

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Newsletter



June 2025

Pastor's Page

A Letter That Changed History

Once upon a time, people wrote letters. People actually used to put a pen to paper and write to one another. And there are letters that changed history.

A letter killed Charlotte Braun. Charlotte who? Charlotte Braun was a pushy version of Charlie Brown in the classic Peanuts comic strips. She was introduced to the comic strip in November 1954, prompting a fan to write a letter to the creator of Peanuts, Charles Schulz. She was complaining about the obnoxious character. So, Schulz killed the character – literally! On January 5, 1955, Charles Schulz wrote a response to the fan which included a drawing of Charlotte Braun with an axe in her head. [Look it up]



A letter connected Annie Oakley to the President of the United States. The famous sharpshooter believed that she could be of service to her country. She wrote a letter to President William McKinley offering her services, and that of fifty lady sharpshooters in the Spanish-American War. McKinley never responded, but Oakley's letter might have helped to open the door for women in military service.

A letter rearmed James Bond. In 1956, a fan named Geoffrey Boothroyd wrote Ian Fleming, the creator of James Bond, and criticized him for putting “a lady's gun” in Bond's hands, a .25-caliber Beretta. Fleming responded by rearming Bond with a Walther PPK, and he took on Boothroyd as an arms advisor. He also created a new character in his Bond novels named Major Boothroyd. All Bond fans know him as “Q.”

And there is a letter that names us all “children of God through faith.” In his letter to the Galatians, our Second Reading for June 22nd, the apostle Paul changed history by arguing that we are made right with God through the faith of Jesus, not through religious law. He was writing to a group of Greek-speaking converts to Christianity, who wondered if they needed to add Jewish religious practices to their new faith in Jesus. After receiving Paul's letter, they realized that there was “no longer Jew or Greek ... slave or free ... male or female.” Instead, all were one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:28).

History was changed in small ways by letters to Charles Schulz, President McKinley and Ian Fleming. But it was changed big – by Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Before Paul put pen to paper (really it was pen to papyrus), people were “imprisoned and guarded under the law.” The religious laws of the Bible restrained, and also protected people, preventing them from hurting themselves and others.

That's why Paul wrote his letter when he did. He insisted that "the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith." Once Christ died and rose from the tomb, no human action is required except that we put our complete trust in him.

Paul writes that we are "justified by faith." In other words, we are made right with God by the faithfulness of our Savior, Jesus. But our faith has a role to play as well, as we say yes to what God has done by putting our trust in Jesus.

Personal faith. Christ's faith. Together, they form the Christian faith. And now that we're in a state of faith, we no longer live by the law. That's what Paul says to the Galatians in his history changing letter.

So, what's the result of being justified by faith? For Paul, it means that all followers of Christ are now "children of God." Before writing this letter, the term "children of God" had been reserved for God's chosen people, the Jews, and naturally applied also to the first Jewish followers of Jesus. These disciples continued to practice circumcision and follow many of the religious laws of the Old Testament.

But now, writes Paul, "in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith." The circumcised as well as the uncircumcised. The keepers of the law as well as those who know nothing of the law. The Jews as well as the Greeks – all are children of God through faith.

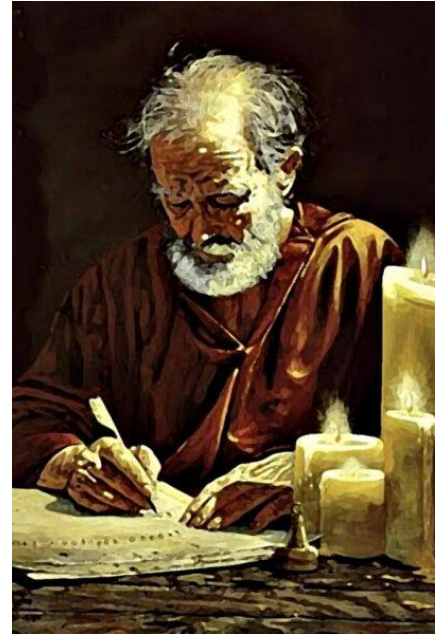
For Christians today, this letter speaks of the power of faith to create a new family called "the Children of God." It doesn't matter if you have both a father and a mother. It doesn't matter if you are from a good neighborhood. It doesn't matter if English is your first language. It doesn't matter if you have a job, or a car, or a house.

