

ST. ANDREW'S

Lutheran Church

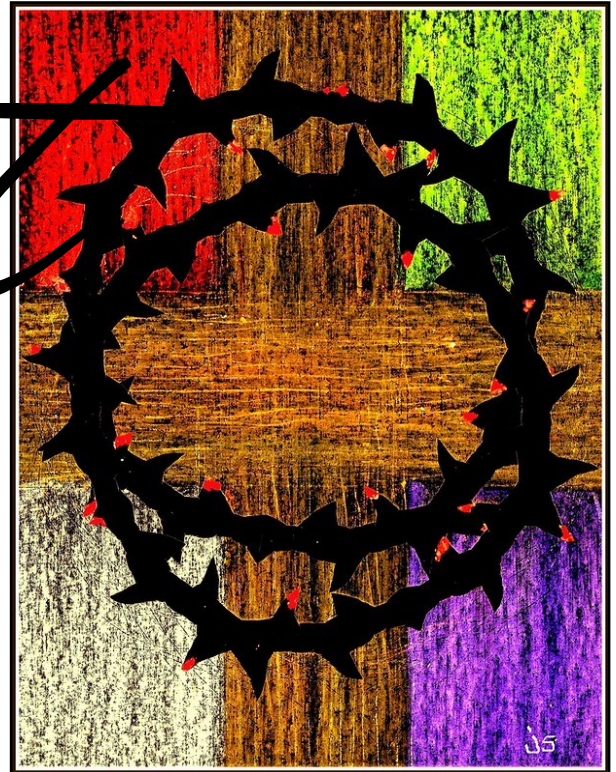
March 2020

Lent

Wednesdays

March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1

- 6 p.m. Dinner (suggested donation \$3/person, max \$10, children 2 and under are free)
- 7 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer (*Nursery is provided*)
- 12 p.m. Westminster Presbyterian Church - Worship & Lunch



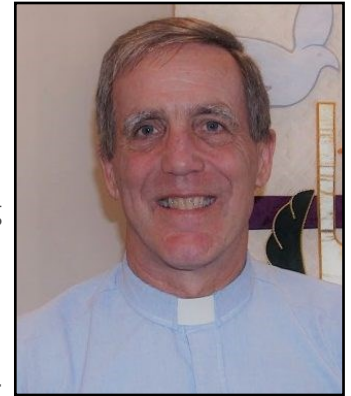
This year's Lenten Drama Series will center around the grace that God provides not just in our communion gathering, but at other tables in our lives.

Come and learn the story of one family—two brothers, a nephew and more—as they explore the ways they were challenged and comforted by grace at a family table. These five plays will center on biblical stories about tables.



A Word from Pastor Trump

Change is inevitable. Of that we can be certain. We begin the season of Lent, and while there are those who think our traditions surrounding this season are etched in stone, we know that religious practices developed over long periods of time. There were some scholars who argued that a period of “Lent,” of fasting and repentance, was initiated by the church Apostles very early in Christian history. However, “the best modern scholars are almost unanimous in rejecting this view, for in the existing remains of the first three centuries we find both considerable diversity of practice regarding the fast before Easter and also a gradual process of development in the matter of its duration. The passage of primary importance is a letter of St. Irenaeus to Pope Victor in connection with the Easter controversy. There Irenaeus says that there is not only a controversy about the time of keeping Easter but also regarding the preliminary fast. Irenaeus states: ‘Some think they ought to fast for one day, others for two days, and others even for several, while others reckon forty hours both of day and night to their fast’” (from the Catholic Encyclopedia.). There were debates in the church, about when to celebrate Easter, what a season of fasting might look like, and more. In other words, practices developed and changed. While I am actually quite a traditionalist in many ways, I also recognize that change must occur as we seek to help people in their faith journeys today.



I can remember different Lent practices we had growing up. What we did isn't as important as the fact that I can remember my family, my church, and me “keeping the fast” through our religious and faith practices. Through worship, prayer, and study I was reminded that this time was important. This is a time to dwell on what it means to be a disciple of the one who would bear the cross.

Change is inevitable. The goal of the season of Lent is that change might be encouraged in all of us. Repent literally means “to turn around.” It means to CHANGE direction. What needs to change in your life?

