

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Newsletter



April 2025

Pastor's Page

Discover the Sleep Number Difference

That's the gimmick one major manufacturer of mattresses uses to sell its sleeping system – mattresses that promise to reduce pressure points, provide for proper spinal adjustments, let you sleep on a hard surface while your spouse sleeps on a soft one, and even set the temperature on each side of the bed differently to each person's specific liking. And such a sleep system can be yours for an enormous amount of sleep number dollars.



On Sunday, April 20, 2025 – Easter Sunday – the Apostle Paul is focused on an entirely different sleep number. In his letter to the church in Corinth (1 Corinthians 15:19-26) Paul reminds us that there has been a long tradition in which sleep is a metaphor for death, and the sleep/awakening cycle is a metaphor for resurrection. *“But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.”* Earlier in this same

chapter, Paul uses the same metaphor: *“Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died”* (v. 6).

Even Jesus spoke of death as being sleep: speaking to his befuddled disciples, he said, *“Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.”* The disciples said to him, *“Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.”* Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, *“Lazarus is dead”* (John 11:11-14).

Friends in Christ – Easter morning is a reminder that Jesus, too, died. His limp and pulseless body took on the appearance of sleep as they took him down from the cross. They laid his cold, motionless body in the tomb, on a slab of rock. There was no such thing as an extra special mattress, or a tomb, or a grave with a sleep number that would be so pleasant that it could keep Jesus, the Son of the living God, asleep forever. Clearly the apostle has no doubts that Jesus Christ, the same one who was crucified and buried, has left sleep and death behind and is now our risen Lord and Savior. Again, verse 20 says it so powerfully, *“Christ has been raised from the dead.”*

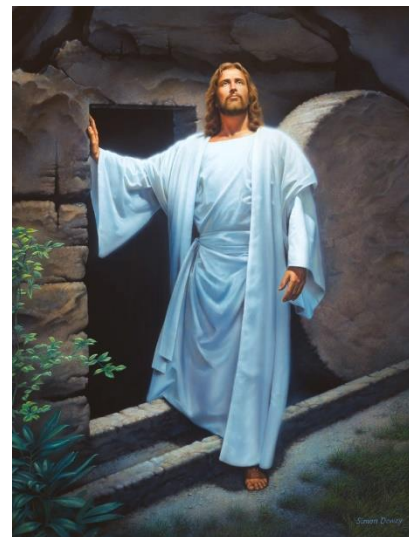
But the larger point that Scripture makes here concerns our own life and death. If Christ is our risen Lord, then we can take this as our guarantee that we, too, though we die, shall also **LIVE!** These were Jesus' very words to Martha while his good friend, Lazarus, still lay in the grave: Jesus said to her, *“I am the*

resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die” (John 11:25-26). The body may take on the appearance of sleep, resting as it surely will in the grave, but the soul is not there. Hear me when I tell you that your soul will not ever die!

The apostle emphasizes this central tenet of our faith once again in his letter to the Thessalonians: “But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.”

When we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are celebrating many things.

- We celebrate his **VICTORY OVER SATAN**. “He himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death” (Hebrews 2:14-15).
- We celebrate his **VICTORY OVER DEATH**. “Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” (1 Corinthians 15:54-55).
- We celebrate his role as **OUR ADVOCATE AT THE THRONE OF GOD**: “My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world” (1 John 2:1-2).
- We celebrate his **PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES**. The last words of the post-resurrection Jesus as recorded by Matthew assure us of this presence: “And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).



But here’s the deal, and this must never be forgotten by a single one of us ever!

We also celebrate **FOR OURSELVES**. If he lives, so do we!

How great is that! There is no sleep number mattress that can offer that kind of deal! He lives! We live! FOREVER! And ever, and ever!

We know that we will not live for a long time in these mortal bodies made of dust. But when the body takes on the appearance of sleep, this is when we LIVE! The resurrected Christ is the guarantee of our eternal future in the presence of God!

But here’s the final question and thought. It would appear that some of us – we’re all guilty of this at times – are going through our present life as though we’ve found our perfect sleep number. We’re comfortable, dozing, napping through life – through our vocations, through our careers, through our marriages and relationships – as though we cannot hear the resurrection call of Jesus Christ to awaken us from our drowsy sleep.

If Christ has risen – and he HAS – then let us live as though we, too, have been aroused from our slumber. Let’s get to work for the kingdom. Let’s offer ourselves as channels of blessings through the power of the risen Christ.

Let’s climb off the mattresses of comfort and convenience.

Let’s throw off the bedsheets of apathy.

Let’s cast off our robes of discouragement and despair.

Let us instead go forth into the morning of a new day – of promise, of hope, of life, of service, of mission. For that is the calling of the One whose awakening from sleep we now celebrate.

And just what is the Resurrection Sleep Number?

It's **1520**. Never forget it. It's from 1 Corinthians 15:20: *"Christ has been raised from the dead."*

In His name,

Rev. Kenneth Sammons



Portrait of a Biblical Giver – Value #5 Proportional

The Bible always calls us to percentage giving. Nowhere in the Bible will you find something like, "Give fifty dollars." The language is always, "Give in proportion to the blessings you have received." Those who have much wealth are expected to give proportionately. Those who have little wealth are also expected to give proportionately. The tithe, or ten percent, is obviously the best example of the Bible's teaching of proportional giving.