What matters is FAITH. The faith of Christ and our faith as well. That's what makes us Children of God. God has destroyed the barriers that divide Gentile and Jew, slave and free, male and female, from each other. Our greatest contribution to history might be the creation of a community in which barriers fall and people are no longer separated by religion, culture, nationality, economics, or gender. If we are truly "one in Christ Jesus," we should be able to overcome the divisions that have driven us apart. There is more to unite us than there is to divide us if we "belong to Christ."

In God's eyes, unity does not mean uniformity. As Christians, we can show the world a new kind of unity, one that includes people of diverse backgrounds, conditions, languages and lifestyles. We have Paul's history changing letter. Now it is our turn and our time to respond in faith.

In His name,

Rev. Kenneth Sammons





Portrait of a Biblical Giver – Where Your Treasure Is

The six biblical stewardship values -intentional, regular, generous, first, proportional, cheerful – answer the question, “What does a biblical giver look like?” or perhaps more accurately, “How does a biblical giver act?” encouraging these values in givers is one of the tasks of your stewardship leaders here at St. Andrew Lutheran.

To stress the importance of these biblical values, let’s return to Luke 12:32-34, which we looked at briefly a few months ago.

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Many people have misread these words of Jesus and imagined that they say, “For where your heart is, there your treasure will be also.” I have even heard people say, “We have to change people’s hearts, and then their money will follow.” I suppose that could happen, but we need to recognize that this is not what Jesus says.

Jesus says that where your treasure is, where you put your money, that is where your heart will be. If this is true (and who am I to disagree with Jesus?), then we can say that as people grow in their giving to Christ’s church, they will grow in their relationship with Jesus. We are talking about a cause-and-effect relationship here. Giving more to Jesus’ work will result in growing closer to Jesus. Are we overstating the case if we follow the logic of these verses saying:

- Sell your possessions
- Give alms
- Have treasure in heaven
- Have your heart grow closer to Jesus

Another way to think about what Jesus says here is to talk about “acting your way into a new way of thinking,” as opposed to “thinking your way into a new way of acting.” If Jesus said, “where your heart is, there your treasure will be also,” then he was talking about the need to first change people’s hearts. He was talking about trying to think your way into a new way of acting. On the other hand, since what Jesus says here is “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also,” then he is talking about the need to first change people’s actions. He is talking about trying to act your way into a new way of thinking.

I am convinced it is far easier, and far more lasting, to act your way into a new way of thinking. It is far more effective if my actions lead my thoughts, than if my thoughts lead my actions. If, on the other hand, I trust in God’s promise, and simply start tithing, I will find that my attitudes toward giving will quickly change. My actions lead my thinking far more effectively than my thinking leads my actions.

What this all means is that what God’s people do with their money has a profound impact on God’s people’s relationship with their Lord. To put it as directly as possible – you have God’s promise that if you grow in your giving, you will grow in your relationship with Jesus.

The six stewardship values and Luke 12:32-34 have shown a direct correlation between biblical stewardship practices, especially generosity, and a growing relationship with Jesus. The goal of your

stewardship ministry should be for people to live these stewardship values, to increase their giving, not so that your church might have more money, but so that God's children might grow in their relationship with their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Giving intentionally, regularly, generously, first, proportionally, and cheerfully will lead a giver's heart to Jesus. Stewardship leaders have the privilege of asking, "How can we help people become this kind of giver, so that their heart might be drawn closer to Jesus?"

Next month: some more of ***"Practicing Biblical Stewardship"***
(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.

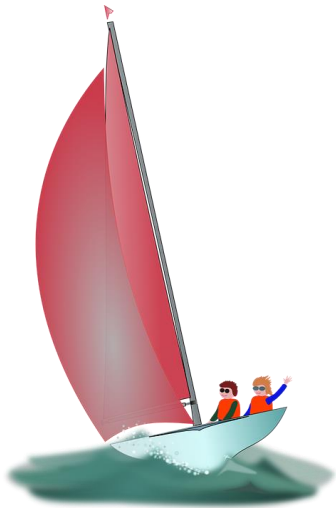
Please call the church office if

- 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.



S.A.I.L.



Single Adults In Life.

Our first effort to get single adults together failed horribly. Pastor Saurman had chosen “Poppy’s” on Pollock Street, a good restaurant indeed. But it would have helped a great deal if Pastor Saurman had first checked the hours that the restaurant is open for business. OOPS! Big mistake.

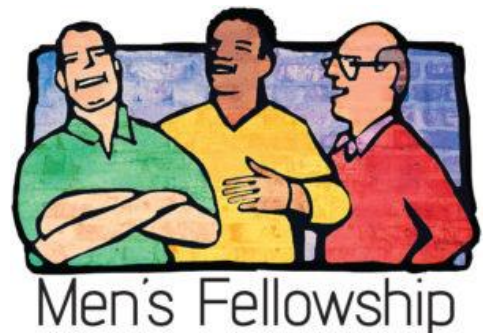
We are going to give him just one more chance.