Mid-Week Community Lenten Noon Services

A Community of Care! This year at each service the church in charge of worship will highlight a ministry with which their congregation is especially involved. St. Andrew's Lutheran will use our time to tell people about FAMILY PROMISE. Virginia Wingard will talk about the food pantry. St. Andrew's Baptist will share information about their after-school program. Join us at these warm and meaningful worship services and down right cheap good lunches to learn how we are all a part of a “community of care.”



Strategic Plan and Visioning

At the January council retreat, we worked on developing a strategic plan and revisioning for the congregation. The council came up with the mission statement, “Nourishing Community to Know God's Grace,” which we believe sums up who we are and who God calls us to be as a church.

A strategic planning team that will meet over the next 3 months has been formed. This team is comprised of two people from the council (Georgia Godfrey and Erin Johnson), 3 people from the congregation at large (Darrick Williams, Beth Trump and Brian Peterson) and staff (Sandra Holland).

We Pray For...

Friends & Relatives

- ✠ Corbett Anderson, nephew of Amy Vickers and grandchild of Mike and Susan Beeler
- ✠ Petra Blackwell, daughter of Steve and Pat Blackwell
- ✠ Maria Casey, mom of Joe Casey
- ✠ Stephen Finger, friend of Jan Bass
- ✠ Sandra Ouzts, sister of Debra Ouzts
- ✠ Joe Fricker, father of Melissa Ray
- ✠ Keith Ray, brother of Hank Ray
- ✠ Sally Thompson, sister-in-law of Patsy South
- ✠ Janette Gardner, aunt of Vickie Barfield
- ✠ Phil Johnson, cousin of Vickie Barfield
- ✠ Mark Bogard, cousin of Theresa Henry
- ✠ Ernie Davis, friend of Lee Bowling
- ✠ Jimmy Asbill, son of Shirley Swanson
- ✠ Bonnie Seibert, cousin of Jada Mitchell
- ✠ Sharon Hixon, friend of Vern Free
- ✠ Edna Wheeler's mother, and granddaughter Emily Wheeler
- ✠ Jada Johnson, niece of Erin Johnson

Members in Extended Care

- ✠ Margie Shealy, Heritage at Lowman
- ✠ Adrian Trexler, The Brian Center
- ✠ Madge Bartsch, Generations of Chapin
- ✠ Martha Ferguson, NHC Parklane
- ✠ Lois Fulmer, Lexington Extended Care
- ✠ Flo Onley, Generations in Irmo
- ✠ Mitch Mayer, Lexington Extended Care



Homebound

- ✠ Sarah Cook
- ✠ Lib Hartman
- ✠ Jackie Darby
- ✠ Pete Cox
- ✠ Linwood Swittenberg

memorials
& gifts

In memory of Gertraud Walker given by Ted & Harriet Simpson.

In memory of Gertraud Walker given by Dollie & Robert Lunsford.

MARCH Birthdays

Lee Sightler	3/1	Lula Wilson	3/5
Logan Sightler	3/1	Kara Montgomery	3/6
Evie Casey	3/2	Luke Bradley	3/7
Sandra Metts	3/2	Abby Joannes	3/7
Kayla Sightler	3/2	Weston Land	3/7
Amy Amodio	3/3	Renee Taylor	3/8
Bud Beyer	3/3	Cory Amick	3/11
Pat Huffstetler	3/4	Anna Berger	3/11
Christa LaSalle	3/4	Letitia Brown	3/12

Celita Hastie	3/12	Teresa Ratliff	3/28
Laura Hentz	3/12	Keith Peterson	3/30
Melissa Ray	3/13	Vivian Gehlken	3/31
Sharon Berger	3/14		
Xavier Williams	3/14		
Joyce Shealy	3/22		
Bart Berger	3/23		
Hannah Montgomery	3/23		
Ruby Grambow	3/24		
Cheryl Quick	3/24		
Jocelyn Williams	3/24		
Pat DuBose	3/26		
Jewel McNelley	3/26		
Jason Godfrey	3/28		



Youth, Mark Your Calendars!

7th - 12th grade youth

Sunday, March 1, 6:00-8:00 p.m. — Girls Group dinner at church.

