

THE WITNESS

APRIL 2020

"In your presence there is fullness of joy" (Ps. 16:1)



SATURDAY CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 6:30 P.M.
SUNDAY CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP 9:30 A.M.
SUNDAY TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES 8:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
(Nursery available for all services)

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SUNDAY WORSHIP READINGS

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
4/5	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66
Maundy Thursday 4/9	Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
God Friday 4/10	Isaiah 52:13 — 53:12	Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25	John 18:1-19:42
4/12	Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Colossians 3:1-4	Matthew 28:1-10
4/19	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
4/26	Act 2:14a, 36-41	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35

Theodore H. Rust
 Rev. Robert M. WeeksTh.M.
 J. T. Ellenberger
 Peg Brown Messier
 Debbie Laundrie
 Martha A. Nordstrom
 Elise Hauber
 Laura Scott
 Beverly Rust
 James Thompson

Pastor & Mission Director
 Pastor Emeritus
 Music Director
 Administrative Assistant
 Administrative Assistant
 Vol. Administrative Asst.
 Stephen Ministry Leader
 Nursery Attendant
 Youth Chimes Choir Director
 Janitor

Our Lutheran Missionaries in Madagascar: Rev. Austin & Tanya Propst

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SCHEDULES FOR MEETINGS,
 ACTIVITIES AND WORSHIP SERVICES ARE PENDING OUR BEING
 ABLE TO RESUME OUR USUAL CALENDAR. THIS IS BEING SENT
 WITH HOPEFUL AND PRAYERFUL HEARTS FOR A SHORT
 DURATION. WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED. THANK YOU!**

2020 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM
REV. DR. TED RUST AND BARBARA BELON,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Dear members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church,

“The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.”

(Revelation 22:21)

We want to keep all of our members safe and healthy so we will be **cancelling all Worship Services and meetings effective immediately** today March 16, 2020. We will not hold any church services or meetings until we are sure it is safe to do so.

This action follows the advice of the Center for Disease Control and Bishop Tim Smith of our North Carolina Synod ELCA.

We will let you know when we will be having Worship Services again. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation in these unusual times. The Church Office will remain open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and we can be reached at 637-5879. Friday the office will be open 9:00 a.m. to Noon. God bless you and your loved ones.

Rev. Dr. Theodore H. Rust – Pastor

Dr. Barbara Belon – Church Council President

A NEW WAY TO WORSHIP VIA TECHNOLOGY

Brought to us by Edwin Belon and Darryl Anderson

The plan is to do a live video and audio broadcast on Sundays at 9:30 AM. Attendance during the recording sessions is by invitation only.

St Andrew's Website will have a link on the Worship Services section to the YouTube channel. The link name is "Online Sunday Service 9:30 AM".

The Website's url is: <https://standrewnewbern.com/>

We recommend to using Google's Chrome, Edge or Fire Fox browsers. Internet Explorer will not work.

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This Sunday's broadcast will be our first test. We have no idea of the number of people we can serve simultaneously. We'll try to record the service and make it available on the Website.

Edwin Belon

Y-E-S

YOUTH EVANGELIZING SERVING

Monday Nights Fall of 2019 and Winter/Spring of 2020

This is a new Youth Program led by Pastor Ted Rust and Beverly Rust.

6:00 to 6:30 p.m. Youth Bells (Grades 5 and higher) with Beverly. (Narthex)

6:00 to 6:30 p.m. Grades K through Grade 4 with Ted. (Chapel)

6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Grades 5 and higher with Ted (Chapel)

7:00 to 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class with Ted (Chapel Grade 5 and up)

Pastor Rust would like the Confirmation Youth to be here from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Please call Pastor Ted Rust at 637-5879 if you have questions about these programs.

On April 6 "The Resurrection of Christ" is the Lesson from Matthew 28, Mark 16, John 20.

(We will not meet on April 13)

On April 20 the Lesson is the "Lost Son" from Luke Chapter 15.

On April 27 the Lesson is the "Foolish Rich Man" from Luke Chapter 12.

On May 4 the Lesson is the "Pharisee and the Tax Collector" of Luke Chapter 18.

On May 11 the Lesson is the "Good Samaritan" from Luke Chapter 10.

Rev. Dr. Ted Rust's February 2020 Mission Report

February 2020 Worship Attendance

70 persons at 4 Saturday Contemporary Services or an average of **18**.

148 persons at 4 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Services or an average of **37**

92 persons at 4 "**Journey**" Contemporary 9:30 a.m. Services or average of **23**.

269 persons at four 11:00 a.m. Services or an average of **67**.

