



GOOD NEWS – March 2018

Pastor's Letter

Lenten courage.
Interesting isn't it.

We are used to thinking about our Lenten disciplines: *self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love – strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament.* In Lent, we think about getting back to church, or committing ourselves to daily prayer or devotion. We think about the ways that we are taking something on like volunteering at Zion Meals for our Neighbors or catching up with loved ones. We think about giving something up like facebook or the daily Dunkin Donuts run making room in our day, in our finances to focus on God, to give more for the sake of our neighbor.

In this season of Lent, the gospel of Mark will call us to a Lenten courage, a faith that follows Jesus no matter how difficult the path, a discipleship that is willing to go painful places for the good of the world God loves, a belief that recognizes the suffering and death in our lives as precursors for the joy, and fulfillment of the life to come. We are called to enter the wilderness, to take up our cross and follow Jesus, to look on the cross in faith for healing, for restored relationship with God, for hope when we are dying.

Pastor David Lose writes, "Lenten courage recognizes that the road to resurrection leads always and inexorably through death. Jesus himself is given over to death in the crucifixion. We, too, are dying, and Lent reminds us of that... in order that we might be reminded that God *always* draws life from death."

At the beginning of Mark, at the beginning of Lent, we hear the stories of Jesus' baptism in Jordan by John, and Jesus' temptation in the wilderness by Satan. Jesus filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism is driven by that same Spirit into the wilderness where he stands as the center of God's in-breaking kingdom in the middle of chaos. He enters the world and the wilderness, and the world rebels. Thrown into the wilderness, he is tempted by Satan. He is challenged to be and believe things about himself that are not true. He is challenged to become something he is not, so that the world can remain the same. The Holy Spirit strengthens him, the angels serve him, and Jesus remains true to himself, to the spirit that sustains him.

Life is filled with wilderness, places where we have no road map, no previous experience, where GPS keeps trying to recalculate but can't quite grab hold of where we are. We are challenged, tested, overwhelmed, broken hearted, suffering. Yet we too are filled with the Holy Spirit. God has reclaimed us and propelled into the wilderness, we hold steady to who we are God's beloved children, and recipient of the heavens-rending power of the Spirit. We will not be abandoned or forgotten.

In the wilderness, we will be tested and challenged. There are conversations in our country now that matter deeply to the love and care of God's people and God's creation, that are complicated, and messy, and present no clear answers. How will we keep our schools safe and protect our 2nd amendment rights? How will we love and care for the immigrant? How will we preserve our natural resources, God's good creation for future generations? How will we provide health care that people can afford to use? How do we address the ongoing effects of racism and prejudicial treatment of persons of color in our communities?

We face these questions each day in different ways in the communities and circumstances in which we find ourselves. In whatever wilderness we find ourselves, we are looking for Lenten courage, to cling to the cross of Christ, which says we will suffer, for the sake of our neighbor, but new life, abundant life will follow. The Holy Spirit may have driven us into the wilderness, but she will not abandon us there. The Holy Spirit accompanies us so that we are not lost in the chaos. She upholds us, gives us strength, enlightens us, gives us wisdom, gives us the words we need when we need them, and prays with us, for us, when we are not even sure what to pray for.

May you be filled with Lenten courage.
May you feel the wind at your back lifting you when you falter.
May the spirit's strength keep you true to yourself in the wilderness.
May you hear the voice of reason and compassion in your heart.
May you stand firm in the promised resurrected life.

Peace+
Pr. Stephanie

Council Corner

From the President

Important Council News for March

First, some good news...

1. Since our annual meeting \$ 1,500.00 in loans from congregation members has been forgiven. The stipulation from the donors was that the funds be used against the mortgage we have from Farmington Bank for the floor replacement project. These generous gifts have decreased the mortgage principle balance to approximately \$ 11,240.00.

2. I received the following note from St. Pauly Textile, Inc. and I thought it should be shared with all of you:

"Thank you for continuing to collaborate with us on the St. Pauly Textile clothing drop off shed project! In 2017 roughly 34,266 garments of clothing were donated to your shed. This was enough to clothe an estimated 4,154 people. This clothing is being used right now by people in one or more of 44 different countries (including the US) to which our clothing is likely to have been distributed this past year"

In addition to the good mentioned above our congregation received \$ 2,087.93 from St. Pauly Textile in 2017. Sincere thanks to all who support this project.