Saturday, March 7, 6:00 p.m. — Youth Parent's Dinner at Susie & Robbie Derricks home.

Sunday, March 8, 4:00-6:00 p.m. — Serve meal at the Family Shelter

Sunday, March 15

9:45 a.m. — ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting during Sunday School

5:30 p.m. — Boys' Group dinner

March 20-22 — Youth Mountain Retreat at Mari Frye's mountain home.

Sunday, March 29 — Youth Supper and game night at church.



Little Lutherans and Luther League groups

Little Lutherans and Luther League groups will meet at Irmo Park after church on Sunday, March 22. Please bring a lunch and plan to stay and play!

Tables of Grace

Are you a "newer" member of St. Andrews? Are you an "older" member of St. Andrews? Do you enjoy getting to know people and enjoy good food?

If this describes you, please consider joining the next round of *Tables of Grace*. It is a dinner group consisting of 8 to 10 people that get together for food, fun and fellowship ONE time in a two to three month time frame. If you've never participated and would like to be a part of this fun dinner group, please contact Tracy or Jay Folk at tracy1961@gmail.com.

It's a great way to get to know people outside of Sunday mornings!

Altar Guild Service Opportunities

For many years, we have had faithful, dedicated people to handle the holy work of preparing our sanctuary for weekly worship. Some of these people are stepping down from these duties and so it's time to find others to serve. The Altar Guild is in a time of transition as we figure out if there's a new way to structure the various duties that come with this special ministry of the church. If you would be interested in helping in some way, please contact Sandra Holland or Joyce and Trent Shealy.



Groups



Agape Circle--Wednesday, March 4, 10 a.m. in the church Parlor.

The Living Water Circle--Thursday, March 5, 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church will be serving for the Community Lenten Lunch on March 11, 2020. WELCA will be serving supper at the church on March 18, 2020.

Agape Circle

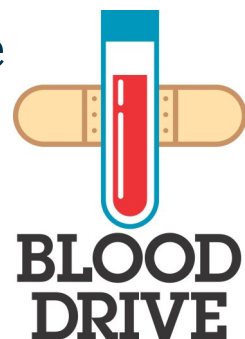
This year, Agape Circle will focus on service projects and visiting our members that can no longer attend worship, as well as the sick. This month we had a delightful visit with Linwood and Carolyn Swittenberg. Our planned theme was "love" with a flavor of Valentine cards and sweets with coffee. However, we quickly learned that the next day was Linwood's birthday. So he also received a whopping amount of birthday wishes. We are hoping that the Swittenbergs enjoyed our visit as much as we did. We closed with WELCA Missionary Benediction. All are welcome. Come join us on the first Wednesday of each month.



Lutheran Men host Annual Blood Drive

Our goal is to save 100 lives... every donation saves 3 lives! We need at least 34 donors. Please consider donating blood to the American Red Cross when the Lutheran Men host the annual blood drive on **Sunday March 22, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

Donating blood will take thirty minutes to an hour. If you are an experienced donor, you can register with the Red Cross app or online at redcrossblood.org. To make an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: AndrewsLuth. Or you can email, text or call Joe Casey at josephwilliamcasey@gmail.com or 803-556-8263 to set up an appointment if you are a new donor. Walk-ins are welcome!



Lenten Prayer Group

Deacon Sandra Holland will lead a virtual prayer group which will gather each Wednesday during Lent from 12:15-12:30 p.m. using the technology of an app called Zoom. You will be emailed a link where you can join the group by video or audio. If you would like for the group to pray for you but are not interested in being a part of the weekly Zoom meeting, please contact Sandra with your prayer requests. This is a way to use technology to increase our faith and bring us together across the miles. Won't you take a few minutes on your lunch hour to join the group in prayer?

The Critical Importance Of Church Choirs

In an ever-changing world of congregational worship, studies show that church choirs are even more important than have been in our past. Studies show that an estimated 40% of mainstream churches and 21% of evangelical churches have stopped using church choirs in the past 20 years. However, 37% of mainstream churches and 35% of evangelical churches continue to use church choirs today in their worship services.

Here are seven reasons why church choirs are still of great importance in congregational worship today.

