

St Andrew's Lutheran Church

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Dear friends.

It is SPRING! All sorts of new life and renewed life is here. Our life together has many new developments to share with you here.

Here is our situation as of mid April 2021:

Worship – We started worship inside our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 4: at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30am inside, with worship at 10:30am in our parking lot.

Our Facebook worship migrated to 7:00 am due to technical issues but we are going to try to livestream the 9:30am inside worship on Facebook on April 18 and 25. (Please pray for us – we hope this will help connect us better!)

You can make reservations online or by calling the office (920 235-6616) for in-person worship as we maintain COVID precautions. This current worship schedule continues through Sunday, April 25.

We will continue to post worship to Facebook and YouTube, and make CDs and DVDs to connect in all ways possible with you! Thank you to everyone who has made this possible!

If you need any help connecting with us in worship – please ask! Call us at 920-235-6616.

St Andrew's Congregational meeting will be Sunday, May 2 at 9:30. The meeting (from 9:30 to 10:15am) can be attended in-person, on Zoom, or in the Parking Lot. Our January Annual meeting had to be postponed while we struggled with high infection rates and the challenges of technology to connect each member.

We need 50 members in attendance to hold the meeting. Please join us in person, in your car, or via Zoom. WE NEED YOU – your insight, your prayers, and your participation!

If you are unable to attend inside our sanctuary, we will connect you via Zoom online, or via Radio in the parking lot. We will have ushers in the parking lot to help you vote or comment as needed.

And to accommodate you in worship as close to the meeting time as possible we will offer an inside worship at 8:45am and a parking lot worship at 10:30 am on May 2.

Our May 2nd schedule is:

8:45 – 9:15am inside in-person & FB worship 9:30 – 10:15am congregational meeting 10:30 – 11:00am worship in the Parking Lot

After May 2, 2021 we are trying to set a worship schedule to accommodate all of our members! We talked it over with our worship committee members and our Church Council. Here is the schedule approved at our April 13th council meeting.

New Sunday Worship times beginning Sunday May 9

8:45 am inside, in-person & Facebook worship

10:45 am Parking Lot worship

Where we are headed now in hope:

- --Feeding Hungry Kids program is in the planning stages for this summer – to help local families combat hunger at their tables.
- --Confirmation for our youth who are prepared will be on or around **Sunday**, **May 16**th – to safely accommodate the needs of the families involved. Please pray for these amazing young adults as they make their adult affirmation of faith!
- --Please save the date for a **Summer Church** Picnic on Sunday, July 11th. Food, fun and fellowship TOGETHER!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Karen Jewell



Your Hands Help So Much!

St Andrew's members, thank you for all of your "hands-on work."

Now that we are back inside the sanctuary and using our building more, we have a few special tasks that need more volunteers.

If you are able to join us in person, would you consider becoming **an usher**, or part of the sanctuary **clean up crew**? We have the supplies and can show you how to do it!

We can always use willing hands to assemble the worship materials (bulletins and communion elements) to give out to worshippers, and to deliver worship recordings on CD and DVD to members who listen or watch from home. And finally we could use a few people who would count the offerings received and prepare them for deposit.



Altar Flowers

Now that we are back together inside worshipping, we will again be adorning our altar with fresh flowers each week!

Flowers may be placed on the

altar in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special occasion or person, etc. If you would like to do so, a "sign up" calendar and donation envelopes can be found near the bulletin board in the hallway outside of the sanctuary. Suggested donation is \$33. Simply sign up for the date you would like to place flowers on the altar and fill out an envelope with the details. The envelope may be placed with the offerings or given to the office. If you would like, you may also call the church office (920) 235-6616 and arrange for your selected date. Thank you!



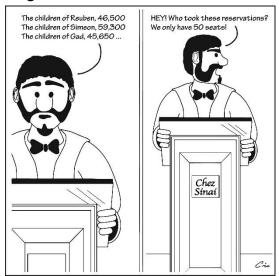
Favorite Psalms Bible Study

1:30 to 2:30 pm May 5 and May 12

We will meet in the Lounge at St Andrew's and this study will also be offered via Zoom to our online folk. A link will be available soon. Please join us as you are able! If you have a favorite Psalm or a favorite psalm verse, please be ready to share it with us.

In Person Worship Reservations

Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to reserve a seat, or you may call the office (920) 235-6616 to do so. We ask that you make a separate reservation for each person attending and on each date you are attending.



Facebook Live Worship

We are moving our **Facebook live worship time to 8:45 AM beginning May 2**. It will be live-streamed from our in-person worship in the sanctuary (if the Good Lord is willing and the technology works!). Thank you for your patience as we work out the challenges of hybrid worship!

Meetings

All members welcome!

Congregational Meeting (Annual)

Sunday, May 2 at 9:30 am (in person, via Zoom and via radio in the parking lot.)

Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 11 at 7 pm via Zoom



Synod Assembly (live-streamed)

Friday to Saturday, May 14 to 15

New Schedule

As our new worship schedule begins on May 9th, we would like you to know that if our 8:45am worship gets to maximum capacity at 50 people, we can use our technology to add worshippers inside the sanctuary during the Parking Lot worship. We really want to find the best ways to connect with you