579 Total Attendance for 4 Weekends or an average of **145**.

Ash Wednesday Attendance in 2020 was 80 at 2 services.

602 miles driven to visit members, the sick and attend important meetings this Month.

Does Pastor Rust Preach Sermons? Yes. He usually preaches at 4 Services each week.

Does Pastor Rust Teach? Yes. He teaches a Monthly Bible Study called "PACE" (Pastor's Adult Christian Education). In March during Lent he is teaching 2 Bible studies on "A New and Right Spirit."

Does Pastor Rust visit the Sick/Hurting Members? Yes. Feb. 1-Ben Epting, Feb. 2-Susan Blakelock, Feb. 2-Ed Blakelock, Feb. 3-Upset member, Feb. 5-Carol Minck, Feb. 5-Ellie Zaffer, Feb. 5-Lori Parish, Feb. 6-Irmgard Alberts, Feb. 7-Chris Brown, Feb. 7-Irmgard Alberts, Feb. 10-Irmgard Alberts, Feb. 17-James Thompson, Feb. 17-Betty Geiss, Feb. 17-Don Alberts, Feb. 17-Irmgard Alberts, Feb. 17 Linda (daughter), Feb. 17-Carol Kaijala, Feb. 17-Glenn Kaijala, Feb. 19-Ben Epting, Feb. 20-Carol Gunsten, Feb. 21-Don Alberts, Feb. 21-Irmgard Alberts, Feb. 24-Ben Epting, Feb. 24-Anne Horner, Feb. 24-Horner Son, Feb. 24-Irmgard Alberts, Feb. 24-Alberts Family, Feb. 25-Irmgard Alberts, Feb. 25-Linda Alberts, Feb. 25-Alberts Family, Feb. 25-Nancy Michaels, Feb. 29-Patty Epting, Feb. 29-Kelly Strayer.

Pastor Rust's Hospital Calls: Feb. 6-Don Alberts, Feb. 7-Don Alberts, Feb. 9-Don Alberts, Feb. 25-Don Michaels.

Does Pastor Rust work with the Youth? Yes. He started a new Monday Night Youth Program called "YES" which stands for "**Youth Evangelizing Serving**." The program includes 2 Youth Choirs, 1 Youth Bell Choir, and Confirmation Class. **Average number of youth attending on Mondays is between 12 and 15.**

Does Pastor Rust make Evangelism Calls? Yes? In Dec. he visited Linda Harder, Dave McCary, Pat and Dennis Connolly, and Tom Hall.

Pastor Rust's Visitation Summary: 35 Sick/Suffering members, 5 Hospital calls, 4 Prospects, 6 Counseling, 10 persons currently not attending worship, 11 Members, 9 youth, 4 Crisis for a **total of 84.**

Other helpful things Pastor Rust did in February of 2020:

- Attend Feb. 11 New Bern Civitan Club's Clergy Breakfast at Garber United Methodist.
- Provide pre-marital counseling for Joe and Cierra Franko and teach Lenten Bible Studies.
- Officiate at Wedding Rehearsal and Wedding of Joe and Cierra Franko who are prospects.
- Attend Wake Forest Univ. Fund Raising Banquet for Baseball Team. Andrew Rust is one of their players.
- Attend Executive Committee on Feb. 3 and Church Council on Feb. 6.
- Chair Evangelism Committee on Feb. 5 and preach at 4 Services each weekend.
- Setup chairs for Sunday Worship on Saturday night each week.
- Officiate at Funeral of Don Alberts on Feb. 28.
- Visit Irmgard Alberts on the day her husband Don died Feb. 24th.
- Took Dream Leader Rev. Jeff Linman out for lunch on Feb. 23.
- Attend all day Dream Leader's Saturday Meeting on Feb. 22
- Organize and Preside and play piano for 2 Ash Wednesday Services on Feb. 26.
- Setup chairs for Sunday Worship on Saturday night each week.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO THEODORE

(This is a Monthly Article by Rev. Dr. Theodore Harold Rust)

“GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH.”

There is a restaurant in the City where I currently live that I really like. I enjoy the friendly people, the food, and I especially like their North Carolina Sweet Tea. I was getting ready to enjoy a tall glass of the Tea recently when I was in such a hurry I spilled the whole big glass onto my lap. It was a refreshing experience to the say the least. It seemed all eyes were watching as I tried to clean up the ocean of tea with my single napkin. I apologized over and over again to the waiters who cleaned it up. There were several other people at the table who made some comments as they watched my antics:

- “What’s your next trick?”
- “I was thinking about getting my child baptized soon—how is your aim?”
- “You have wet pants Rev. perhaps you should go into the rest-room there is a diaper changing table there.”
- “Are you remembering your Baptism Ted?”
- “We can’t take you anywhere!”
- “Ted – they have high chairs here. You might want to try one.