3. As you know, lent has begun. Our Wednesday evening meditations will focus us on loving our neighbor and living in harmony with all creation. Our guest, Dr. David Grafton will help us learn about our Muslim neighbors. A few of us have been to a workshop which he led and were quite impressed with his message and presentation. Our evenings will start with the traditional "bread and broth" at 6 PM, conversation will begin approximately at 6:20 PM, and we will move to the sanctuary for a short prayer service after that. While we won't be doing all of "Holden Evening Prayer" each week, we will do parts of the service each week. We are sharing this experience with our friends at Gloria Dei — We will be hosting on March 7 and March 21 —they are hosting February 28 and March 14. Come join us — you won't be disappointed.

And then some not so good news...

Yesterday we had yet another snowstorm on a Sunday. The weather this winter has created more expenses than usual for us. We have an outstanding oil bill of \$3000.00 and we have outstanding plowing invoices totaling over \$ 3,200.00 (and yesterday hasn't been billed yet). The offerings received have not allowed us to pay these expenses in the timely manner we were accustomed to. Yes, there is \$ 10,796.00 in the savings account, but it would be poor judgement to use up our reserves — who knows when the next "rainy" or "snowy/" day might come. We can conquer this, just as we have in the past, but we all need to work together and do our part.

Next month I will aim for all good news!

See you in church! Bob

Worship with us weekly
Saturdays at 4 p.m.
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

These weekly services of Holy Communion are what make us church. Here is where we gather, where God has promised to meet us. Here is where we are fed and forgiven, where we hear God's promises spoken for us, where we are formed as God's people for the world. In March, these weeks take us through Lent and Holy Week, focusing on ways to attune ourselves to God, to focus our eyes, open our ears, to use our hands in service towards our neighbor, to allow God to imprint God's love on our hearts. During Holy Week we walk through Jesus final days on earth, allowing Jesus feeding, praying, washing, serving, dying and our betrayal, violence, fear, stubbornness to speak to us today.

Midweek Lent 2018: Loving our Neighbor.

We continue in this holy season (Lent) engaged in learning about our Muslim neighbor with our Lutheran brothers and sisters from Gloria Dei Lutheran. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to contend against evil and resist whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor.



We are ably led in this important work by the Rev. Dr. David D. Grafton, a pastor of the ELCA who has worked with the ELCA in Christian-Muslim Relations both in the US and abroad. Dr. Grafton will help us examine our views of Muslims as "neighbors" who share in the Abrahamic tradition. The Lutheran Church has been working with Muslim communities as neighbors and partners around the globe for decades.

St. Andrew (1125 Stafford Ave., Bristol) and Gloria Dei Lutheran Churches (355 Camp St., Bristol) take turns hosting this 5 week program. These sessions are designed to help us walk through Lent, build relationships with our Lutheran neighbors, and examine our understandings of our fellow Muslim citizens and neighbors as children of Abraham in relation to our own faith and Lutheran heritage.

Wednesday we begin at 6 p.m. with a meal together, soups and breads, and conclude with prayer together. Having looked at our own experience, we continue:

- **28 February:** American Muslims

The Rev. Dr. David Grafton, PhD, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

- **7 March:** Faith and Practices of Muslims

The Rev. Dr. David Grafton, PhD, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

- **14 March:** Contemporary Challenges

The Rev. Dr. David D. Grafton, PhD, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

- **21 March:** Where are we going in our journeys?

The Revs. Joanna Hertzog Betkoski and Stephanie Pope at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Children are welcome. There is separate but connected space available for children at both churches. We will leave the doors open and have activities available (coloring, play doh, books). Supervision is not provided.

COZY COVER DISPLAY AND BLESSING: will take place during the 9:30 AM service on **March 4**. Thanks is extended to crafters Peggy Hoyt, Linda Mackey, Chris Mitchell, Sue Provenzano, Nancy Siecienski, Barbara Soden, Debbie Strelau from Mass., Sharon White, and those wishing to remain anonymous. SPECIAL THANKS to the generous individuals for donating yarn finished crosses to be added to cozy covers, and for other supplies. Please take a few minutes to look over these unique pieces to be given to members and friends in need. Thank you for praying for the success of this outreach ministry. Call Trudi with questions @ 860-583-0554.