All single adults are invited to gather at “Annabelle’s” on Thursday, June 12th at 1:30pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex so we can know who and how many to expect.

Calling All Men

Pastor Mike Bostian (retired hospital chaplain, and long-time member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church) gathers the men of St. Andrew monthly for a breakfast, devotions, an introduction of one of the men, and the planning of work projects.

The next gathering of the Men’s Group will be on Saturday, June 7th. Breakfast is being offered by Sam Coxson. Pastor Saurman will lead us in a brief devotional time. Then Dave Huggett will introduce himself to the group. You won’t want to miss this! Make the effort to come and join us. You’ll be glad that you did!

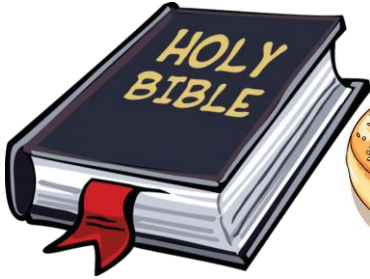


Adult Bible Study



Every Sunday morning, we have a simple Bible Study in Week’s Hall. Everyone is 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. 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" is taking the summer off. They will begin again in September. Watch for an invite in a few months.

Mother's Day Celebration



On Sunday, May 11th, we purposely set aside a very special time during worship to honor Mother's Day. Worshipers were invited to come forward and light a candle in honor or memory of their own mother. Mothers were encouraged to light a candle. Women who wished being a mother – and mothers who had a child die were also invited to come and light a candle. So many of our worshipers came forward and it all went so smoothly. Thanks to everyone who participated, and for making the day extra special.

Highlights from the Ladies' Tea

On May 17th, the St. Andrew ladies enjoyed tea, tasty goodies, and fellowship. Highlights included:

- A 'get to know you better' game where each lady told the origin of her first name – one lady was named after her father's secretary!!
- Darlene Saurman shared that she has never been asked to say an opening prayer before
- The ladies shared stories about their favorite teacups along with a teacup devotion
- A Bible moment was provided by Barbara Stumpf
- Fun was had by all and we all agreed to make the Ladies Tea an annual event



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"Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of fatherhood. We pray for all fathers, grant them strength, wisdom, patience, and love as they guide their children. Help them be present and loving role models. Comfort those who long to be fathers, heal broken relationships, and bring peace to those who grieve. May all fatherhood reflect your perfect love. Amen."

Ann Horner

– Story by Renee Salvatore



Most of the people in our congregation don't know who Ann Horner is – but here is a bit of information about her.

Ann, her husband, Walter, and her family (3 boys Michael, Elliot, and Edward) were members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church before it was a charter church. Ann missed being a charter member because she was at home sick the day St. Andrew got its charter.

They were very generous where the church was concerned. They donated money for hymnals, put the chandeliers in Weeks Hall when it was needed as a worship space. Walter was very good at fixing things and was the churches handyman for a long time.

Ann's middle son was a member of Ken McCain's Boy Scout Troop. Her youngest son went to Sunday School with Margaret

Cahoon's younger sister.

Ann remains a steadfast member of our church and served as our financial secretary for many years.

About 5 years ago she moved to McCarthy Court and lived there until recently. Her family moved her to Truewood Memory Care Facility. Frank & I were visiting his sister, Nancy, there. Frank had on his St. Andrew Church shirt and got to talking to Ann's son. He called me over to meet her and the family and we got to chatting – that is how I found out the information for this article.

Ann's family has hired a very caring lady named Jenna to see over Ann. She and Karl, Jenna's husband, are very caring people.

Jenna & Karl are also looking for a church which I didn't know. I brought our current newsletter for her to read to Ann and she was very impressed in what she read.

Please make them welcome when you see them.

The Season of Pentecost

The Day of Pentecost (also called Whit Sunday) is a Christian holiday which takes place on the 50th day after Easter Day. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles of Jesus while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31). Pentecost is a Festival in the Lutheran Church. Since its date depends on the date of Easter, Pentecost is another one of those "moveable feasts".

The events of Acts Chapter 2 are set against the backdrop of the celebration of Pentecost in Jerusalem. There are several major features to the Pentecost narrative presented in the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. The author begins by noting that the disciples of Jesus "were all together in one place" on the "day of Pentecost". The verb used in Acts 2:1 to indicate the arrival of the day of Pentecost, carries a connotation of fulfillment.

