



St. Andrew's Net

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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Reverend Christopher Raiford

**Worship Service 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School 10:30 a.m. | Coffee Time before and after Service
Communion, First Sunday of the month and special Sundays throughout the year.**

March 2020

There are two great dangers that arise in the life of a disciple. The first is to think that your relationship with God (that is, your salvation, your right standing, the strengthening of your faith) is somehow dependent upon your works. That is, we can run the danger of thinking that our relationship to God is based on anything other than His gracious work for us in Christ. Ours is a God of one-way love. He loves us graciously. To be sure, this produces a love in us for Him, but His love for us does not depend on our love for Him.

At the same time, we can run into the other danger which thinks, "Well, since I'm saved by grace, I don't have to put any effort into being a disciple." Many people can wrongly assume that being in a grace-based relationship means that my life doesn't change at all. Now that I'm in the relationship, I don't have to do anything. But this is like a husband thinking, "Well, now that the wedding day is over, I don't have to pay any mind to my wife at all. I'm not going to let her change my life!"

As those who have graciously been baptized into a life of discipleship, our lives are based on constantly receiving the grace and mercy of God. This grace and mercy are spoken to us, not in some obscure, spiritual way, but in His Word and in His sacraments. God's grace is not some spiritual idea locked up in heaven for us to contemplate, but a living Word given to us from a preacher, in baptism, in the Lord's Supper, and in the Scriptures. Yes, our relationship to God is entirely dependent upon His work for us, and He is at work for us in these specific places. Just as you cannot expect to have a healthy marriage if you don't spend time talking with and listening to your spouse, you cannot expect grow deeper in your dependence upon God if you are habitually ignoring his Word.

During this season of Lent, I want to encourage you to switch up your habits. Instead of habitually ignoring God's Word, take up the habit of reading God's Word daily. It doesn't have to be a long period of time. I would suggest taking fifteen minutes to read the Psalm from Sunday's worship service and meditate on what it says. After reading it and contemplating it, take a few minutes to pray about it. If you are feeling so led, write down a verse or two that stands out to you and revisit it throughout your day. God's Word will begin to have a formative effect on how you go throughout your day. It will show you where you need to repent, give thanks, and serve. It will constantly point you back to Jesus who is with you, forgiving you and guiding you through whatever the day has given. It will protect you from the attacks and temptations of the devil and the world. God's Word will breathe new life into your everyday activities!

This Lent, continue to take up and read God's Word. Meditate on what Christ is saying for you in those pages. Grow deeper in your faith as you receive God's one way love for you in Christ Jesus.

Pastor Chris

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 5 | 9:15 A.M.
Maundy Thursday, April 9 | 7:30 P.M.
Good Friday, April 10 | 7:30 P.M.
Easter Morning Breakfast 8:00 A.M.
Easter Sunday, April 12 | 9:15 A.M.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERVICES

Pastor Raiford will be preaching on a series entitled "Three Words of Truth", Wednesday evenings at **7:30 P.M.**, March 4th until April 8th. The services will take place in the Parish Hall.

40 DAY JOURNEY WITH MARTIN LUTHER

devotionals are available on the window sill.

TOGETHER WE CAN:

END POVERTY, END HUNGER, CREATE SUSTAINABLE FUTURES, EMPOWER WOMEN, IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT, STRENGTHEN THE SOCIAL FABRIC OF COMMUNITIES...



CHANGE THE WORLD.

2020 LENTEN CROSS

This year's Lenten Cross donations will once again be going to Heifer International.

The Women of St. Andrew are meeting March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Don Miller will be talking about Toys for Tots.

Don't forget to come to our **March 26th meeting** at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Remember to bring candy for the Shut-In Easter Baskets we will be assembling. All are welcome! Donations of cash and candy welcome!



The Women of St. Andrew's Spring Rummage Sale will be on **April 24th and April 25th**. Please start saving your good quality clothing, accessories, books and household items to **drop off on April 20th**. Anyone able to help please call Sue Sarginer at 570-546-5404. Thank you!

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM: It's time to order your Easter flowers which will adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 12th. The flowers may be taken home after the services or may be planted on the church property. Deadline for ordering is March 15th. Thank you! The price is \$8.00 each.

Name _____

In: Memory | Honor of (please circle one)

_____ Lily _____ Hyacinth _____ Tulip _____ Mum _____ Geranium

March Birthdays

Kenneth Snyder
 Carson Bloom
 Leonard Morehart
 Jennifer Souter
 Janet Myers
 Marlin Wertman
 Cam Myers

March 2
 March 2
 March 3
 March 5
 March 7
 March 12
 March 13

Troy Detweiler
 Shirley Muffley
 Jerry Watson
 Brian Brinser
 Cynthia Alexander
 Bruce Miller

March 13
 March 17
 March 17
 March 24
 March 28
 March 30

Parish Life Committee will meet on Thursday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



Please don't forget about our monthly food outreach. Donations can be placed on the narthex windowsill. Thank you for your generosity at Thanksgiving and the Souper Bowl but, please be mindful that hunger exists 365 days a year.



Sunday, March 8, 2020



Thank You

Dear Members of St. Andrew,

So many reasons to thank you all for all your good wishes and your thoughtful deeds through Birch's illness and death.

**Prayers, visits and flowers - and I appreciated All!
 You are a wonderful, caring church and words don't seem enough!**

**I am blessed,
 Ann Marie**



MARCH 2020 USHER SCHEDULE

March 1	Hiliary & Steve Haddon	570-546-5359
March 8	William Ritter Walt Gross	
March 15	Jim & Karen Krum	570-220-6878
March 22	John & Cam Myers	570-584-5411
March 22	Cindy McArdle Becky Hibschan	
March 29	Dick & Jo Langer	570-546-6418
April 5	Leslie & John Houser	570-368-8957

Thank you for volunteering! If you are unable to serve on your Sunday, please switch with someone, and let Kay in the office know at 570-546-3591.

FEBRUARY 2020 NURSERY SCHEDULE

March 1	Ellen & Rachel Detweiler
March 8	Nora & Anna Styer
March 15	Sue Sarginger
March 22	Chelsie & Leslie Houser
March 29	Hiliary & Faith Haddon
April 5	Nora & Anna Styer

VIDEO AND SOUND SCHEDULE

March 1	Sam H. Adam H. Jerry Watson
March 8	Erik Houser Jerry Watson
March 15	Erik Houser Jerry Watson
March 22	Sara Styer Jerry Watson
March 29	Sam H. Adam H. Jerry Watson

2020 ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY

March	Kay & Phil Myers
April	Sue Sarginger
May	Joy Barto

2020 Altar Guild

March	Janet & John Dougherty
April	Julie Roller
May	Joy & Dean Barto
June	Darlene Waldron
July	Janet & John Dougherty
August	Julie Roller
September	Dean & Joy Barto
October	Darlene Waldron
November	Janet & John Dougherty
December	Julie Roller



March 20, 2020

FEBRUARY LECTOR SCHEDULE

March 1	Hiliary Haddon
March 8	Dianne Campbell
March 15	Michele Styer
March 22	Steve Haddon
March 29	Amanda Hogan

MARCH ALCOLYTE SCHEDULE

March 1	Anna Styer
March 8	Atira McArdle
March 15	Addison Detweiler
March 22	Adam Hogan
March 29	Rachel Detweiler