The Installation of Rev. Joanna Hertzog Betkoski: Sunday, March 4, 4 p.m.

Our near neighbors Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Bristol are making it official. We rejoice with our brothers and sisters in Christ as they install their new pastor. As partners in Bristol and in the Central Connecticut Conference, we look forward to working together, God's hands in this community we share.

Mulberry Gardens Worship

Love to worship? Good with people? Once a month we lead worship at Mulberry Gardens and would love company – read a lesson, lead song, greet people, share the peace, assist with communion, add your presence and voice. Mulberry Gardens is just over the border into Southington (Plantsville). Our next worship service is Wednesday, **March 28** at 10 a.m. You can meet us at St. Andrew at 9 a.m. if you would like to car pool over. If you are interested, talk to Pastor Stephanie.

Worship with us Holy Week

Throughout Holy Week we become a part of the story of Jesus final days in Jerusalem, as we remember and tell the story, as we remember and enact many key events of that week, as we remember and live into the promise of the cross and resurrection.

Palm/Passion Sunday

Join us in worship Saturday, **March 24** at 4 p.m./Sunday, **March 25** at 9:30 a.m. Waving our blessed (eco) Palm branches, we welcome our King with shouts of Hosanna as we process into church. The procession leads us to the cross and the mystery of the passion, as we proclaim together the story of Jesus' final days.

Eco-palms? *In partnership with Lutheran World Relief, this year we purchased Eco-Palms, which help palm harvesters, their families and communities, and the environment by ensuring fair wages for harvesters and creating financial stability for families, and supporting sustainable harvesting practices, and the harvested Eco-Palms are sorted and bundled by the women in the communities, instead of a distant warehouse, **creating new jobs** where previously there were none.*

Readers? We need extra readers this day as we tell the Passion story. If you would like the opportunity to read an individual voice, speak to Pr. Stephanie or Karen Biernat.

Maundy Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.

This season of turning toward and returning to God ends as it began: in repentance. Grace alone carries us into and through "the hour" that holds the universe and widens to eternity: the suffering, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus washes the feet of the disciples, and commands us to serve as he has served us; shares a last meal and tells us to remember him as we eat and drink, to love one another as we have been loved. So too we will have the opportunity to wash our feet, share a meal, remember and love as Jesus commanded.

Bread Baker? We like to use real bread for this service as we remember the Last Supper and join the feast. Pastor Stephanie has a simple yet tasty recipe that the first communion class uses. Would you be willing to bake? Speak with Pastor Stephanie.

Good Friday, March 30, 7:00 p.m. (Tenebrae)

Jesus draws us to himself and to the heart of God, as promised, as he is lifted up on the cross. With boldness we approach this throne of grace with humility in prayer. This dramatic service tells of the end of Jesus time here among us in the flesh in words and music, light and darkness, prayer and adoration.

**Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday, April 1, 6:30 a.m.**

Join our brothers and sisters in Christ in Bristol at the Federal Hill gazebo to greet the new Easter Day for a brief sunrise service.

**The Resurrection of our Lord
Easter Sunday, April 1, 9:30 a.m.**

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! With signs of the resurrection everywhere, join us in our Easter joy as our shouts and songs of Alleluia ring, banners wave, trumpet sounds and our sanctuary rings with the good news! Young people process in with Alleluia banners long buried, and during the service cover our bare cross with spring buds.

Education

WOW : **Love is >**. This Lenten season we look at stories where God's love inspires us to serve, or shows us how God's love has inspired others to serve. Of course there will be new songs to learn, silly games, dramatic presentations, crafts and blessings a plenty to be had.

5:15 p.m. WoW: Session 1

5:15 p.m. Youth Choir

6 p.m. Pizza Dinner

6:30 p.m. WoW: Session 2

6:45 p.m. Handbells

7:30 p.m. Voice Choir

All we ask is a contribution towards pizza and signing up once a month to bring salad or dessert for all.

March 6 Ruth and Naomi

March 13 Widow and Elijah

March 20 Jesus washes the disciples feet

March 27 Off for Holy Week!