There is a "mighty rushing wind" (wind is a common symbol for the Holy Spirit) and "tongues as of fire" appear. The gathered disciples were "filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance". Some scholars have interpreted the passage as a reference to the multitude of languages spoken by the gathered disciples, while others have taken the reference to "tongues" to signify ecstatic speech.

In Christian tradition, this event represents fulfillment of the promise that Christ will baptize his followers with the Holy Spirit. Out of the four New Testament gospels, the distinction between baptism by water and the baptism by Christ with "Holy Spirit and fire" is only found in Matthew and Luke.

The narrative in Acts evokes the symbolism of Jesus's baptism in the Jordan River, and the start of his ministry, by explicitly connecting the earlier prophecy of John the Baptist to the baptism of the disciples with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The timing of the narrative during the law giving festival of Pentecost symbolizes both continuity with the giving of the law, but also the central role of the Holy Spirit for the early church. The central role of Christ in Christian faith signified a fundamental theological separation from the traditional Jewish faith, which was grounded in the Torah and Mosaic Law.

The Season of Pentecost tells the many stories of the lives of people living their faith through the Holy Spirit. This year, the Season of Pentecost ends on Christ the King Sunday, November 23rd.

The liturgical color of the Day of Pentecost is **RED**. We invite everyone to try and wear something **RED** to worship on June 8.



THOUGHT...

"One of the greatest challenges to our faith is the superlatives of God. It would be easy to be comfortable with our faith if God used words like: 'sometimes' - 'partial' - 'half' - or 'under the right circumstances'. But God uses words like: 'always' - 'in all things' - 'all grace' - and 'in every place'.

Words like 'failure' - 'almost' - or 'second best' are not in God's vocabulary."

- Roy Lessin

"But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession and through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing Him."

- 2 Corinthians 2:14

My Question Is

Q - I am relatively new to the Lutheran Church. Actually, I have two questions. First: I've heard the stories about Martin Luther and that he is the "Father of the Protestant Reformation." So my question is this: Why, when reciting the Creed, do we say, "I believe in the holy catholic church . . . and not the holy christian church?"

Second: Also with the wording of the Creed, why do we say, "he descended to the dead" and not, "he descended to Hell"?

A - These are such excellent questions, that comes up quite often every several years.

The quick and the easy answer to the first question is this: the words **catholic church** (with all lowercase letters) means the **universal church**, and not one specific church group. The use of the word **catholic** - groups all christian churches (churches that believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior) together. We are united in our faith in Jesus Christ, despite the fact that some of these Christian churches have different doctrines. Our one common denominator is our faith in the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross, paying the price for our sins. What different faiths are we declaring to being united with?

Again, the answer is: we are associating ourselves with all Christians who worship our Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All of the Creeds that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) uses in worship have the word catholic with lowercase letters.

With regard to your second question: "He descended to the dead" in Christian theology refers to a period between Jesus' death and resurrection, when his soul visited the place of the dead, often referred to as Hell, Hades, or Sheol. Jesus' descent means his soul, (separate from his physical body which was in the grave), visited this place of the dead. He proclaimed his victory over death and sin, offering salvation to those who had died before him. It's important to understand that "hell" in this context doesn't necessarily refer to the eternal place of punishment, but rather the abode of the dead, including the righteous and unrighteous. The descent to the dead signifies Jesus's complete humanity and his victory over death, providing hope for those who have died in faith.

Making Disciples NOT JUST Members

Studying God's Word

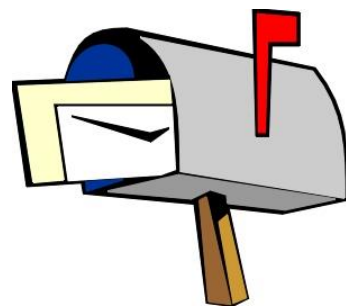
Yes, it is true. Pastor Saurman does indeed lead a Bible Study every Sunday morning in Week's Hall starting at 9:00 am – and everyone is invited to come and join the fun. But, nowhere is it dictated that only pastors can be the leaders of Bible studies. And we, here at St. Andrew, embrace the fact that God's Word is accessible to us all. That's why we proudly advertise "Bible & Bagels" and "Spiritual Sisters" in our newsletter monthly. These studies are led by different individuals every month and they are having a great time with great attendance and great results. In more and more ways, here at St. Andrew Lutheran Church we are **Making Disciples and not just Members.**

IN THE MAILBOX

We would like to thank those in the congregation that attended the memorial service for my wife and sister last Friday. It was a great testimony to the love you have for her. We would also especially like to thank the choir, JT and the Pastors for their messages. All of it resulted in a very moving memorial. Finally, thanks to the folks who put together a beautiful reception. Both Patty and myself are very grateful for all you did that day.