Another touching example of proportional giving is found in Mark 12:41-44:

He [Jesus] sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

In terms of actual dollars, the widow's penny is nothing compared to the large sums being put in the offering by the rich. However, in terms of percentage giving, the offering of the poor widow dramatically exceeded the large sums of the rich. It is this percentage giving that is the standard consistently used in Scripture.

Percentage giving is a two-edged sword. For those who don't have large financial resources, percentage giving is a word of great comfort. Such people can know that in God's eyes their "small" gift is not small at all, but incredibly generous. For those who have greater financial resources, percentage giving calls them to account if their gift is large in dollars but still quite small in percentage.

It is important for stewardship leaders to stress percentage giving. Doing so is a guard against ever saying unintentionally that someone who can only give today's equivalent of a penny is an insignificant giver. Jesus singled such a giver out for praise. We should do the same. I can think of no greater stewardship tragedy than having a poor widow think that her generous gift is of little consequence. For a poor widow, the gift of \$5.00 involves a much greater sacrifice than that experienced by a millionaire who gives \$50,000.

Next month: some more of ***"Portrait of a Biblical Giver– Value #6: Cheerful"***
(from the book *"Ask, Thank, Tell"*)

Communication Is Key

Call the church office to inform us of what is happening in your life and how we can be of assistance. We really do care, and we want to provide everyone with the best support possible from your church when it is needed. Please help us to provide the proper support and good pastoral care to one and all.

Please call the church office if

- You would like the pastor to visit you
- You are in need of prayer, or know of someone who is
- You are ill or hospitalized
- If you have surgery scheduled
- A baby is born into your family
- A family member dies
- You are planning to be married
- You need help to view our livestreamed worship service on Sundays
- You or someone you know should be added to our prayer list
or has recovered and should be removed from the prayer list
- You need help using the direct-deposit option for giving to the church
- Your phone number, email address, or mailing address have changed

We sincerely thank you for your understanding and your cooperation.



JOIN US FOR
Easter

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE @ 6PM

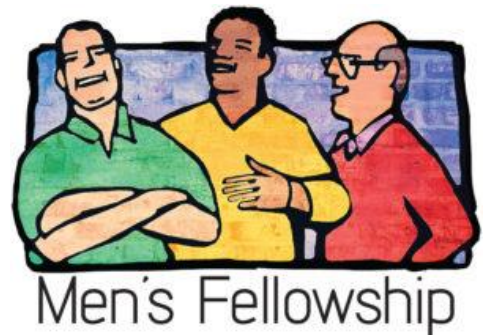
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE @ 6PM

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE @ 10AM

Calling All Men

Pastor Mike Bostian (retired hospital chaplain, and long-time member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church) continues to do a fabulous job of gathering the men of St. Andrew together monthly for devotions, an introduction of one of the men, and the planning of work projects.

Their project for March was the very successful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. Attendance and participation was so much greater than anticipated. But, let it be known, the men of St. Andrew were truly UP for the challenge. They worked so very well together – and even had a good time in the process. The next gathering of the Men's Group will be Saturday, April 5. Breakfast is being provided by Steve Baucom. Pastor Saurman (the good Lord willing) will lead us in a brief devotional time. Then he will introduce himself to the group with many "unknown" details about his life prior to his coming to be a part of St. Andrew Lutheran Church. You won't want to miss this! Make the effort to come and join us. You'll be glad that you did!

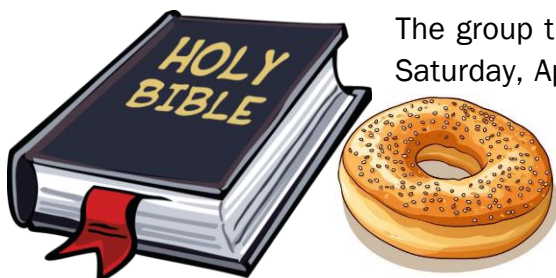


Adult Bible Study



Every Sunday morning, we have a simple Bible Study in Week's Hall. You are most welcome to come and join us. No pressure! No expectations except to want to learn a little more about the Word of God. Our time together begins with a prayer at 9:00am and we try to end by 9:30 so we can all prepare ourselves for worship at 10:00. We have lots of fun sharing our thoughts, our ideas, our memories, and our faith stories with one another. Until Pastor Saurman is feeling up to leading the class, we are thrilled to have Kole Nafziger taking the lead. He is doing a fantastic job, and we are so proud of his efforts with all of us. Why not plan to join us one Sunday morning soon and see what we're doing.

BAGELS & BIBLES



The group that gathers to study God's Word "Bibles & Bagels" will meet on Saturday, April 12th at 8:30am at the home of Carol Thirkell. Come and join the fellowship and the fun. Carol's address is: 101 Lancy Lane, in New Bern. If you need direction information or if you have any questions, call Gena Eggert at: 203-285-4392 or email her at: gpeggert@gmail.com.