Confirmands Volunteer Possibilities: With just a few months left to get all your community service and church service hours in, here are a few possibilities. (If other members have possibilities, please speak with Pr. Stephanie or Bob Herold):

• **Soup Makers?** Sign up to bring a soup for one of our Wednesday Midweek Lent events. We need soup makers, bread bringers, clean up help **March 7** and **March 21** approximately 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

• **Shamrock Run Walk:** The past couple years we have been assisting the Shamrock Run Walk which benefits the St. Vincent DePaul homeless shelter here in Bristol. We gather the Friday before the run, **March 16** at Chippens Middle School, at 6 p.m. (to be confirmed), and assemble bags of fun stuff for the runners and walkers (a few thousand). It takes about an hour and a half depending on number of volunteers and amount of swag.

Youth Lock-In. Join us Friday, **March 2** at 7 p.m. through Saturday, March 3rd at 8:30 a.m. for an action packed evening. Have something to eat before you come. We will have pizza later in the evening to refuel. You'll need the fuel – we have massive Winter Olympic Games planned, faithful discussion on dealing with our fears, movies and more. In order to participate, you need to RSVP to Pr. Stephanie, bring in your slipperiest socks, snacks to share, a permission form and \$5 (help us pay for food), and bring your overnight gear (sleeping bag, pillow, bed roll, pajamas, change of clothes etc).

Outreach & Events

Easter Baskets for Shut-ins- we have opportunities for volunteers to assemble approximately 10 baskets for our shut-in parishioners. Baskets include devotionals, candy where appropriate, personal items etc. Training included! Commitment is a few emails and an hour one time after worship for assembly. Contact Arlene Creswell if interested at aswellone@comcast.net or (860) 833-7682.

Easter Bunny helpers-we will be planning our annual Easter Egg Hunt after worship on Easter Sunday, **April 1st**. We could use some helpers to a.) bag empty plastic eggs for parishioner distribution- a great way to spend coffee hour on a Sunday in mid March, and b.) help spread the hundreds of filled Easter Eggs on Easter morning and/or be outside during the egg hunt to supervise the children. If you can help, email Vicki Trudel at vt0317@aol.com.

Easter Egg Hunt - kids, don't forget to bring your Easter baskets to church on Easter Sunday, **April 1st** so that you can join in the annual St. Andrew Easter Egg Hunt after worship. (extra baskets available if you forget). LOTS of eggs will be spread around our property just waiting for you to scoop them up!

#forsuchatimeasthis. Presiding Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Episcopal Church issued a joint invitation to a season of prayer, fasting and advocacy out of concern for proposed deep cuts to programs that are vital to hungry people struggling with poverty. There are many ways to be intentional about a fast: nothing but liquids for the day, nothing between sun up and sun down, pick a particular group of foods or a meal to forgo. The point is the intentionality. That comes from the prayer that surrounds the act for those who are hungry and suffering in poverty. This is how we walk alongside. This is how we accompany. We offer ourselves in some way for our neighbor who is hurting.

Those who choose to engage in this spiritual discipline are invited to fast on the 21st of the month. If you would like to receive devotions for the day, let Pr. Stephanie know.

Women's Guild

Ladies, your winter recess is ending!

The first Women's Guild meeting for the new year is scheduled to be held on **TUESDAY, MARCH 13TH @1:30 PM**...weather permitting. We hope that Mother Nature will cooperate.

Sue has lined up an interesting speaker for us – Cindy Guendert. Her topic will be Quilts of Valor. She will bring several completed quilts and tell us more about the program. We will be looking for one of our own St. Andrew veterans (male or female, any age) to receive a quilt on March 13th during a special ceremony she does. Watch for more information.

Guests are welcome to attend! Members, please plan to remain after the “goodies” have been enjoyed to discuss and make plans for the coming year. Bring your suggestions and ideas. Mark your calendar NOW!

A smile for the day:

A hug is a perfect gift – one size fits all and nobody minds if you give it back.

Joan Strecker

WINTER GROCERY CART CHALLENGE

March's Grocery Cart Challenge will focus on Easter dinner grocery items that Meals for the Needy will be giving out. See the list below for suggestions.