After lunch I went home and put on some dry clothes. Those dry clothes felt so good. I felt like a new person walking in the “**newness of life.**” The rest of the day went much better, but the next time I go to that same restaurant I may wear a disguise.

Paul says this in Romans 6:3-5: **“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Christ in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.”**

In the church of Paul’s day immersion was the usual form of baptism. New Christian disciples were completely “buried” in water. They understood Holy Baptism to symbolize the death and burial of the old way of life. The newly baptized person would come up and out of the water and this symbolized resurrection to new life with Christ.

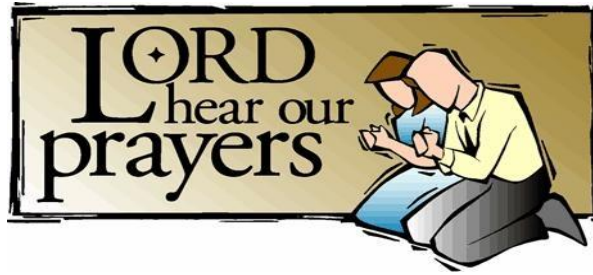
Those of us who are Christian are baptized into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a very positive, hopeful, and life-transforming truth to believe. Each new day is a new opportunity to live out your baptism by having faith in God and love for your neighbor.

We find ourselves living in the midst of difficult and fear-filled times. Many people I visit with tell me they are worried and concerned. The Covid-19 virus is now affecting people in nearly every country in the world and in every State in America. We must not panic. We are called to use the faith we have and trust in God's goodness and mercy. We are not the first human beings to live in challenging times. Please remember your Baptism and how much God loves you. Remember that God is always our refuge and strength. Your fear should not be more powerful than your faith right now. Remember the words of Psalm 46:1-2, and verse 7.

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change.....The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.”

I will be praying for all of you in sickness and in health. Remember that the God who loves you is always ready and willing to help, providing refuge, security, and peace. Psalm 46 says that God's power is complete and his ultimate victory is certain. God loves you and will hear and respond to your prayers. If there is any way I can help you as your Pastor and friend please let me know. The Lutheran Church is ready and willing to help during these strange times.

I have one more thing to say. If you ever go out to eat lunch with me you might want to not sit right beside me. Thanks to Christ I am a new creation walking in the “**newness of life,**”but I still tend to spill things. Amen.



*Please be
Praying for...*

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WITH ON-GOING HEALTH PROBLEMS:

Beth Anderson (daughter of Dottie Anderson), Rebecca Boersma (friend of the Staleys who has cancer and suffered a stroke), Chris Hatcher (Kelly Strayer's mother), Valerie Lambert (Judy Lambert's daughter-in-law), Joyce Ann Reis (sister of Dorothy Griffin).

Please pray for the following this week. Those listed below are members who need special prayers:

Betty Geiss

Gary Hatcher

Gerry Schutz

Don Michaels

Eric Edmundson

Jim Rowan on the passing of his sister-in-law Miriam Sumner.

Barbara Barden and family on the passing of Jim Barden.

Susan Blaklock and family on the passing of Ed Blakelock.

The Prayer List is cleared at the end of each month. If you want someone to still be on the Prayer List, please call or E-Mail the church office.

St. Andrew Military Prayer List: Eric Edmundson, Andrew Heath (grandson-Peg & David Brown), Shawn Morgan (son-Debbie Morgan), Austin Murdock (son of Annette Murdock), Jonathan Pack (nephew of Peg & Dave Brown), James Payne (Schmidt's grandson), Sarah Roselli (sister of Michelle Christenson), Mang Khai (in Germany, son of Catherine N L Cinn).

APRIL 2020

6:30 P.M. SATURDAY CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

6:30 PM	4/4	4/11	4/18	4/25
Worship Leader	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust
Assisting Minister	Karen Ellenberger	Jan Snyder	Barbara Belon	Jan Snyder
Greeters	Sally Kidwell, Alan Kutzing	Gary and Carol Thirkell	Bill and Jan Snyder	David and Pam Stewart
Ushers	Perry Bosmajian, Pete Schulz	Bill Snyder, Eugene Long	Pete Schulz, Edwin Belon	Gary and Carol Thirkell
Lector	Rev. Barbara Bornemann	Beverly Carpenter	Barbara Belon	David Stewart
Special Music	J.T. Ellenberger	Beverly Carpenter	Edwin and Barbara Belon	David, Pam, Ken and Shelia
Communion Servers	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust, Karen Ellenberger, Rev. Bornemann	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust, Jan Snyder, Gary Thirkell	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust, Barbara Belon, Bill Snyder	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust, Jan Snyder, Gary Thirkell
Altar Care	J.T. and Karen Ellenberger	Frank and Renee Salvatore	Don and Nancy Michaels	Bill and Jan Snyder

If you would like to help with Altar Care please call Pastor Rust at 675-5936.