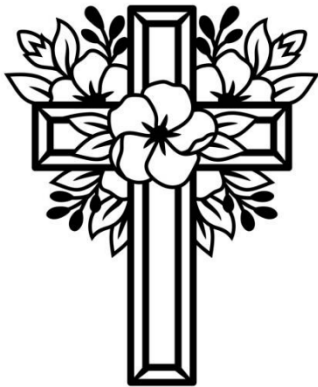
PRAYER WARRIORS



The king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' (Matt 25)

Here at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, we are thrilled to have **Prayer Warriors** who will spend quality time with you immediately following Sunday worship and listen to your concerns and then pray with you. These Prayer Warriors truly believe in the **Power of Prayer** and are willing to spend time with you. Do you have a health concern? Struggling with a strained relationship? Feel lost and distant from the Lord? Our Prayer Warriors will be wearing specially hand-crafted stoles and will be standing near the altar at the front of the sanctuary at the end of

Sunday worship. Simply ask to have some time with one of them. Together you can find a quiet place in the worship center where you can sit and carry on a private – prayer-filled conversation. We are blessed to have these people who are willing to be a part of the “healing ministry” team of St. Andrew Lutheran. Be assured that your time spent with a Prayer Warrior will be kept confidential. They will only share your prayer concerns with the pastor if you give them permission to do so.



In the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, we commend to Almighty God:

MARILYN STALEY, who died on Saturday, March 15th
(no word yet about a memorial service)

Church Photo Directory



Photographer extraordinaire, Richard Acosta, will be heading up the new Church Photo Directory for the St. Andrew Lutheran congregation.

In the very near future, he will be letting everyone know when he will be ready to get started. You will be encouraged to set a date to come in and be photographed. Our goal is to get everyone featured in the new directory that will not only be printed, but it will be accessible online to all of our members. Let's celebrate all the things that make us so very proud to be members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church.

RECOVERY



Pastor Saurman went to Duke University Hospital to have a Spinal Cord Stimulator implanted. No big deal. No problem. An “in-and-out” procedure. Unfortunately, some very serious and unexpected complications developed that left him in excruciating pain. He spent time in the ICU and the NeuroMed Suite for a week. He is back home now with limited mobility and strong meds prescribed to address the continuing and significant nerve pain. But in his mind, the worst part is that he feels that he is letting all of you down by not being ready to meet this congregation’s many needs during this holy season of Lent. As he works toward recovering, please try to be patient and understanding. He expresses his huge thanks for all who have stepped up to assist in keeping things moving along. Special thanks to Navy Chaplain Josh Johnson for leading worship on

March 23rd, and much thanks to Pastor Mike Bostian for leading the Mid-Week Lenten worship on Wednesday, March 26th as well as stepping in to be the Liturgist on Sunday March 30th. Pastor Saurman admits that he struggles with his being so demanding of himself to do what he believes that the Lord has called him to do. He is a highly motivated, task-oriented person who always intends to do his very best. Always pressing forward toward excellence is his constant goal. He asks that you help him with his struggles.

Prayers of St. Andrew Lutheran

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Pastor Saurman is asking for the help of all of our members and friends. He wants to put together a booklet of all of YOUR favorite, memorable prayers. You know – the prayers that you grew up saying – the prayers you taught your children and your grandchildren. Please send to Pastor your list of:

- Morning Prayers
- Mealtime Prayers
- Evening Prayers
- Travel Prayers
- Etc.

Please send your prayers typed, printed via Word, or even handwritten (but neatly) and be sure to sign the papers you send him so he can give you credit for the prayers you provide him with. Eventually they will all be printed in a booklet

and made available to everyone.

In years past, congregations printed “Cookbooks” to help feed the stomachs. How many of those treasures are in your kitchen pantry? But a book of prayers will help to feed the souls of our people. Please help. Send Pastor your remembered and valued prayers.

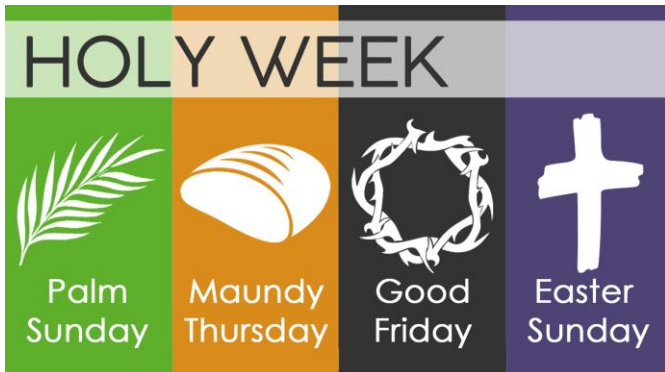
THOUGHT...