Much love to you all.

Gary Staley and Patty Howard



2025 FOOTLOOSE ON THE NEUSE

Bring a blanket or chair ● Pets must be on a leash ● No coolers
Food trucks and adult beverages will be available.

ULTIMATE TRIBUTE TO JOURNEY TRIAL BY FIRE

Get ready for an unforgettable summer of live music at **Union Point Park!** The annual Trent Cadillac Buick GMC Footloose on the Neuse Summer Concert Series returns! 2025 is bringing the best vibes, hottest bands and the perfect outdoor setting to make your summer Fridays special. PLUS, we are kicking things off at a new start time this year – bands take the stage at **7:30pm!**

- MAY 23** – Trial by Fire: The Ultimate Tribute to Journey
- JUNE 6** – The Stranger: A Billy Joel Tribute
- JUNE 20** – Petty Rewind: Tom Petty Tribute Band
- JULY 18** – Tell Me Lies: A Fleetwood Mac Experience
- AUGUST 8** – On the Border: The Ultimate Eagles Tribute
- AUGUST 29** – Rev On: The Foreigner Experience

St. Andrew Lutheran Church goers – meet up near the swing set around 6:30pm



This Summer Concert Series began May 23rd at 7:30pm at Union Point Park. The event is **FREE!**

Food trucks will be on site for your convenience.

Playing on the evening of June 6, is:

The Stranger –

A Billy Joel Tribute

Responding to member requests for concerts in the park as a community event opportunity, the Fellowship Committee is sharing this Summer Concert Series calendar. Members of St. Andrew that would like to attend and sit together, we will gather towards the middle of the park by the swing set.

Gina and Jim Eggert are regular attendees and are happy to be a friendly face to look for.

Remember to bring your own lawn chair or a blanket. You might also want to have a sweater or a jacket.



The Fellowship Committee has been working on scheduling some interesting activities for all of us to consider participating in. Coming up in about a week is a trip to Grainger Stadium in Kinston. **The Down East Bird Dawgs** will be playing against the Quebec Capitales. The date that we shall all caravan to Kinston is: June 8th with the game starting at 1:30pm. Cost is \$10. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex of the church. Please indicate your intention to attend the game by May 25 so tickets can be purchased ahead of time.

Where's the Bear?

Marty, the fiberglass bear, has taken up residence at St. Andrew Lutheran! The artist finished all the work



needed to make the bear look like Martin Luther, the Father of the Protestant Reformation.

You have probably noticed that the plot of soil near the front entrance to St. Andrew Lutheran Church has been dug up in preparation to become the permanent site for our “BEAR” to stand.

Marty made his debut to the people of St. Andrew on Sunday, May 18th to a rousing round of applause. Until he is transported to his permanent “den” at the front entrance to the church building, Marty will be standing in the Narthex by the front doors to greet everyone as they enter for Sunday worship.

So, why the expense of a bear when there are always other costly concerns? The Congregation Council entertained several suggestions of how we could honor the 75th Anniversary of St. Andrew’s ministry here in New Bern. They chose to get a bear. Why?

Because the bear would be a permanent and very visual expression of who we are at St. Andrew. Also, Marty, paying tribute to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther of Germany in the 1500s, connects to our powerful Lutheran heritage. It will be a visual “teaching tool” with which to tell our unique story.

The bear will be dedicated on Reformation Sunday, October 26th – the day that Martin Luther’s nailing the 95 Thesis to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg in 1517, which started the Protestant Reformation.

Are there some additional expenses, you ask? Of course there are. The plot of soil that will become Marty’s Den needs work; rocks, a concrete slab, etc. There are solar-powered security lights that still need to be purchased.

If you would like to make a contribution 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 complete the tasks. Thanks.

LIVING FAITH

- my face

My face in the mirror.
Isn't wrinkled or drawn.
My house isn't dirty.
The cobwebs are gone.
My garden looks lovely,
and so does my lawn.
I think I might never
put my glasses back on.

Hosea 5:15—6:2 – “I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: ‘Come, let us return to the Lord, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.’”



PUZZLE PAGE

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 have a ***Bible Alphabet Puzzle***.

The answers can be found on page 19.