APRIL 2020

8:00 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:00 AM	4/5	4/12	4/19	4/26
Worship Leader	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust
Assisting Minister	Jonathan Riley	Gianna Auld	Steve Baucom	Dave Brown
Lay Reader	Dave Brown	Chris Orris	Peg Brown	Dana Donahue
Greeters	Jackie Thaanum	Joan Bower	Larry Frederick	Connie Johnson
Ushers	Don McCurdy, Paul Miottk	John and Jonathan Riley	James Thompson, Larry Frederick	Don McCurdy, Paul Miottk
Communion Assistants	Pastor Ted, Jonathan Riley, Peg Brown	Pastor Ted, Gianna Auld, Victoria Thomas	Pastor Ted, Steve Baucom, Victoria Thomas	Pastor Ted, Dave and Peg Brown
Altar Guild	Dave and Peg Brown	Paul Miottk	Judy Lambert	Larry Frederick
Crucifer	Hunter Riley	David Lloyd	Hunter Riley	Jonathan Riley
Acolyte	James Thompson	Nathan Block, Brennan Block	Steve Baucom	Nathan and Brennan Block
Nursery	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Flowers Given to the Glory Of God	Lent no Flowers	No flowers	Open	Open

APRIL 2020 JOURNEY

9:30 AM	4/5	4/12	4/19	4/27
Worship Leader	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust
Assisting Minister	Kathy Herbert	Andrew Rust	Kathy Herbert	Andrew Rust
Greeters	Roxanne Ank, Ruth Murphy, Ben Epting	Jennifer Messina, Tyler Messina, Kathy Herbert	Karen Ellenberger, Alisha Plescher, Chris Skrotsky	Lorrie Hagy, Beverly Rust, Jeannie Barlow
Ushers	Jeff and Kim Rademacher	Lorrie Hagy, Mary Ann Coxson	Edwin Belon, Ben Epting	Sam and Mary Ann Coxson
Read Lessons	Todd Ank	Landon Hagy	Ben Epting	Kathy Herbert
Crucifer	Landon Hagy	Jeff Rademacher	Landon Hagy	Jeff Rademacher
Acolytes	Jacob Hagy, Samuel Ank	Emily Rademacher	Jacob Hagy, Samuel Ank	Emily Rademacher
Special Music	Karen Ellenberger	Pastor Ted Rust	Edwin and Barbara Belon	Beverly Carpenter
Communion Servers	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust, Kathy Herbert, Ben Epting	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust, Andrew Rust, Sam Coxson	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust, Kathy Herbert, Ben Epting	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust, Andrew Rust, Karen Ellenberger
Nursery	Laura Scott	Laura Scott	Laura Scott	Laura Scott
Flowers to the Glory of God	Lent no flowers	No flowers	Open	Open
Altar Care	Kathy Herbert	Karen Ellenberger	Jeff and Kim Rademacher	Beverly Rust, Jeannie Barlow

Please call Pastor Ted at 675-5936 if you can't serve on your date. He will find a replacement.

If you would like to begin helping with Altar Care please contact Pastor Ted at 675-5936.

APRIL 2020
11:00 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

11:00AM	4/5	4/12	4/19	4/27
Worship Leader	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust	Rev. Dr. Ted Rust
Assisting Minister	Laurna Badendieck	Rev. Jan Murray	David Lloyd	Rev. Mike Bostian
Greeters	Karen Skipper	Larry and Sharon Nelson	Bob and Allison Hines	Elise Hauber
Ushers	Matt and Susan Spirko	Billy Bloomfield, Volunteer	Jon Schmidt, Jacob Fink	Mike and Susan Bonner, Hunter Edmundson
Read Lessons	Linda Bloomfield	Karen Ellenberger	Janice Ramsden	Laurna Badendieck
Crucifer	Bonnie Anderson	Trent Adams	Gracie Edmundson	David Lloyd
Acolytes	Gracie Edmundson, Trent Adams	Lexi Rowan, Sage Adams	Sage Adams, Trent Adams	Sage Adams, Madelyn Heltzel
Communion Servers	Bonnie Anderson, Rev. Mike Bostian, Heide Johnson, Carole Reed	David and Pam Stewart, Laurna Badendieck, Barbara Belon	Gene and Judy DuPree, Linda Bloomfield, David Lloyd	Larry and Sharon Nelson, Martha Nordstrom, Jon Schmidt
Nursery	Laura Scott	Laura Scott	Laura Scott	Laura Scott
Flowers to the Glory of God	Lent no flowers	No flowers	Open	Open
Altar Care	Darryl and Bonnie Anderson	Jim Rowan	Matt and Susan Spirko	Walter and Carole Reed