On **March 1st** we will be handing out the canvas bags decorated by our WoW kids to be filled and brought back the next week. Of course donations can be placed in the shopping cart throughout the month.

Items needed include:

Cake Mix and Frosting

Candy

Canned fruit/juice

Canned vegetables/Soup

Canned Ham
Cereal
Cookies/crackers
Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate
Mac & Cheese/Pasta
Mashed Potatoes
Napkins
Pie crust & filling
Pudding/Jello
Sugar Olives/Pickles/Salad dressing
Gift certificates toward Turkeys/Hams

Stewardship

It's Hip to be Square

There's still time to sponsor tiles for the new floor in our "Hip to Be Square" campaign.

Help by sponsoring a tile for \$25. Donations can be sent to the office or put in the offering plate. (and thanks to Jon Galvin for being our "Hip to Be Square" icon!)



Stewardship Lenten Challenge: in this season, we are putting out a challenge to tithe 10% of any monetary surprises that might come your way during Lent. Get your tax refund? Get a rebate check in the mail? A refund? Find a ten-dollar bill in your spring jacket pocket? Or how about give 10% of the cost of that daily trip to Dunkin for coffee that you gave up for Lent. We ask that you consider the biblical discipline of tithing, or giving, 10% of what God has given you as part

of your Lenten devotion.



It is time for Easter Flowers and Special Gifts for Easter.

The inserts will be in the bulletins starting the first week of March and due to the office by March 25th.

Those wishing to adorn our sanctuary this Easter season may do so by completing this form and placing it in either the offering plate or leaving it in the church office door slot.

Donations of \$20.00 are requested.
All money given will be used for the purchase of flowers.

Please make checks payable to St. Andrew Lutheran Church.

GIVEN BY: _____

Is there someone you'd like to recognize with this gift?

In loving memory of: _____

In thanksgiving for: _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Please return this form by **March 25, 2018**.

I would like to make a special Easter offering to the following St. Andrew fund:

(Please designate amounts)

The Capital Improvement Fund \$ _____

General Fund \$ _____

Mission Endowment Fund \$ _____

TOTAL offering \$ _____

Is there someone you would like to recognize with this gift?

In loving memory of: _____

In thanksgiving for: _____

Given by: _____

March Birthdays

3/1 Janice Jackson

3/3 Noah Galvin

3/4 Tony Pelow

3/5 Everett Albert

3/5 Brandon Barganier

3/5 Paul Caron

3/5 Christopher Clark

3/5 Nick Ferro Jr

3/5 Laurie Harrison

3/6 Bryce McMahon

3/7 Harrison Dayton

3/7 Randy Levine

3/8 Luke Clark

3/11 Nancy Shaw

3/11 Melissa Vertefeuille

3/13 Gregg Vontell

3/14 Clifford Bishop

3/16 John Galvin

3/16 Rosemarie Tessman

3/17 Alan Rindfleisch

3/18 Kathy Dayton

3/18 Robin Landrette

3/18 Matthew Segreve

3/19 Rebecca Koonz

3/21 Alana Torres

3/21 William Wagner

3/22 Terry Gustafson

3/22 Nicole Treacy

3/22 Sharon White

3/24 Molly Kalat

3/24 Kelly Simpson

3/25 Amber Marie Cruz

3/25 Denise Martin

3/26 Peyton Beaudoin

3/26 Marcia Theer

3/27 Tamera Procko

3/27 Zoey Rupert

3/28 Nancy Glidden

3/29 Kimberly Gaertner

3/30 Ryleigh Hall

3/30 Jessica Jones

3/31 Sean Martin

March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
				6:30 PM Council Meeting 7:00 PM AA (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 PM ALANON (Youth Room)	7:00 PM Youth Lock In	8:30 AM Youth Pick Up 4:00 PM Worship Service (Chapel)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10:45 AM Coffee Hour 4:00 PM Installation of Rev. Joanna Hertzog Betkowski at Gloria Dei	6:00 PM Confirmation Class 6:45 PM Bristol Choral Society	12:30 PM Pastors Meet 5:15 PM Wo W 1 5:15 PM Youth Choir 6:00 PM Pizza 6:30 PM Wo W 2 6:45 PM Hand Bells 7:30 PM Voice Choir	@ St. Andrew 6:00 PM Mid Week Lenten – Love Your Neighbor 7:30 PM Worship Meeting	6:00 PM VES Meeting 7:00 PM AA (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 PM ALANON (Youth Room)		4:00 PM Worship Service (Chapel)
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March Worship Serving Schedule