A is for _ _ _ _ , the first man of all

B is for _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ , who stood up for Paul

C is for _ _ _ _ _ , brave spy without qualms

D is for _ _ _ _ _ , a writer of Psalms

E is for _ _ _ _ _ , a queen who made good

F is for _ _ _ _ _ , before whom Paul stood

G is for _ _ _ _ _ , judge with a sword

H is for _ _ _ _ _ , true to her word

I is for _ _ _ _ _ , Abraham's son

J is for _ _ _ _ _ , Jacob's forgiving one

K is for _ _ _ _ _ , whose son wore a crown

L is for _ _ _ _ _ , went with Paul up and down

M is for _ _ _ _ _ , the mighty law-giver

N is for _ _ _ _ _ , who washed in a river

O is for _ _ _ _ _ , Ruth's sister-in-law

P is for _ _ _ _ _ , many perils he saw

Q is for _ _ _ _ _ , Paul called him a brother

R is for _ _ _ _ _ , who became Obed's mother

S is for _ _ _ _ _ , who in prison was cast

T is for _ _ _ _ _ , believing at last

U is for _ _ _ _ _ , who in war lost his life

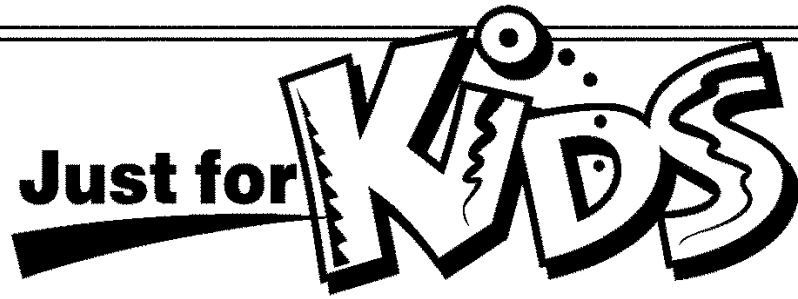
V is for _ _ _ _ _ , disposed as a wife

W is for _ _ _ _ _ , the queen of the home

X is for _ _ _ _ , in the numbers of Rome

Y is for _ _ _ _ _ , which should not be despised

Z is for _ _ _ _ _ , the city most prized



• • • ABC	• • • DEF	• • • GHI
• • • JKL	• • • MNO	• • • PQR
• • • STU	• • • VWX	• • YZ

 = **A**
 = **N**

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

PUZZLE PAGE ANSWERS

Adam
Barnabas (Acts 9:27)
Caleb (Numbers 13:30)
David
Esther (Esther 9:29)
Felix (Acts 24)
Gideon (Judges 7:20)
Hannah (1 Samuel 1:11, 28)
Isaac
Joseph
Kish (1 Samuel 9:1; 10:11)
Luke (2 Timothy 4:11)
Moses

Naaman (2 Kings 5)
Orpah (Ruth 1:4)
Paul
Quartus (Romans 16:23)
Ruth
Silas (Acts 16)
Thomas (John 20:28)
Uriah (2 Samuel 11:15)
Vashti (Esther 1:9)
Woman
X equals TEN
Youth (1 Timothy 4:12)
Zion



“With songs of thanksgiving and with
the music of cymbals, harps and lyres.”

THE LIGHTER SIDE

Two well-worn bills arrived at the Federal Reserve Bank to be retired – a \$100 bill and a \$1 bill. As they traveled down the conveyor belt, they struck up a conversation.