**"When anything in creation fulfills its purpose,
it brings glory to God."**

– Rick Warren

*"The heavens declare the glory of God; the
skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day
after day they pour forth speech; night after
night they display knowledge."*

– Proverbs 16:32

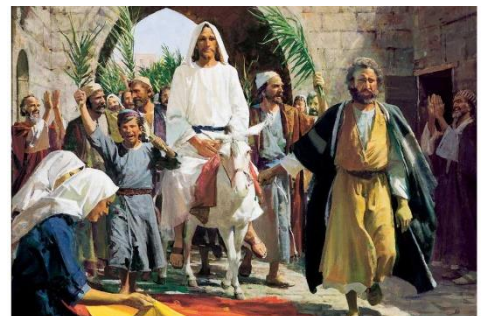


The season of Advent leading up to Christmas is a very holy time in the Church Year, indeed. No question about it. It is all about the fulfillment of the promises made by God through the prophets of the Old Testament – that God would send into the world a Messiah.

But there are a number of reasons why this period of time that leads up to Easter Sunday is known as **HOLY WEEK**. While it is true that all throughout the Advent

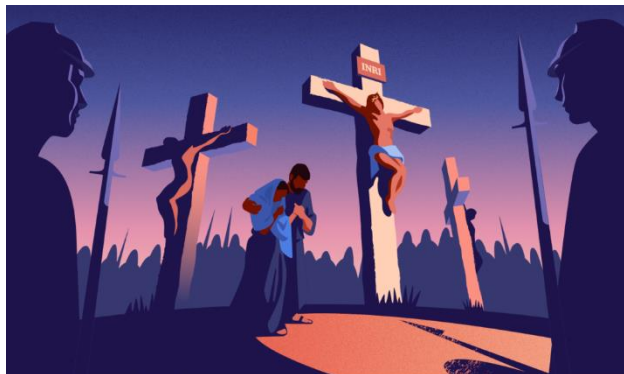
message God promised to send a Messiah – it is during Holy Week that we do truly indeed get to experience this promise “come-to-life” for all of God’s people. Jesus conquered – Jesus was victorious over death, the grave, and the devil – demonstrating God’s superiority and God’s almighty power!

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday. Jesus triumphantly enters the holy city of Jerusalem riding on a donkey while thousands of people gather to lay palm branches and their outer garments on the roadway beneath him. They shout, “Hosana, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” The people voice their support and their faith in



Jesus. But it is only the start of the week. Attitudes will surely be swayed.

Thursday evening, as a part of the Passover festivities, Jesus institutes the “Lord’s Supper” in the upper room of a rented house with his disciples. ***“Take and eat, this is my body. Take and drink, this cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you.”*** Jesus has been telling his faithful followers of his pending sacrificial death. But now the time has come. No more waiting. This is Maundy Thursday. The word Maundy refers to Jesus’ actions that evening during which he demonstrated humble service. Jesus humbled himself and got down on his knees to wash the “street-soiled” feet of his disciples before they assembled at the table for the meal. He suggests that his disciples follow his example and do to others as he has done for them.



So very quickly, however, perceptions and attitudes have changed. It is Friday, and all who were Jesus supporters are now nowhere to be seen. Jesus has been arrested, quickly put on trial by the chief priests and declared a threat to the establishment. Jesus is handed over to Pontius Pilate who offers to release Jesus in exchange for the execution of Barabas. But the temple priests have successfully stirred up the people to demand the death of Christ. This is the scene of Good Friday (God’s Friday). Jesus is tortured, paraded through the streets of

Jerusalem until he reaches Golgatha (a rock formation resembling a human skull located on the outskirts of the city) where Jesus is crucified.

Saturday in Holy Week is a day of silence and prayerful reflection.

And then, when all seems to be completely lost – the sun rises to sounds of great rejoicing. The tomb where the lifeless body of Jesus was laid is found to be empty. HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! God is victorious! Jesus is alive, and all of humankind has the promise of eternal life.

We extend to you the invitation to come and marvel in the Holy Week experience. Mark your calendar with the worship times during this Holy Week, and gather together here with one another to make your own pilgrimage of faith and Christian love.

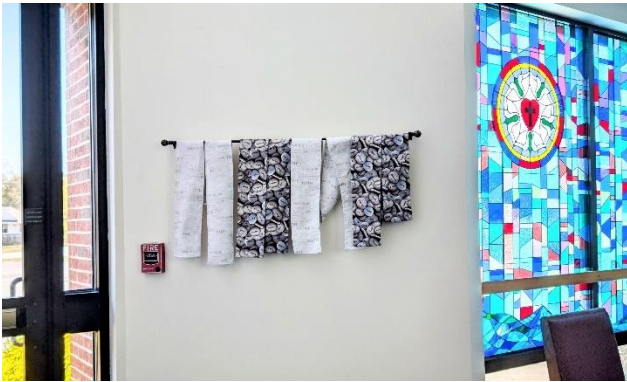
Pastor Saurman (for the very first time in his 47 years of pastoral ministry) has requested this Congregation Council for permission to take some vacation time during Holy Week. Their son, James, after serving his country as a United States Marine with deployments to combat locations was medically discharged. James has been enrolled in a “Lineman” school, and graduation day is April 18th, Good Friday. The Congregation Council of St. Andrew Lutheran Church granted his request saying, “Family comes first. You need to be with your family.”