COUNTERS	4/5 (after church)	4/13 (Mon. am)	4/20 (Mon. am)	4/26 (after church)
Counters	Karen Ellenberger, Linda Bloomfield, Kevin Hagy	Glenn Kaijala, Elise Hauber, Jerry Willard, Ron Betts	Glenn Kaijala, Gary Thirkell, Linda Allind	Karen Ellenberger, Gary Staley, Don McCurdy

APRIL CALENDAR 2020

4/01 Wednesday	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Cancelled
4/02 Thursday	Church closed	
4/03 Friday		
4/04 Saturday	Deborah Circle is postponed Saturday Night Meal Contemporary Worship Service	Cancelled
4/05 Sunday	<u>PALM SUNDAY – To be determined</u> Traditional Services (Nursery at 11:00) Journey – Contemporary Service (Nursery) Sunday School for all Ages	TBD
4/06 Monday	AI-Anon Y.E.S. – Confirmation and Youth Choir	Cancelled
4/07 Tuesday	PASTOR’S DAY OFF	
4/8 Wednesday	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Cancelled
4/9 Thursday	MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE – <u>To be determined</u>	TBD
4/10 Friday	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – <u>To be determined</u>	TBD
4/11 Saturday	Free Saturday Night Meal Contemporary Worship Service	Cancelled

4/12 Sunday	EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES All Activities after 4/12/20 are based upon CDC, Pastor and Council recommendations	TBD
4/13 Monday	No Confirmation Classes or Y.E.S. Executive Committee Meeting - TBD	6:30 pm
4/14 Tuesday	PASTOR'S DAY OFF "Early Birds"	Cancelled
4/15 Wednesday	No Chancel Choir Rehearsal	
4/16 Thursday	Church Council Meeting Other activities - To be determined	6:30 pm TBD
4/17 Friday		
4/18 Saturday	Free Saturday Night Meal Contemporary Worship Service	5:30 pm 6:30 pm
4/19 Sunday	Traditional Service (Nursery Available) Journey – Contemporary Svce. (Nursery) Sunday School for all Ages	8:00 & 11:00 am 9:30 am 9:30 am
4/20 Monday	Al-Anon Y.E.S. Bells & New Life Choir Youth Choir Confirmation Class	11:50 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm
4/21 Tuesday	PASTOR'S DAY OFF Keenagers at Morgan's	1:00 pm
4/22 Wednesday	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
4/23 Thursday	Sanitation Engineers Weight Watchers Boy Scouts Commissioners Staff	8:30 am 10:00 am & 12 Noon 7:00 pm
4/24 Friday		

4/25 Saturday	Free Saturday Night Meal Contemporary Worship Service	5:30 pm 6:30 pm
4/26 Sunday	Traditional Service (Nursery Available) Journey – Contemporary Svce. (Nursery) Sunday School for all Ages	8:00 & 11:00 am 9:30 am 9:30 am
4/27 Monday	Al-Anon Y.E.S. Bells & New Life Choir Youth Choir Confirmation Class	11:50 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm
4/28 Tuesday	PASTOR'S DAY OFF Mary, Martha/Ruth Bible Study	1:00 pm
4/29 Wednesday	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
4/30 Thursday	Sanitation Engineers Weight Watchers St. Andrew Singles (SAS) at Spunky McDougal Boy Scouts Commissioner Staff	8:30 am 10:00 am & 12:00 Noon 12:00 Noon 7:00 pm

UPCOMING FUNERALS SCHEDULED

A funeral service for Ed Blaklock is scheduled for Saturday, April 18th at 11:00 am at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in New Bern.

A funeral service for Hal Luehring is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th at 11:00 am at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in New Bern.

THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 24 WILL BE POSTPONED.

Social Ministry meeting originally scheduled for **April 14** will be postponed.

