



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Parish Chimes

An Ancient Faith for a Modern World

APRIL 2024



April is probably one of the most beautiful months of the year; spring has sprung, the flowers are blooming, the breezes are delightful, and the sun is warm and pleasant. Spring is full of promise and new life. And that is what Easter season is all about, the promise of new life. The promise of springtime in the world relates to the new growth and the potential harvest that growth may bring. The new life is the life that is springing up all around us in nature. In Easter, the potential does not have anything to do with material gain, like spring's promise of large harvests. Easter is our spiritual harvest based on the power of the resurrection of Jesus. Because we are told in the Scriptures that the power of the resurrection is the same power working in us! The power that brought Jesus from death to life is what is strengthening us to change and become more like Jesus. That power is there to help us grow into better servants of the Lord and better servants to each other. So the promise of the Easter season has to do with changed lives, changed attitudes and changing life directions. Easter season has to do with new life. Just as Jesus returned from death to life, we also move from death to life. The Apostle Paul tells us in his letter to the Ephesians that we were dead in sin but we were made alive together with Christ, raised up with him and

seated with him in heavenly places. All through the New Testament we are told about this new life. Jesus talks about it in terms of being “born again” In his first letter, Peter talks of it in terms of precious metal being purified, in his second letter he talks about it in terms of escaping slavery. John talks about it in terms of coming into the light from out of darkness. Paul talks about it in terms of a tree, of a body, and in terms of a building. As we look around, we see the plants growing new sprouts, as we see eggs appearing in nests, and little ducklings following their mommas, we know that we can expect God to be bringing His life to grow in us. We can ask for His strength to change bad habits and overcome hard times and know that the power of His resurrection is given to help us. Whatever picture of new life applies to us—the being born again, the precious metal being purified, the escaping from slavery, the coming into the light out of darkness, the growing and sprouting leaves or being rooted as a tree, the growing up from a child's body to an adult, or finally the being part of a building that is being put together—reflect on that picture and apply it to yourself and your life this month and grow! Sprout! Show the signs of new life in your life. Pray that God will continue to strengthen and grow your spiritual life as individuals and continue to grow us as a church body and community of faith here at St. Andrew's!

Craig Gates, Senior Warden

Roger Roy Junior Warden

Fellow parishioners, this month for maintenance has been kind of quiet. The Chapel roof area leaks were the main concern. The vestry is obtaining bids from various companies as to who will do the work to stop the leaks. Most of the other concerns were minor maintenance jobs that were handled easily. Keep the vestry in your prayers at this time as we search for a new rector and hope we do not have many issues to handle. Thank you, Roger Roy

Altar Guild,

*Glee Gates & Patti Werner;
Co-directors*

How wonderful to celebrate Easter and worship together with our church family! Thank you to the Altar Guild and all the other volunteers who stripped palms and made crosses and assisted with the foot washing. What a reverent and solemn service to see the altar stripped of all decoration on Maundy Thursday. It is a moving and poignant service to witness and be a part of.

We were then honored to decorate the altar in celebration of our risen Lord and prepare for the Easter services. What a glorious celebration with the crosses visible again, the lovely flowers and the White Alleluia Frontal on the altar, which symbolizes joy! Although we use the undecorated white frontal many times throughout the liturgical year, this is the only time of the year we use the Alleluia frontal. Please remember to appreciate the joy and renewed life it symbolizes every time you enter the church. Thank you again to everyone who assisted, not only the Altar Guild but to all those who volunteered their time and talents to make these special services of Holy Week an honor to Jesus and memorable for our whole church family.

Pastoral Care

Janet Crisfield

Happy Easter Season. I am hopeful that you all had a blessed Easter and look forward with us as we search for a new Rector. In the middle of this hopeful and anticipatory time, "life" will continue to happen. We can all help each other. Most people just

need a hand to hold, someone to listen and a heart to understand them.

In addition, the Pastoral Care Ministry stands by to bring the presence of Christ to parishioners that are unable to come to regular services either on a temporary or on-going basis. Many of our members are licensed Lay Eucharistic visitors and bring communion. Some of our members also belong to the Order of Saint Luke and are also able to anoint for healing. That being said, it is not necessary to be or do either. (Reread the first paragraph of this article.)

