$8,231**
- Thrivent 3 month CD (**\$6,000**) . No interest. **Current value \$6,000**
- Thrivent 9 month CD (**\$20,000**) No interest. **Current value \$20,000**

Bank account balance at the end of February: **\$31,193**.

Mortgage at the end of March: **\$519,207**. Total paid since November 2020: **\$112,470**.

To our St. Andrew family, thank you all for your service, your talents and financial support. Your generosity allows this congregation to continue spreading God’s word and helping the community.



Edwin Belón  
Treasurer St. Andrew Lutheran Church



# IMAGES IN THE READINGS

Perhaps because Palestine has abundant **vineyards**, the vineyard is an image for the promised land and for the people Israel that recurs repeatedly throughout the Old Testament. In contrast to a religion that focuses on the processes of nature, Judaism praises God as the source of the vineyard. Promises of restoration from the prophets include the picture of flourishing vineyards, since where water might be polluted, wine remains the preferred drink. In the synoptic gospels, the vineyard is an image of the kingdom of God, and in John, the vine is Christ. When we drink the wine at holy communion, we can feel our very bodies respond to the transformative power of the vine. That the joy which is wine can turn into the horrors of alcoholism is a poignant example of how good can mutate into evil. Grape juice, invented in 1869 by Thomas Welch, is a fruit of the vine that does not warm the body and unite the community in the same way as does wine. When it is advisable to replace wine with grape juice remains a pastoral issue.

According to the ancient Israelite worldview, the **eunuch** is seriously maimed, a man who, because unable to procreate, was not a whole person who could approach God in worship. Cultures differ in how they understand sexuality, yet it is usual for a society to view as less than fully human those who are outside the acceptable sexual parameters. The reading in Acts 8 is pertinent for our time, in which, for example, the Christian status of homosexuals is widely debated. Acts 8 could be used to suggest that in Christ, societal distinctions about sexuality no longer apply, even if they had been religiously significant in the past.





# May

# BIRTHDAYS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 MARSHA KINDROCK	3	4
5	6 LONNIE HOPKINS FRANK SALVATORE	7	8	9	10	11 PAMELA STEWART
12	13	14	15 AVON DAVIS	16	17	18
19	20 CAITLYN BLAKELOCK	21	22	23 TREVOR MILLS JANE SWARTOUT	24 WARREN JOHNSON	25 JOHN BOWER
26	27	28	29	30	31 ANNE HORNER	

# May

# Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 PASTOR TED & BEVERLY RUST	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 DAVE & PEG BROWN	15	16	17	18
19	20 REV. KARL & BARBARA STUMPF	21	22	23	24 SAM & MARY ANN COXSON	25 GENE & HEIDE LOCK
26	27	28	29 WARREN & KERSTIN JOHNSON	30	31	