We can all physically distance ourselves from others but we should remember that the phone does not transmit germs over its wiring.

If you are not going to public gatherings, call someone you might have seen there.

Send an email greeting, with a smile. It will make your day, and incidentally, someone else's also.

Do not let this virus break a chain of love and caring. Laurna Badendieck

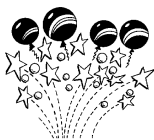
APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 2020

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

1.		
2.		David & Marsha Kindrock
3.		Eric & Stephanie Edmundson
4.	Marcie Cahoon Hill, Robert Dellorfano	Jon & Linda Schmidt
5.	Dottie Anderson	
6.	Kathy Dellorfano	Jerry & Jeanne Jackson
7.	Margaret Cahoon	
8.		Jim & Barbara Barden Kathy & Les Herbert
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10.	Nicky Beall, Ron Betts	
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16.	Jade Cole	
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18.	Grace Flanigan	
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21.		J. T. & Karen Ellenberger
22.	Lila Forsberg, David Monk	L. C. & Jerry Beck
23.		
24.	Brooklyn Deaien	
25.	Ruth Davis, Claire Ellenberger	
26.		
27.	Stephanie Edmundson	
28.	Brittany Scott Clark	
29.		
30.		Allen & Laura Scott

MAY 2020



BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

1		Pastor Ted & Beverly Rust
2	Marsha Kindrock	
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6	Lonnie Hopkins, Frank Salvatore	
7	Lauren Daughtridge	
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10	Ben Brooks	
11	Lucas Rademacher, Pam Stewart	
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14		David & Peg Brown
15	Avon Davis	
16	Jeff Ogonowski	
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20	Caitlyn Blakelock	
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23	Jane Swartout	
24	Warren Johnson	Sam & Mary Ann Coxson
25	John D. Bower, Emily Rademacher	Heide & Gene Lock
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29	Michael Bogdahn	Warren & Kerstin Johnson
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31	Anne Horner	

If your birthday or anniversary if not listed here, please call the church office and fill in an information form.

CELEBRATING WITH JOY FOR CHEERFUL GIVERS

Several weeks ago it came to the attention of the SOD volunteers that Kelly Strayer, who directs the SOD program was looking for an apartment. Jackie Thaanum and Peg Brown that she was also in need of some furniture and household items.

A clip board was passed around to see if members had things to share. The response from one Saturday pm service and the Sunday services netted everything she needed. Members sure stepped up to help one of our church family members.

Thank you to the following people for their donations: Ken and Shelia Link, Jon and Linda Schmidt, Mark and Lisa Peck (non-members), Victoria Thomas, Chris and April Brown (non-members) for their donation and delivery of items to Kelly, Tom and Debbie Laundrie, and Bob and Cathy Dellorfano. If I have overlooked someone who helped, please let me know.
Pastor Ted



STAYING IN TOUCH

We want to hear your “good news”. Not everything is “gloom and doom” so tell us about new babies, happy news you get from friends and family, acts of kindness you witness in your neighborhood or even helpful hints for how you are handling this unusual time!

LETTER OF THANKS FROM AGAPÉ KURE BEACH MINISTRIES

To Women Circle of St. Andrew Lutheran Church:

Dear Friends, -- On behalf of the Board of Directors, and the staff of Agapé Kure Beach Ministries I would like to thank you for your recent donation of \$100.00 to the David L. Castor Scholarship Fund. It is the faithfulness of God’s people and commitment like yours that provide opportunities for (AKBM) to make a difference through unique encounters with Christ, Creation and Community. The lives of many campers in the years to come will be changed because you have given them the opportunity to attend camp.

Many children have already applied for camperships this year and your donation will help us provide camperships for the children who are in need.

May God bless you as you have blessed us. In His Service, Randy Youngquist-Thurow, AIM



LOAVES AND FISHES, FOR APRIL
YOU CAN STILL BRING FOOD TO THE CHURCH FOR DISTRIBUTION



The offerings of non-perishables for RCS and the Vanceboro Christian Care Center will help us all remember to consistently help the poor. There is an urgent need for food at both RCS and the Vanceboro Christian Care Center for the poor in Craven County. The month of April, the food gathered will go to RCS.

RCS will receive the food collected on the even numbered months and the Vanceboro Christian Care Center will receive the collected food on the odd numbered months.

NEW SUGGESTIONS FROM RCS: SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, Canned vegetables, fruit, soup or chili, boxed mac & cheese or pasta, jelly in plastic containers, 1 lb. bags of rice or Rice-A-Roni.