We are able to provide visits to the homebound, hospitalized, those in rehab or extended care facilities. We meet bi-monthly during the regular church year. Training and screening is required of anyone wishing to join this rewarding and important ministry.

APRIL LECTIONARY

Easter 2

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

Easter 3

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

Easter 4

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Easter 5

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:24-30
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

COUNTRY WESTERN NIGHT

Get Out Your Cowboy Boots & Cowboy Hats!

*Enjoy food, music
and friendship*

Saturday, April 13, 2024

5:30 - 8:00 pm



TREASURER'S REPORT
as of February 29, 2024
Connie Mehr, Treasurer

	This Month	Year to Date	2024 Budget
Revenues			
Core Church	27,049.65	91,421.38	355,291.00
Thrift Shop	4,444.28	8,234.41	41,150.00
Total Revenues	31,493.93	99,655.79	396,441.00
Expenses			
Core Church	22,380.91	51,837.43	371,973.00
Thrift Shop	2,307.53	4,706.97	24,468.00
Total Expenses	24,688.44	56,544.40	396,441.00
Net Gain/Loss			
Core Church	4,688.74	339,583.95	(16,682.00)
Thrift Shop	2,136.75	3,527.44	16,682.00
Total	6,805.49	43,111.39	-
Investments			
		Bank Accounts	
SSGA	106,544.22	Bank of America	
Alliance Bernstein	27,804.89	Unrestricted	93,268.48
		Restricted	406,697.08
		Discretionary	617.92
Total	134,349.11	Total	500,583.48



**SUMMER
HELP
WANTED!**

The Thrift Store is looking for help all the days that they are open since the snowbirds are going home. If you have time to spare and are looking for a way to help, please call the Thrift Store at (352)686-1114.



**THURSDAY,
APRIL 25th
at 6 p.m.**

This month's movie is
"Where the Crawdads Sing"
Please sign up in the narthex

MARCH 2024 ATTENDANCE

Week Ending Sat./Sun	Wed	Sat	Sat ONLINE	Sun 8 am	Sun 10:30 am	Sun ONLINE	Total
2/3	10	47	17	39	76	32	221
9/10	13	56	13	33	68	17	200
16/17	11	54	13	39	6	37	160
23/24	9	60	16	37	114	36	272
30/31	16	35	35	60	124	59	329
TOTAL	59	252	94	208	388	181	
AVERAGE	12	50	19	42	78	36	

MARCH 2023

Transfers in: 0
Weddings: 0
Transfers out: 0
Baptisms: 0
Anointing: 73
Deaths: 0
Funerals: 0

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES AT HOME & OVERSEAS, AND THEIR FAMILIES:

- Julian Barry
- Michael Perry, USMC
- Jason Hobson
- Brigadier General Karen Monday-Gresham
- Bradley Meissner

Please call the office with updates to this list.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Samantha Traudt
- 2 - Paul LeBron
- 4 - Sandra Meyers
Molly Agius
Patricia Dodge
- 6 - Jody Bowes
- 8 - Pat Hladky
Jean Wimpenney
- 9 - Doug Voght
Nancy Cotter
Steve Sumner
- 12 - Phil Clohset
- 13 - Rich Kovacs
- 15 - Ben Mikosz
- 16 - Brittney Traudt
- 17 - Paula Harrelson
- 18 - Gail Jordan



- 19 - Linda Parks
Bob Howell
- 21 - Kevina Trapp
- 24 - Cierra Fitch
- 26 - Laurine Smart
- 28 - Cole, Desiree
Jensen, Maria
- 29 - Stephen Bolchazy
- 30 - Beverly Crosetto

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- Van Oster, Jerry and Tony 04/11
- Scharf, Father Fred and Vera 04/21
- Sumner, Steve and Gloria 04/24
- Crouse, John and Mary 04/26

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Sunday Services
8 am Service (no music)
10:30 am Service (music)

Saturday Services
4 pm Service

Parish Office Hours
Mon, Tues, and Thurs.
9 am – 12 pm
(Closed Friday)

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APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10 am - 2 pm Thrift Shop 7 pm Boy Scouts (KH)	2 10 am - 2 pm Thrift Shop	3 10 am Healing Service 10 am - 2pm Thrift Shop	4 9 am Backpacks 10 am Women's Bible Study 10 am - 2pm Thrift Shop	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 10am - 2pm Thrift Shop 4 pm Holy Eucharist II
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