Please gather and fill the sanctuary during this Holy Week whether Pastor Saurman is there or not, because he will surely tell you that it is not at all about him. It is all about our gathering in the presence of our Loving God to rejoice and sing, acknowledging all that God has done for us during this most holy season. Invite your family and your neighbors to join you. Fill to the rafters sounds of singing Easter Sunday!



Making Disciples NOT JUST Members

Prayer Warriors



People here at St. Andrew Lutheran have recently been extended the invitation to spend some quality time with a **Prayer Warrior**. These Prayer Warriors have been trained by Pastor Saurman to listen to your concerns – and offer you the opportunity to join them in prayer.

The Prayer Warriors make themselves available to you every Sunday immediately following the worship service. They respectfully and reverently place the Prayer Stole over their shoulders in preparation to spend time with God and with you. This ministry that is being offered by the laity

of this parish is a great example of St. Andrew Lutheran **Making Disciples and not just Members**.

Feeding Our Family

Feeding Our Family continues to be a blessing to our church members. Volunteers are cooking and delivering meals. Our target group is those who have health needs or are the hardworking caregivers for a family member. However, anyone who is in need is welcome to receive a meal. Reach out to us if you know of someone that would benefit from this new and very helpful ministry.

If you would like to be part of this very helpful and supportive ministry, contact Linda Bloomfield at: guilfordgirl3005@gmail.com.



Work Is Progressing!

In honor of St. Andrew Lutheran's 75 years of ministry to the community of New Bern, we have embarked on a monumental endeavor. We've asked our members to help with the purchase of a **"New Bern Bear."**



The bear for St. Andrew Lutheran Church will soon be joining the ranks of the well over 100 bears that are unique to the New Bern community. The artist on this particular project has met with leaders of the church and worked out the design concepts for our "Lutheran Bear" as seen here. Every effort has been made to make our bear resemble Dr. Martin Luther, the Father of the Protestant Reformation. Rolled in his left hand is the 95 Thesis, and in his right is the hammer that he is said to have used to nail the 95 Thesis to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. He is wearing the traditional robe worn by the clergy. Attention has even been made to his hairstyle known as a "tonsure" (the shaving of some of the hairs on the scalp as a sign of religious devotion or humility). And on his back between the shoulder blades will be displayed "Luther's Rose." We have been informed to anticipate delivery to possibly be sometime in May.

If you would like to contribute to this endeavor, please make your check out to: **"St. Andrew Lutheran Church:** and write the words **"Bear Project"** in the memo section of your check. Every additional gift given will help to get it done. Thanks.

Mid-week Lenten Worship



Each Wednesday in Lent we invite you to join us for a pot-luck meal of soup and bread in Weeks Hall at 5:15pm. Everyone is encouraged to sign-up to bring a pot of soup or a loaf of bread. Then we will worship in the sanctuary at 6:15pm. We will be using dramas again this year. The title of the dramas is: **"Behold the Tree"** These Lenten services will permit us to consider a number of significant trees in the Bible. Looking through their branches, so to speak, may give us an even more perceptive view of the cross of Christ.

Week 1 - March 12 - The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil

Week 2 - March 19 - The Oaks of Mamre

Week 3 - March 26 - The Burning Bush

Week 4 - April 02 - Jonah's Vine

Week 5 - April 05 - The Sycamore Tree

Members of this congregation will be the actors in these dramas. Be sure to thank them for their participation.

LIVING FAITH

- Christian

When I say, “I am a Christian” I’m not shouting, “I am saved” –
I’m whispering, “I get lost.” That is why I chose this way.

When I say, “I am a Christian” I don’t speak of this with pride –
I’m confessing that I stumble and need someone to be my guide.

When I say “I’m a Christian” I’m not trying to be strong –
I’m professing that I’m weak and pray for strength to carry on.

When I say “I’m a Christian” I’m not bragging of success –
I’m admitting that I have failed and cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say “I’m a Christian” I’m not claiming to be perfect –
my flaws are all too visible, but God believes I’m worth it.

When I say “I’m a Christian” I still feel the sting of pain –
I have my share of heartaches which is why I seek His name.

When I say “I’m a Christian” I do not wish to judge –
I have no authority. I only know that I’m loved.

When I say “I’m a Christian” I know that I’m not alone.
I am in good company.



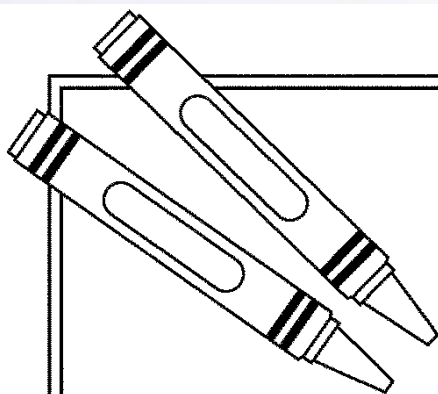
We are encouraging our worshipers to read their Bible. The answers to many of life's questions can be found within its pages. It is a wonderful book! It is the source of a wealth of helpful information, and we should all come to know it better.

