



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Welcome to St. Andrew's Weekly E-mail Newsletter. In an effort to keep the congregation better informed we will be sending out this newsletter on Thursdays to cover events happening at the church through the following Wednesday. We hope you find it useful.



Happy Mother's Day!

The Mission of St. Andrew's Parish is to worship God, grow in discipleship, and share Christ's love.
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2018

4 Easter - May 11, 2025

9:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Altar Guild: Terry Marsh & Nora Lundeen

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Terry Marsh

Lectors: Laura & David Blanchard

Livestream Operator: Fred Kraeuter

Ushers: Laura Blanchard & Ed Ross

Vestry Announcer: Bob Lundeen

The worship booklet for the 9am Sunday service is available by clicking [here](#). This service will also be livestreamed to St. Andrew's YouTube channel

Single 9am Sunday Service

From May through October, St. Andrew's will be trying out a single 9am Sunday service. Through this period, we will be celebrating with Holy Eucharist Rite I on the first Sunday of each month and Rite II the rest of the Sundays in the month with music every Sunday.

Parking

We recognize that one challenge we may face is parking for those with limited mobility. We need to reserve the spaces in the lower lot for those who cannot walk up and down the hill. Please do not park in those spaces if you are able to navigate the hill. There are four spaces available in that lot, so we also ask you to park in a way that four spaces are available facing the river. There is also one spot parallel to the road in the lower lot that will be reserved for drop off and pick up only. Please do not park there. We will have vestry members and ushers keeping a look out to see if anyone needs any assistance. If you need a space in the lower lot, and none are available, please do not go home. We have people willing to park your car for you in one of the upper spaces.

As with any new endeavor, there will be adjustments that need to be made. Please let me or a member of the vestry know if something needs to be adjusted, particularly if it involves issues of accessibility.

Introducing the “Good Samaritans” — Join the Movement!

A new group of inspired parishioners is coming together under the name *Good Samaritans* — and we're kicking things off this Sunday, 11 May, after the 9:00 AM service! Our mission? To explore fresh ways to strengthen our Outreach efforts and better serve unmet needs in our community, with a special focus on fundraising for our longtime Outreach partners.

If you're passionate about making a difference, we'd love for you to join the conversation. Join us in the Library this Sunday, immediately following the service, and help us shape something significant from the ground up!

Steve Ward and Jim Swan

Earth Keepers Carpooling

The Earth Keepers group is organizing a sign-up for carpooling to church on Sundays. If you can offer a ride or need a ride, please sign up on the list in the back of the church. Those watching on-line can call the office (563-3533) and ask to be put on the list. Questions? Please contact Cynthia Garrels.

Coffee Hour Reimagined

Our after-church series of get-togethers needs a name and a shape. 'Tidings' is a possibility both for the meaning, good tidings, tidings of great joy, important tidings, etc. and also for the rhythm of the tide that is so much a part of our riverbank home. Ideally, our Tidings could be a sweet combination of coffee hour + a (sometimes) more structured opportunity for learning about our faith, our world, and each other.

First, the Coffee Hour part: An easy way to provide snacks is on a potluck basis, making sure everyone understands that it doesn't have to be fancy, they don't have to bring something every week, but if everybody brings something once in a while, it is a project of all of us. Coffee making, along with set-up and clean-up, can still proceed on a sign-up basis.

Our Tidings hour schedule is shaping up nicely! Here's the schedule so far:

May 11 - Mother's Day Coffee Hour, no program

May 18 - Coffee Hour and a chance to suggest what kinds of things you'd like to see our Tidings include

May 25 - Coffee Hour and festive send-off for Suzannah, Madeline, and Charlie, as they begin the Sabbatical months

Music Note for Sunday, May 11

"Hallelujah" is a Leonard Cohen song that was first released in 1984. The song has gained great popularity since then, and has been covered by many vocalists.

As powerful as the song "Hallelujah" is, it is not a song that is meant to be sung as part of worship. But recently a parishioner told me about a version of the song that had been done with lyrics suitable for worship, specifically for Easter. I did some research into the alternate lyrics people have used, and I settled on a version that is sung by a Irish wedding singer named Barry Hughes. I think his lyrics fit the melody well, and the melody and chord progressions remain as powerful as in the original version.

-Sean Fleming

Upcoming Memorial Services at St. Andrew's Church:

Susie Meade service - Sunday, May 25 at 2:00pm; reception following in the undercroft

Tomlin Coggeshall service - Saturday, May 31 at 10:00am

Annual Ecumenical Diaper Drive - Mother's Day through Father's Day

St. Andrew's Church, along with 7 other area churches, has supported the Ecumenical Diaper Drive by holding an annual Diaper Drive each year. This year's dates are May



11th through June 15th .

Won't you donate today? Large size diapers and pull-ups are our biggest need, and cash donations allow us to stretch our funds by buying at bulk prices! Checks can be made out to "Damariscotta Baptist Church" with "diapers" in the memo line and placed in the plate or mailed to St. Andrew's Church. We will forward the checks. If you would like to donate diapers, please bring them to the atrium.

If you would like to view the poster for the 0225 Diaper Drive, please click [here](#)

Holy Women, Holy Men The Martyrs of the Reformation

On almost every day of the year, the Episcopal Church honors faithful followers of Jesus who went before us. Every Wednesday at St. Andrew's during our Healing Eucharist, we remember one of more of these Holy Men and Women. We take time to remember these people for three important reasons. First, they deserve to be remembered. The people chosen for our calendar are remembered because they were particularly remarkable followers of Jesus. The second reason we remember them is because in remembering we are connected to Christians throughout time. And last but not least, we remember them because in remembering we can learn how to be better followers of Jesus in our day and time

This week we remember Martyrs of the Reformation. Please click [here](#) to learn more about them.

Garden Volunteers Meeting - June 2

Our Corner Garden volunteer gardeners will meet Monday, June 2, 10-12am. We will gather in the garden, do a review of the existing plantings, future plans for our garden. Bring your own garden tools, beverage, join us we resume maintenance of our Corner Garden. Thanks to Fred Kraeuter who has done some prep work. We welcome all new, old, interested gardeners.
Sally Pearce

Forward Day by Day

The next issue of Forward Day by Day, Daily Devotions for Disciples (May-July) has arrived. Copies are available in the atrium or the church entrance in small or large print. Please feel free to take one for yourself and/or a friend.



St. Andrew's Church Calendar

St. Andrew's Church calendar is available online. If you would like to access it, please click [here](#)

New Men's Group Organizational Meeting
to be held Saturday, May 10 at 9:00am in the church library. Please come and be a part of getting this new group started.

Weekday Worship

Compline: Monday-Friday 8:30 PM
Zoom Meeting

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 11:30am

Please note: The next luncheon after this service will be on Wednesday, June 4

Meetings

Benedictine Group: 10:00 AM Wednesday
Zoom Meeting

Knitting Group: 2-4pm Fridays

All welcome: knitters, non-knitters and everything in between.
Meeting in the Undercroft unless otherwise announced.

Sunday, June 1 at 4:00PM
Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church, Augusta

All are welcome to attend

Intercessory Prayer List

"The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words." (Romans 8:26)

We pray for those who are ill or with special needs:

Rob & Irma Hargreaves, Alan Hargreaves, Phil Bartley, Val Gorrill, Tom Belanger, Dick, Tyler & Christine, Bruce & Julie, Cynthia Troxel, Nathan Hargreaves, Janice Roman, Beth, Emily Goodspeed, Anne Ogden, Tony Sousa, Joanne Sousa, Ian J., Emily Goodchild, Jennie Zerges, Elizabeth Lyon

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