	4-Mar-18	11-Mar-18	18-Mar-18	Palm Sunday 25-Mar-18	Maundy Thursday 29-Mar-18	Good Friday 30-Mar-18	Easter 1-Apr-18
Assisting Minister	Alex Carros	Robert Herold	Mike Beaudoin	Terry Gustafson	Kathy Cutter	Arlene Creswell	Mike Beaudoin
Lector	Jean Gustafson	Alex Carros	Arlene Creswell	Mike Beaudoin	Jan Jackson	Nancy Denehy	Jan Jackson
Communion Assistant	Keith Hintz	None Needed	Nancy Denehy	Jan Jackson	Denise Martin	None Needed	Sue Phaneuf
Front Door	Donna Ropp & Family	Steve & Nancy Sicienski	June & Larry Beaulieu	Ruth Vontell & Family	Ursula Kaminsky	Kristen Vaccaro	John & Renee Werner
Side Door	Chuck & Noreen Simmons	Ethan Hoyt Peggy Hoyt	Andrew & Jennifer Alling	Nancy Denehy Carol Brunelle	None Needed	Nancy Shaw	Rosemarie Tessman Denise Martin
Coffee Hour	Kathy Cutter Roy Ouellette	Robin Landrette Dawn Stitham	Chuck & Noreen Simmons Rosemarie Tessman	John & Renee Werner	None Needed	None Needed	Robin Landrette Dawn Stitham
Altar Guild	Denise Martin	Denise Martin	Denise Martin	Denise Martin	Denise Martin	Denise Martin	Nancy Carpenter Emily Gdovin
Acolytes	Ryleigh Hall Madelyn Carros	Nate Simmons Weller Simmons	Chadd Vontell Kyle Galvin	Luke Adam & Sydney Adam	Ryleigh Hall	Daria Fournier	TBD
Ushers	Nancy Denehy Alan Rindfleisch William Golden Theodore Neumann	Nancy Denehy Alan Rindfleisch William Golden Theodore Neumann	Confirmation Class	Confirmation Class	TBD	TBD	Donald Zurell Donald Milbrandt Gary Dubransky
Counters	David Nelson Jerry & Tina Beaudoin	David Nelson Jerry & Tina Beaudoin	David Nelson Jerry & Tina Beaudoin	David Nelson Jerry & Tina Beaudoin			Jan Jackson Laurie & Ray Ellsworth, Jr.
Bulletin Helper	Nancy Carpenter	Nancy Carpenter	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Please Remember in Your

Prayers... Those in need of healing:

Audrey & Keith duBay, John Gacek, Wade Hibbard, Bill Murtha, Ted Neumann, Jim Prior, Emma Ranolde, Paul Rescsanski, Janet Rindfleisch, Arlene & Charles Schissler, Perk Talmadge, Trudi Wedler, Anna Zurell.

Those in nursing homes and the

homebound: Dorothy Forrest, Dermott & Virginia Luckner, Adeline Nevulis and Marie Ouellette.

We re-set the prayer list monthly. If you wish to add someone to the list, please fill out a prayer request or contact the office at (860) 583-5809 or via email churchoffice@standrewct.org

Purpose Statement

We are committed to seeking out people for membership in Christ's family, studying God's Word together that we may grow in his grace, strengthening our lives with regular worship and fellowship and sharing our time, talents, and treasure that Jesus will be known to all people through our words and deeds.

Pastoral Care

Pastor Pope is frequently in the office Monday through Thursday. Please call (860) 583-5809 for an appointment. Help us to provide good pastoral care by keeping the church up-to-date with what's going on in our lives as part of God's family. Please call the church office and let Pastor know if:

- You are in need of prayer;
- You are ill or hospitalized;
- You wish to be anointed for healing;
- A baby is born in your family;
- A family member dies;
- You wish to be married;
- You wish to be baptized or have a child baptized;

- You wish to receive communion;
 - You are moving, or have changed your contact information, or;
 - You would like to join St. Andrew
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About St. Andrew



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