This month we shall take a look at the ***Gospel of Luke***. Keep track of your score. 2-4 correct answers is poor. 4-6 correct answers is fair. 6-8 correct answers is good. 8-10 correct answers is very good.

The answers can be found on page 17.

1. What was Zacharias' (John the Baptist's father) punishment for not believing the angel Gabriel concerning the birth of John?
 - a) He would be blind until the child was born.
 - b) He would be mute until the child was born.
 - c) He would be deaf for three days.
 - d) He would not live to see the birth of his son.
 - e) The Jerusalem dunghill would be named after him.
2. Who blessed the infant Jesus when Mary and Joseph took Him to the temple to be circumcised?
 - a) Phanuel, a priest
 - b) Anna, a prophetess
 - c) Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist
 - d) A devout man named Simeon
 - e) The Pope
3. In the fourth chapter of Luke, Jesus went into the synagogue on the Sabbath and was handed the book to read of which prophet?
 - a) Ezekiel
 - b) Isaiah
 - c) Daniel
 - d) Jeremiah
 - e) Habakkuk
4. What did Jesus do to attract the attention of Peter, James, and John prior to calling them to follow him?
 - a) Healed Peter's mother
 - b) Cast a demon from Zebedee (James and John's father)
 - c) Suggested a successful location for fishing
 - d) Taught in the temple
 - e) Juggled four chain saws, while reciting the book of Leviticus from memory.

5. Each of the disciples in this list, EXCEPT ONE, had a fellow disciple with the same name. Find the one who didn't have to share his name.
- a) Andrew
 - b) Simon
 - c) James
 - d) Judas
6. After Jesus raised Jairus' daughter from the dead, what advice did He give those attending to her? (two answers this time)
- a) "Tell no one what has happened."
 - b) "Take the girl to the temple and worship your Heavenly Father."
 - c) "Send the mourners away."
 - d) "Give her something to eat."
 - e) "Give her two aspirin and call me in the morning."
7. What did James and John ask Jesus after He was rejected in Samaria?
- a) If they should curse their land
 - b) If they should command fire from the heavens
 - c) If they should shake off the dust from their feet
 - d) If they should pray for their salvation
 - e) If they should contact the Better Business Bureau
8. In the parable of the good father, Jesus says that if a child asks for something reasonable, the good father would surely NOT respond by supplying a bad thing. All of these are part of the parable EXCEPT: (If the child asks for ____, surely you would not give him ____.)
- a) Water; poison
 - b) Bread; stone
 - c) A fish; a serpent
 - d) An egg; a scorpion
9. Who became upset when Jesus healed a woman on the Sabbath who had been bent over for eighteen years?
- a) The ruler of the synagogue
 - b) A group of Pharisees
 - c) The Sadducees
 - d) Caiaphas, the high priest
 - e) Her chiropractor
10. Which of these were true concerning Zacchaeus: (three answers this time)
- a) He was trying to avoid being seen by Jesus
 - b) He served as a treasurer to the chief priests
 - c) He was healed of leprosy by Jesus
 - d) He climbed up into a Sycamore tree
 - e) He agreed to give half of his worldly goods to the poor
 - f) He hosted Jesus as a guest at his house
 - g) He was a center for the Jerusalem Jaguars basketball team

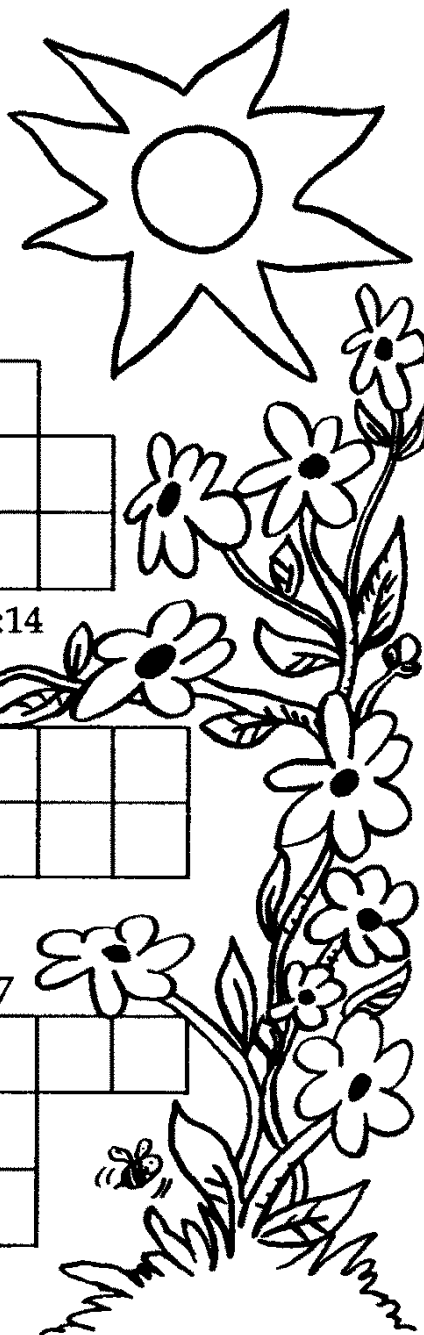


Just for KIDS

"For everything there is a season..."