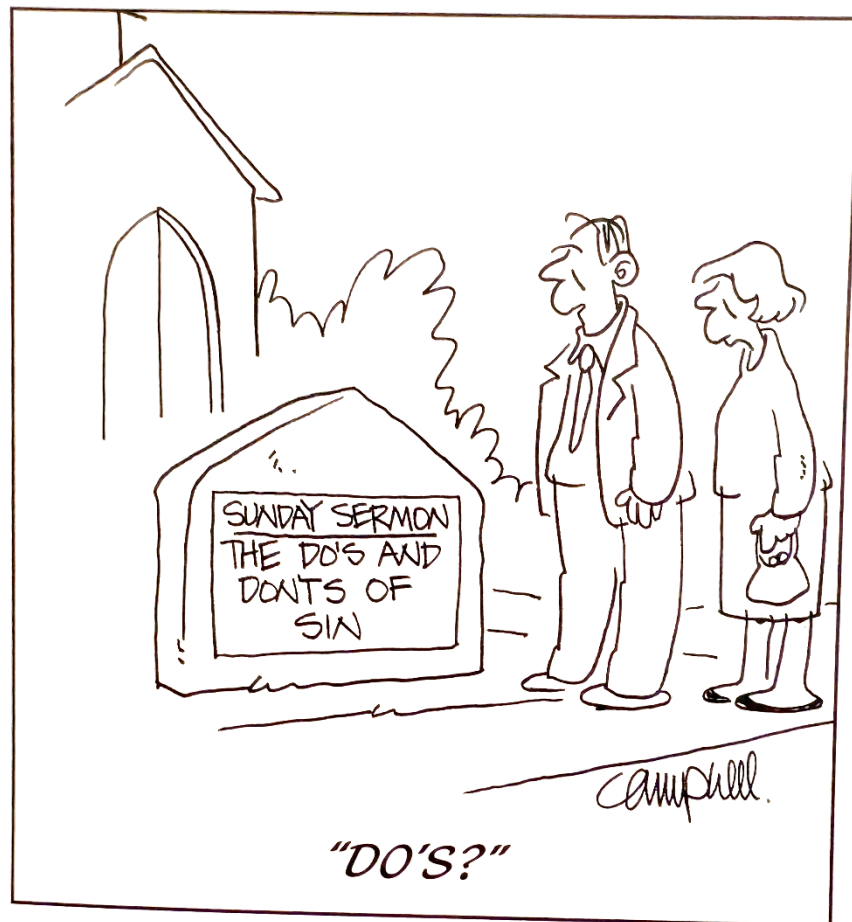
The hundred reminisced about the interesting life he had, traveling all over the country. “I’ve been to the finest restaurants, Broadway shows, Las Vegas, and amusement parks,” he said. “I even went on a Caribbean cruise once. Where have you been?”

“Oh,” said the one dollar bill, “I’ve been to a Methodist church, an Episcopal church, a Baptist church, and a Lutheran church.”

“What’s a church?” asked the hundred.

Hymns for Christians over 65 years old:

- *Give Me that Old Timer’s Religion*
- *Precious Lord, Take My Hand, And Help Me Up*
- *Just a Slower Walk with Thee*
- *Go Tell It on the Mountain, But Speak Up*
- *Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing*
- *Guide Me, O Thou, Great Lord God, I’ve Forgotten Where I’ve Parked the Car*
- *Count Your Many Birthdays, Count Them One By One*
- *Blessed Insurance*
- *It Is Well With My Soul, But My Knees Hurt*



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.

Susan Spirko

Where were you born?

Pennsylvania

What is (was) your career vocation?

Optician, Teacher, Project Manager



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

Nursing

Who was influential in your Christian upbringing?

My Grandmother

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

2012 – Looking for an ELCA Lutheran Church

What influenced your decision to join this congregation?

The warmth of the people and the friends who were members

In what capacity have you served in the church?

Council Member, numerous committees, usher, setting up for communion, serving communion, cooking for church functions

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

Continued involvement in all of my activities

What Bible passage or Bible story is your favorite?

Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans and thought I have for you,” says the Lord. “Plans for peace and wellbeing and not disaster, but to give you a future and hope.”

What is your favorite Hymn?

“It is Well with My Soul (When Peace Like a River)”

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

The women surrounding Jesus

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

“Your sins are forgiven. Welcome Home!”

Prayer Lists

Members & friends with on-going health problems:

- ✦ Krista Carollo (daughter of Pat Raniere)
- ✦ Bill Broadway, Jr. (son of Bill & Linda Broadway)
- ✦ Scott, Alex, Kelly, Jay, Nora, Susan (friends & family of the Allenspachs)
- ✦ Family of Norman Payne

Members and friends with special prayer needs:

- | | |
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| ✦ Staley Family | ✦ Connie Johnson |
| ✦ Beck Family | ✦ Alex Johnson |
| ✦ Pastor Saurman | ✦ Jon Schmidt |
| ✦ Lock Family | ✦ Laura Acosta |
| ✦ Beverly Carpenter | |
| ✦ Pam Stewart | |

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 MAY

IN-PERSON

DATE	Total
May 4	81
May 11	97
May 18	81
May 25	89
MONTHLY AVG.	87

ONLINE

DATE	Total
May 4	41
May 11	32
May 18	44
May 25	41
MONTHLY AVG.	40

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 JUNE

@ 10 A.M.