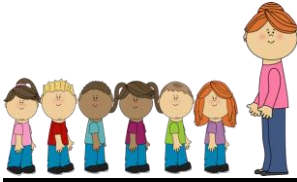
PLEASE NOTE: The first Sunday of the month envelopes are inserted in the announcements for donations to RCS/Vanceboro Christian Center. On the third Sunday of the month envelopes are inserted for donations to our SOD/Elaine's Closet Program. Thank You to those who have been generous to both of these social ministry projects.

THANKS, THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS!

Karen Ellenberger gave us an update, and for March, Thrivent just sent us an additional \$739. Adding that to February's \$865 puts us just over \$1,600 in unanticipated receipts - - great news for our budget shortfall! SO, if you can amend the April Witness text to include the March \$\$, that would be great. Everyone appreciates good news!
Thanks. Barbara Belon

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

A person is needed to schedule volunteer worship servers for Ushers and Greeters for the 8:00 am services. Currently this is being done on a quarterly basis. A list of those who have done this in the past would be provided to you. This schedule is then sent to the church office to publish in the monthly Witness. Please contact Larry Nelson at lpnelson@att.net and he can give you more information.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

Christian Education is in need of a Sunday school teacher for ages 4 to 6 years old. Prayerfully consider volunteering to lead this age group. It's a rewarding way to experience St. Andrew's youth and be a part of their Spiritual growth. Show your interest by contacting me at 252-256-6572 or the St. Andrew office at 252-637-5879. Thank you, Bonnie Anderson, Christian Education



WE FELLOWSHIP

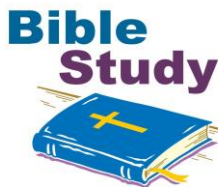


"THE EARLY BIRDS"

The Early Birds meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm. This month they will meet on **TO BE DETERMINED**. Please RSVP to Victoria Thomas at 540-742-4870 by noon the Monday before the event.

KEENAGERS

The Keenagers is a group of individuals that enjoy meeting for food and fellowship. Everyone is invited to attend. The group meets the third Tuesday of the month at 1 pm. They will meet on **TO BE DETERMINED**. If you have any questions please contact Ray & Janice Ramsden at 637-5947 or by email ramsdenrj74@gmail.com.



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

MARY, MARTHA AND RUTH LADIES BIBLE STUDAY

Mary, Martha and Ruth Bible study will continue on To be detremined at 1 PM here at church. We welcome newcomers to come enjoy our "Finding Contentment" study. Why not make it a 2020 goal!

DEBORAH CIRCLE (Bibles and Bagels) – Cancelled for April

The Deborah Circle meetings will resume on for April 4th at Bonnie Anderson's home has been cancelled at the home. We are studying Ten Commandments and all women of the church are welcome.

TABERNA BIBLE STUDY PRO-SHOP

Revised schedule as we continue with THE MIRACLES OF JESUS:

- April 2 The Raising of Lazarus
 Jesus Rising Himself from the Dead
- April 16 (subject will be finalized at our March 19 meeting)
 (consideration is being given to the following:
 LISTENING TO THE VOICE OF GOD
 When God Speaks Are We Listening?

Please remember that anyone and everyone is welcome to join us. Feel free to invite anyone that you think might be interested in our faith building sessions. *Rev. Dr. Karl Stumpf* karlstu@comcast.net 267-994-2420

WE SERVE



NEWS FROM SOD (Saturday Outreach Disciples)

SOD DONATIONS: Donation requests: Hellmann's mayonnaise, grape jelly, and butter. Please consider including a \$5.00 a month donation to SOD, donations are down, and they help provide for our weekly meal.

Envelopes are included in the announcements the third weekend of the month.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SOD

The Saturday schedule is prep and serve 4-6:30 and clean up 4:45-7 (or when finished). If you, your family, or a group that you are involved in would be willing to step up and volunteer it would be much appreciated. Linda Bloomfield

You can email me at guilfordgirl3005@gmail.com or call 252-671-5970.

Sod needs donations of grape jelly.

ST ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

DATE: February 6, 2020, 6:30 PM

Call to Order: Barbara Belón

Attendance: Bonnie Anderson, Laurna Badendieck, Nicky Beall, Barbara Belón, Edwin Belón, Robert Block, Linda Bloomfield, Karen Ellenberger, Don McCurdy, Larry Nelson, Kim Rademacher, Pastor Rust, Gary Staley

Absent: Connie Johnson,

Visitors: None

Devotional Moment: BB

Approval of January Minutes: *Moved Bob Block Second Don MCCurdy approved as written*

President's Report: January Congregational Meeting went well, Karen asked about Synod Assembly delegates. There is no SYNOD Assembly this year so delegates are not needed. There will be SYNOD opportunities regionally to attend.