—Ecclesiastes 3:1

There are many signs that tell us spring is coming! Use your Bible to find words that are "signs of spring." Fit them in the boxes below. Pick one word from each Scripture verse.



Matthew 5:45	S						
Genesis 1:20		I					
Psalms 23:2		G					
Psalms 104:17		N					
		S					
Song of Solomon 6:11		O					
Psalms 103:15		F					
		S					
Psalms 104:14		P					
Isaiah 55:10		R					
Ecclesiastes 7:1		I					
Revelation 21:5		N					
		G					

Psalms 104:14

Genesis 3:7

Deuteronomy 22:6

EASTER STORY COOKIES

To be made the evening before Easter.

You will need:

- 1 cup whole pecans
- 1 tsp. vinegar
- 3 egg whites
- Pinch of salt
- 1 cup sugar
- Zipper baggie, wooden spoon, tape, Bible.



Preheat oven to 300° F

Place pecans in zipper baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read: John 19:1-3.

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross he was given vinegar to drink. Read: John 19:28-30.

Add egg whites to the vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read: John 10:10-11

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. Read: Luke 23:27

So far the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 cup of sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. Read: Psalm 23:27.

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity, in God's eyes, of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read: Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:16.

Fold in the broken pecan pieces. Drop by teaspoons onto wax-paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read: Matthew 27:57-60.

Put the cookie sheet in the oven. Close the oven door and turn the oven OFF.

Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed shut. Read: Matthew 27:65-66.

GO TO BED! Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read: John 16:20 and 22.

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read: Matthew 28:1-9.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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1. B (Luke 1:20)
2. D (Luke 2:25-35)
3. B (Luke 4:17)
4. C (Luke 5:1-11)
5. A (Luke 6:14-16)
6. A and D (Luke 8:55-56)
7. B (Luke 9:54)
8. A (Luke 11:11-13)
9. A (Luke 13:11-17)
10. D, E, F (Luke 19:1-8)



Sun, birds, green,
nests, grass, blossoms,
flower, leaves, plants,
rain, birth, new, eggs

There will be a sign-up
sheet in the Narthex for
the Easter Prayer Vigil
on Sat. April 19th from
9am-4pm. You can sign-
up in 30min blocks.



Getting to Know You

Yes, it is the song that was sung by Deborah Kerr in the musical, “The King and I”, as she was being introduced to her students. We want to introduce you to people here at St. Andrew. We will be introducing you to someone every month.

Kathy Dellorfan

Where were you born?

Schenectady, NY

What is (was) your career vocation?

Elementary teacher, grades 3 & 4



What profession other than your own would you have liked to attempt?

Nursing – I wish I knew more about medicine and could help people get well.

Who was influential in your Christian upbringing?

My Mother and Father – I was raised in the Baptist Church and baptized by immersion.

How and when did you come to St. Andrew Lutheran Church?

In 2005 I was brought to St. Andrew by my neighbors and friends David & Shirley Lloyd.

What influenced your decision to join this congregation?

The people were friendly, I loved the music, communion was every Sunday.

In what capacity have you served in the church?

Preparing bread & wine for Communion, Serving Communion, Cooking meals for shut-ins, and Bereavement Committee

How might you be willing to serve the church now or in the future?

Not sure. Will do what I can.

What Bible passage or Bible story is your favorite?

The story of Jesus feeding 5,000 people with only 5 loaves and 2 fish.

What is your favorite Hymn?

How Great Thou Art

What Bible character (besides Jesus) impresses you the most?

Jesus' Mother Mary – she was chosen by God for the Holiest task – give birth to Jesus.

When you meet God in heaven, what would you like to hear him say?

“Welcome Home – no more pain or suffering!”

Prayer Lists

Members & friends with on-going health problems:

- ✦ Nancy Obermiller (sister of Frank Salvatore)
- ✦ Norman Payne (brother of Marilyn Staley)
- ✦ Russel Certo (Father of Kristen Stoeltzing)
- ✦ Connie Stover & family (family of Jan Snyder)
- ✦ Krista Carollo (daughter of Pat Raniere)
- ✦ Lance McElroy

Members and friends with special prayer needs:

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| ✦ Bill Dams | ✦ Hines Family |
| ✦ Beverly Carpenter | ✦ Alex Stone |
| ✦ Laura Acosta | ✦ Marie Wilson |
| ✦ Kole Nafziger | ✦ Staley Family |
| ✦ Victoria Thomas | ✦ Beck Family |
| ✦ Renee Osrrander | |

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

ATTENDANCE IN MARCH

IN-PERSON

DATE	Total
March 2	97
March 9	94
March 16	68
March 23	85
March 30	74
MONTHLY AVG.	84

ONLINE

DATE	Total
March 2	80
March 9	58
March 16	53
March 23	48
March 30	117
MONTHLY AVG.	71

Mission

Dedicated to Living and Spreading God's Word
through Loving Care and Service to All

Vision

(as a result of our Mission)

Create a welcoming environment where
All people want to come worship

Core Values

- † All are welcome
- † Service to the Community
- † Christ based worship
- † Nurturing Faith, Joyful Service and Fellowship

SERVING GOD IN APRIL

@ 10 A.M.