June 1

Worship Assistant

Karen Ellenberger

Altar Care

Don McCurdy

Serving Communion

Pastor Saurman

Steve Baucom

Kole Nafziger

Linda Stone

Greeters

Pat Connolly

Jan Snyder

Ushers/Attendance

Dennis & Charlene Treubert

Reading Lessons

Daryl Anderson

Reading Prayers

Mary Ann Coxson

Crucifer

Kole Nafziger

Acolyte

Don McCurdy

Baking Bread

Pat Raniere

Live Stream

Daryl Anderson

21 Rich Acosta



June 8

Worship Assistant

Daryl Anderson

Altar Care

Mike & Barbara Bostian

Serving Communion

Pastor Saurman

Rev. Mike & Barbara Bostian

Heidi Johnson

Greeters

Gary & Carol Thirkell

Ushers/Attendance

Don McCurdy

Elise Hauber

Reading Lessons

Linda Bloomfield

Reading Prayers

Anna Edmundson

Crucifer

Mike Bostian

Acolyte

Steve Baucom

Baking Bread

Pat Raniere

Live Stream

Dave & Doreen Huggett

SERVING GOD IN JUNE

June 15

Worship Assistant

Pat Connolly

Altar Care

Judy DuPree

Serving Communion

Pastor Saurman

Judy DuPree

Bev Young

Kole Nafziger

Greeters

Chris & Lacey Orris

Ushers/Attendance

Matt & Susan Spirko

Reading Lessons

Linda Allind

Reading Prayers

Barbara Hoekman

Crucifer

Bonnie Anderson

Acolyte

Martha Nordstrom

Baking Bread

Dorothy Conners

Live Stream

Billy & Linda Bloomfield

@ 10 A.M.

June 22

Worship Assistant

Steve Baucom

Altar Care

Sam & Mary Ann Coxson

Serving Communion

Pastor Saurman

Linda Stone; Nancy Donahue

Karen Ellenberger

Greeters

Sam & Mary Ann Coxson

Ushers/Attendance

Mike Bonner; Judy DuPree

Reading Lessons

Pat Connolly

Reading Prayers

Pat Connolly

Crucifer

Larry Frederick

Acolyte

Darlene Saurman

Baking Bread

Bonnie Anderson

Live Stream

Daryl Anderson; Rich Acosta

June 29

Worship Assistant

Susan Bonner

Altar Care

Bonnie Anderson

Susan Spirko

Serving Communion

Pastor Saurman

Nancy Hug; Susan Spirko

Bonnie Anderson

Greeters

Karen Skipper; Nancy Hug

Ushers/Attendance

Don McCurdy; Elise Hauber

Reading Lessons

Mary Ann Coxson

Reading Prayers

Karen Ellenberger

Crucifer

Don McCurdy

Acolyte

Hunter Edmundson

Baking Bread

Bonnie Anderson

Live Stream

Billy & Linda Bloomfield

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.

JUNE 2025

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 10AM WORSHIP	2 NOON - 1PM AL-ANON	3	4	5	6	7 MEN'S GROUP 8AM TOTS OF FUN 10:30-11:30
8 10AM WORSHIP	9 NOON - 1PM AL-ANON	10	11	12 FINANCE CMTE 7PM	13	14
15 10AM WORSHIP	16 NOON - 1PM AL-ANON 3PM: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MTG	17	18	19 6:30PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING	20	21
22 10AM WORSHIP	23 NOON - 1PM AL-ANON	24	25	26	27	28
29 10AM WORSHIP	30					

June

BIRTHDAYS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 KAREN SKIPPER	2 LINDA BLOOMFIELD	3 CHARLENE TREUBERT	4	5	6 JONATHAN RILEY	7
8 DIANA CHILDERS	9 MARTHA NORDSTROM	10 MARY MASCIA	11	12 CONNIE STOERMER	13 BARBARA HOEKMAN	14
15	16 BARBARA BELON	17 DAVE HUGGETT	18	19	20	21
22 REV. JANICE MURRAY	23	24 MARILYN WEST	25 ALEX HAGY	26 ALETHA ANDERSON PEG BROWN NANCY MICHAELS	27 ERIC EDMUNDSON KEN MCCAIN	28
29 DAVID MOHR	30					

June

Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 MIKE & SUSAN BONNER	4 GENE & JUDY DUPREE	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 KEVIN & LORRIE HAGY	13 ROLAND & BARBARA HOEKMAN	14 ED & BETH EDMUNDSON
15	16 EDWIN & BARBARA BELON	17 DAVID & SHIRLEY LLOYD	18	19	20 FRANK & RENEE SALVATORE	21
22	23	24 GARY & CAROL THIRKELL	25	26	27 JAMES & MARDA DIVEN	28
29	30					

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