1. The Book of Psalms is filled with instructions on singing in church, and is a hymnal for the New Testament church. If we say they are irrelevant, we risk forsaking a rich Biblical tradition of singing.
2. Choirs encourage good worship from the congregation. Choirs help to lead hymns/service music from the choir loft. Those that have support in singing often feel more supported and sing out more than without this support.
3. Choirs offer participants a way to share their God-given Talents in the service of our Lord.
4. Choirs help to inspire and lead in worship. Most churches have done away with hymnals that have four part harmony and now simply sing unison hymns/praise songs. Congregations yearn for more than dumbed down worship.
5. Choirs can be reaffirming to their members and not just the high profile singers. Everyone wants to feel they are valued and offer something during worship. When a choir sings, it's about the choir and not an individual single person.
6. Choir teaches us to work together and learn from one another. People have so many differences, but choir encourages them to work together for a common cause, putting those differences aside.
7. Choir encourages music diversity. Singing the same thing every Sunday tends to be a drag. Choirs are able to offer different genres/styles of music that spice things up. As our Pastor says, "we need more cowbell."

We are so fortunate to have a wonderful parish choir at St. Andrew's, filled with those that freely share their talents each week. They spend time Wednesday evening each week rehearsing music to enhance our services. Please let our choir know how much you appreciate their efforts each week.

If you are looking to be a part of something greater than yourself that is a wonderful supportive community to be fed, please consider joining our wonderful group! Contact Nicholas Shumate at nshumate@salutheran or (803) 448-7361 or Jenny Walrath at jwalrath@salutheran.



Concordia Choir (Moorhead, Minn) in Concert

Hear one of the nation's finest college choirs perform Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM at The Basilica of Saint Peter, 1529 Assembly Street. René Clausen conducts the 73-voice a cappella choir on his 34th and final tour in a varied concert ranging from Renaissance motets to contemporary choral works. \$15 Adults/\$10 Seniors/\$5 Students.

Visit ConcordiaTickets.com or www.TheConcordiaChoir.org for ticket information!

Bible Study

GRACE AT THE TABLE

Are you interested in a FIVE WEEK Bible study? Through the month of March we will be looking at the scripture lessons that pertain to our Lenten Evening series about “grace at the table.” There are five specific “table stories” that we will discuss AND we will share thoughts about what the Lenten drama was about the week before. Even if you can’t attend Wednesday night worship, that will not matter. The reflection on these Bible stories will be meaningful. Join us. After five weeks you can leave the table!

11:00 Mondays, beginning March 2

5:15 Wednesdays (NOTE TIME) beginning March 4

Sunday School Classes

GRACE UPON GRACE CLASS

This class is for those parenting preschool and school age children. We discuss issues related to parenting through the lens of our faith. Join us!

SOJOURNERS CLASS uses the Augsburg Biblical curriculum, and is taught by a wonderful rotation of teachers.

GENESIS CLASS, taught by Trent Shealy, studies the assigned lessons for Sunday.

CONNECTIONS - taught by Pastor Trump, is also looking at the texts from Sunday.

Yoga is taking a break during Lent

We are suspending yoga classes throughout the Lenten season so everyone can attend Wednesday evening Lenten services. Yoga classes will resume on Wednesday, April 15.



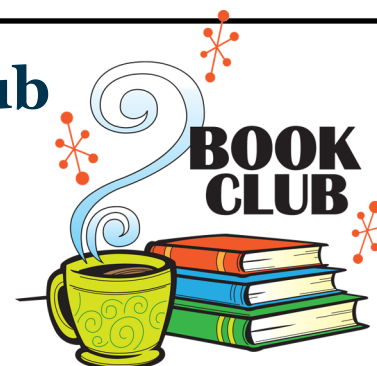
On March 19, Young at Heart is going to the State Archives to tour the facility. After the tour, we will have lunch at Harbor Inn Seafood Restaurant. Please contact Bobbie Bell at (803) 360-5115 if you would like to go as we need to make reservations for lunch.

“All Booked Up” - Ladies Book Club

Date: Friday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.

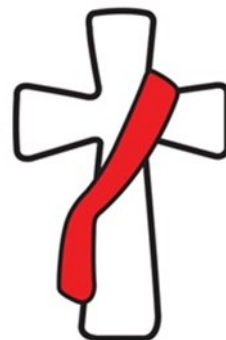
Host: Beth Mullins

If you are interested in being a part of Ladies Book Club please let Jenny Land, (803) 741-4641, know if you plan to attend.