April 6

Worship Assistant

Kole Nafziger

Altar Care

Mike & Barbara Bostian

Serving Communion

Pastor Saurman

Rev. Mike & Barbara Bostian

Heidi Johnson

Greeters

Pat Connolly

Jan Snyder

Ushers/Attendance

Jim Rowan

Mike Bonner

Reading Lessons

Daryl Anderson

Reading Prayers

Martha Nordstrom

Crucifer

Bonnie Anderson

Acolyte

Hunter Edmundson

Baking Bread

Pat Connolly

Live Stream

Dave & Doreen Huggett

April 13

Worship Assistant

Dave Brown

Altar Care

Gene & Judy DuPree

Serving Communion

Pastor Saurman

Gene & Judy DuPree

Steve Baucom

Greeters

Karen Skipper

Nancy Hug

Ushers/Attendance

Sam & Mary Ann Coxson

Reading Lessons

Susan Bonner

Reading Prayers

Darlene Saurman

Crucifer

Larry Frederick

Acolyte

Martha Nordstrom

Baking Bread

Pat Connolly

Live Stream

Billy & Linda Bloomfield

April 17

Worship Assistant

Needed

Altar Care

Linda Bloomfield

Serving Communion

Pastor Saurman

Needed

Greeters

Needed

Ushers/Attendance

Needed

Reading Lessons

Needed

Reading Prayers

Needed

Crucifer

Mike Bonner

Acolyte

Steve Baucom

Baking Bread

Carol Thirkell

Live Stream

Daryl Anderson

Billy Bloomfield

SERVING GOD IN MARCH

April 20

@ 10 A.M.

April 27

Worship Assistant

Pat Connolly

Altar Care

Sam & Mary Ann Coxson

Serving Communion

Pastor Saurman

Linda Stone

Karen Ellenberger

Linda Allind

Greeters

Gary & Carol Thirkell

Ushers/Attendance

Don McCurdy

Elise Hauber

Reading Lessons

Barbara Hoekman

Reading Prayers

Kole Nafziger

Crucifer

Kole Nafziger

Acolyte

Don McCurdy

Baking Bread

Carol Thirkell & Pat Raniere

Live Stream

Dave & Doreen Huggett



Worship Assistant

Martha Nordstrom

Altar Care

Bonnie Anderson

Susan Spirko

Serving Communion

Pastor Saurman

Bonnie Anderson

Susan Stone

Hunter Edmundson

Greeters

Frank & Renee Salvatore

Ushers/Attendance

Chris & Lacey Orris

Reading Lessons

Bev Young

Reading Prayers

Doreen Huggett

Crucifer

Mike Bonner

Acolyte

Doreen Huggett

Baking Bread

Mary Ann Coxson

Live Stream

Daryl Anderson

Rich Acosta

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO SERVE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

YOUR PEOPLE BY THE 15TH OF EVERY MONTH AND GET THOSE NAMES TO THE CHURCH OFFICE RIGHT AWAY – AS WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO PLAN AT LEAST AN ENTIRE MONTH IN ADVANCE.

APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 CHOIR REHEARSAL 7PM	2 CHOIR REHEARSAL 7PM	3 FINANCE CMTE 7PM	4 MEN'S GROUP 8AM SPIRITUAL SISTERS 8AM
6 10AM WORSHIP	7 NOON - 1PM AL-ANON	8	9 CHOIR REHEARSAL 7PM	10 FINANCE CMTE 7PM	11	12
13 10AM WORSHIP	14 NOON - 1PM AL-ANON	15	16 10AM-1PM SPINNERS & WEAVERS CHOIR REHEARSAL 7PM	17 6:30PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING	18	19
20 10AM WORSHIP	21 NOON - 1PM AL-ANON 3PM: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG	22	23 CHOIR REHEARSAL 7PM	24	25	26
27 10AM WORSHIP	28 NOON - 1PM AL-ANON	29	30			

April

BIRTHDAYS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 MARCIE HILL	5 DOTTIE ANDERSON
6 KATHY DELLORFANO	7 MARGARET CAHOON	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 KAREN MOHR	15	16 JADE COLE	17 STEVEN STOELTZING	18	19 LAURA BILLARD
20	21	22 NANCY HUG DAVID MONK BILL BROADWAY	23	24 BROOKLYN DEARIEN	25 RUTH DAVIS CLAIRE ELLENBERGER	26
27	28	29	30			

April

Anniversaries



Love

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 DAVID & MARSHA KINDROCK	3 ERIC & STEPHANIE EDMUNDSON REV. KENNETH & DARLENE SAURMAN	4 JON & LINDA SCHMIDT	5
6 JERRY & JEAN JACKSON	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 J.T. & KAREN ELLENBERGER	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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