Pastor's Report: **January attendance averaged 166** This year's Lenten theme is "A New and Right Spirit". The focus will be on creating an authentic church in a consumer culture. Ash Wednesday Feb 26 Noon and 6:30 services. Lenten services will start at 6:30. Looking in to providing rides for people who don't want to drive at night.

Treasurer's Report: January income: \$28,300.58 Expenses \$28,500.94 Net operating income (200.36) Mortgage balance \$275,165.11 *Bob Block Moved Laurna Second to give Martha a \$100.00 bonus. Motion carried. Linda Bloomfield moved Bob Block second when excess of \$500 is in the mortgage fund it will be paid toward the mortgage. Motion carried.* Investments continue to grow. The Audit Committee needs a copy of the church deed. Treasurer's Report approved as presented

Standing Committee Issues:

- Christian Education – no report
- Evangelism – resurrecting the Area groups and there will be a coordinator for each area. They will work on setting up the rides for Lenten Services. Instead of one person for Assimilation the area coordinators could handle this. See report for other details.
- Fellowship – Lifeline Screening no contact yet. The committee will be handling the lunch for the Dream Weavers Initiative
- Finance – No meeting
- Property – DEPS has rerun the lines and the security system is working. Bob would like to look into alarm codes for each department to track who is not locking doors.

The doors are loose and the wind can pull them and set off the alarm. Annual Fire safety inspection is due by the end of February. Team needs to work in the chapel in March. Review tile samples and state your choice.

- Social Ministry – no report
- Stewardship – 15 offering envelopes that have not been picked up that need to be removed from the Narthex. Martha will be asked to contact the people to see if they want them
- Worship and Music – no report Lurna provided information about refinishing Altar wear
- Youth Representative – Soup Sales \$684.00. There will be a Picnic/Cookout March 28 at Creekside from 9-4. All are welcome.

Special Committee Reports:

- Reconstruction update – no update
- Chapel Stained Glass windows – installation April or May
- Personnel – revised forms handed out on Feb 2nd, no further report.

Old Business:

- 2018 and 2019 Audit – in process
- Dream Leader Initiative: Feb 22-24; 25 people have signed up for Saturday. Friday meal for Council Members at 7:00 pm Lurna will pick up food, Bonnie will provide drinks. Fellowship will provide the Saturday luncheon.
- Special offering taken for Synod – February 23rd (flyer) distributed at meeting):
- First of month food donations for RCS and Vanceboro – substantially down. 2 families have volunteered to take the food. Peg will be asked to put a blurb in the announcements the last Sunday of the month that the next week is Loaves and Fishes. Ask her to go to the website and publish a “wish list”.
- Thrivent Action Team submission has been approved Thrivent Online fundraising for our event Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 25'

New Business:

- Security issues and concerns: There is a need to have a Security Committee to review and plan for updates. Bob will bring some options to the next meeting
- Noisy Offering idea: Frequency – Last Sunday of month beginning March with Camp Agape as beneficiary. Nicky will get buckets for collecting. Ladies group gave \$100.00 to Camp Agape
- Memorials/Restricted Funds Policy –
To be considered and discussed: Finance will review this and make recommendations

- Request for revision of the 2009 policy statement to include:
 - How new restricted funds are established
 - That accounts not currently active for the past year will be rolled into a “General Restricted Fund” for petitioned uses
 - That memorial funds are to be used within three (3) years, and then any residue is to be rolled into a General Fund for petitioned uses.
 - That fund rules are to be disseminated as policy to the congregation, after approval by council.
 - That the updated policy is to be presented to at March Council meeting, with the intention of it being put into effect by April 1, 2020.

Look into Amazon Smile and other type programs that give back. Linda will register the church at Guidestar.org

Closing Prayer: 8:37 by Laurna

Next Exec. Committee Meeting: March 9

Next Council Meeting: March 12

End of February Financial Summary
2020

	February Totals	Year to Date Totals
Operating Revenue	\$22,719.20	\$51,019.78
Operating Expenses	\$29,665.66	\$58,166.60
<i>Operating Profit/Loss</i>	<i>(\$6,946.46)</i>	<i>(\$7,146.82)</i>
Mortgage Balance	\$270,996.00	

January numbers incorrectly reported a profit of \$4,234.88.

The actual number was a loss of \$200.36

January: Income=\$28,300.58 and Expenses=\$28,500.94