What is a Deacon?

I am called to serve in the ELCA as a Minister of Word and Service or Deacon. Some of you may remember that when I was called to St. Andrew's in 2010 my title or roster was "Associate in Ministry," and there was an ELCA Churchwide vote to merge three previous rosters (including mine) into one of Ministers of Word and Service or Deacons. This change took effect in January 2017, and there is still more work being done to clarify and make decisions related to this new roster.



The ELCA Church Council approved the symbols of this ministry to be a Deacon Stole (diagonal stole) and Cross (design yet to be determined). Their work also recommended that the entrance rite for Ministers of Word and Service would be ordination (formerly was consecration). This recommendation was passed at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in August 2019. So now, I am an ordained Minister of Word and Service.

Although some Deacons in the ELCA have already been wearing Deacon Stoles in their ministry context, I have been waiting for Churchwide approval. You will begin to see me wearing one in worship leadership in the coming months. For me, this is a visible sign of my ministry role and calling to serve as a Minister of Word and Service in the ELCA.

Deacon Sandra Holland



It is a tradition at St. Andrew's to decorate the sanctuary with lilies on Easter morning. You may purchase these plants in memory of or in honor of loved ones and to the glory of God. Lilies are associated with Easter and they lend beauty to worship on this special Sunday.

For convenience, you may order your lilies online under GIVING on our website at salutheran.com.

**If paying by check, please make it out to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.
Please do not include it with your regular offering check.**

The lily cost is \$14.00. Place orders in the offering plate or turn in to the church office. It would be helpful if you would write "lilies" in the memo section of your check.

DEADLINE FOR YOUR ORDER IS MARCH 25, 2020

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Enclosed is \$_____ (14.00 each)

My dedication should read (please check)

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

TO THE GLORY OF GOD: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

Council Highlights

Opening

Curtis Amick called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Council approved the minutes of the January Council meeting.

Curtis shared a devotion; Pastor Trump led a discussion of Chapter 6 of Rethinking Church Governance.

Pastor's Report and Deacon's Report

The Pastor's report and Deacon's report were accepted as presented. Sandra Holland reported that Christine Vincent and the youth have developed good rapport and the new staffing arrangement is working well.

Team Reports

Finance: Tom Henry presented a detailed list of loan options for the narthex renovation and new HVAC system(s) if obtaining a loan to complete the project(s) is to be considered. Tom addressed initial questions and concerns about project and funding priorities. Pastor Trump reminded Council that consultant Mike Ward is optimistic about the church's capacity to support the projects and will work with Council on financial planning and fund raising.

Property: Tom Bane and Jay Folk reported that the replacement of the current HVAC systems with a new, different system of air handling that includes individual units in each room in the Sunday school wing is no longer under consideration, as engineering measurements revealed incompatibility of proposed equipment and building design. The Property Team has requested a new proposal and cost estimate from Mechanical Design Inc. based on an alternative plan.

Unfinished Business

Narthex/Parlor Project

Pastor Trump reported that, combined with available monies in the worship furnishing fund, the narthex fund is within goal, thanks to gifts by members of the congregation. Attention to immediate HVAC needs may delay the start of the project.

HVAC Project

Council determined that any further deliberations regarding HVAC system replacement will be postponed until a new estimate for all phases of that project is in hand. Council approved a motion to postpone decision-making on both the renovation and HVAC projects until a called Council meeting on Sunday, Feb. 23, when more information about costs is in hand.

Council anticipates making specific decisions on Feb. 23 regarding project funding (loan and gift solicitation options), presentation to the congregation for approval, and scheduling. In the meantime, Council members will obtain final cost estimates from the Boudreaux Group for renovation work and sanctuary carpeting installation; Mechanical Design Inc. will submit a new proposal and cost estimate; Tom Henry will discuss financial options with the Finance Team; and Pastor Trump will seek guidance on next steps from Mike Ward.

New Business

Council tabled a motion to supplement grant monies with up to \$9,000 from savings for the summer 2020 Dramarama program. Pastor Trump continues to seek additional grant awards. A Vision 2020 Committee is being formed to work with The Rev. Mike Ward to begin a visioning and strategic planning process for St. Andrew's. The committee will include two Council members and three at-large members of the congregation.

The Faithful Innovation Team reminded council of the March 8, 2020 lunch with Karen Baptist Church, and asked for monetary support in providing the meal. The Worship & Fellowship Team will spend up to \$250, and council members will provide desserts. The Property Team agreed to plant a tree with a plaque in honor of Karen Baptist, who worship in our space Sunday afternoons.

Council approved a motion to spend up to \$600 from the Undesignated Memorial Fund for the purchase and installation of a TV + DVD player for the Sojourners' classroom.

Council approved a motion to postpone until its March meeting a discussion of changing Council meeting protocol. Pastor Trump adjourned with prayer concerns.

Finance

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If you give your offering to St. Andrew's regularly by using the online access and are still receiving offering envelopes, please let us know if you'd like to save the church some money by canceling your envelopes. Please contact the church office with this request.

Ministry Reminders

MARCH 1

Counters: Mary Ann Jacobs & Dot Meador

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Sandra Ringer
11:00 a.m. Buddy Lewis

Reader: 8:30 a.m. Kenny Hastie
11:00 a.m. Carole Amick

Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Lula Wilson
11:00 a.m. Christine Vincent

Lay Assistant: Brian Teusink

Acolyte: Ruby Grambow

Crucifer: Georgie Schodowski

Nursery: LaSalle

Grounds: (February 29) Bart Berger

Council Collections: Tom Bane, Mari Frye, Beth Mullins

Recycling: Mandy Glowacki

MARCH 8

Counters: Pat DuBose & Anita Murphy

Flowers: Chris & Jenny Land

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Sharon Berger
11:00 a.m. Cathy Jordan

Reader: 8:30 a.m. Hal Ray
11:00 a.m. Darrick Williams

Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Theresa Henry
11:00 a.m. Olivia Tener

Lay Assistant: Beth Mullins

Acolyte: Addison Connaker

Crucifer: Nathan Mullins

Nursery: Johnson/Skillman

Grounds: (March 7) Jay Montgomery

Council Collections: Tom Bane, Mari Frye, Beth Mullins

Recycling: Claire & Layne Birdsong

MARCH 15

Counters: Bobbie Bell & Susan Beeler

Flowers: Jay and Tracy Folk

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Lula Wilson
11:00 a.m. Barbara Galarneau

Reader: 8:30 a.m. Becca Kelly
11:00 a.m. Youth

Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Tom Bane
11:00 a.m. Youth

Lay Assistant: Donna Ray

Acolyte: Reagan Bouknight

Crucifer: Jacob Semones

Nursery: Bradley

Grounds: (March 14) Chris Daly

Council Collections: Tom Bane, Mari Frye, Beth Mullins

Recycling: Phillip Jenkins



MARCH 22

Counters: Sharon Berger & Barbara Weaver

Flowers: TBD

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Mary DeHihns
11:00 a.m. Mary Ann Jacobs

Reader: 8:30 a.m. Sharon Berger
11:00 a.m. Bob Venturella

Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Tom Henry
11:00 a.m. Whanna Bouknight

Lay Assistant: Ron Walrath

Acolyte: Makenna Schodowski

Crucifer: Carter Godfrey

Nursery: Derrick

Grounds: (March 21) Tom Bane

Council Collections: Tom Bane, Mari Frye, Beth Mullins

Recycling: Sharon Berger

MARCH 29

Counters: Bobbie Bell & Susan Beeler

Flowers: Thompson

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Teresa Ratliff
11:00 a.m. Sybil Long

Reader: 8:30 a.m. Mary DeHihns
11:00 a.m. Kara Montgomery

Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Becca Kelly
11:00 a.m. Anna Berger

Lay Assistant: TBA

Acolyte: Gracie Daly

Crucifer: Jake Derrick

Nursery: Mari Frye

Grounds: (March 28) Easter Clean-up

Council Collections: Tom Bane, Mari Frye, Beth Mullins

Recycling: Whanna Bouknight

Deepest Sympathy

Our prayers are with the Thompson family upon the death of their cousin, Madison Harris in Biloxi, MS.

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