



# St. Andrew Connections

WORSHIPING, GROWING, SERVING TOGETHER

April 2024 (Vol. 24, No. 4)

## Out to Brunch

You are invited to brunch on Saturday, April 20, at 11:00am, at MarketPlace Buffet at the Rampart Casino (221 North Rampart). This is a food and fellowship event. Everyone will pay their own way at the buffet (\$32.99 for adults and teens, \$27.99 for those with a players card).

As you make plans to join us, will you also invite a friend or neighbor (particularly one who doesn't have a church community here) to come with you. Offer to pick them up ... perhaps even pay for their meal. Studies tell us that the best way to attract new church members is for members to invite them to events and worship.

Please RSVP to the church office (we need to be good neighbors to the Buffet to let them know how many are coming).

*"Each one, bring one."*

Pr. Mari

### Mission Statement ...

*St. Andrew Lutheran Church is called to create opportunities for all people to become devoted followers of Christ. We do this by welcoming all to our ministry; by serving our members, the community, and the world; and by encouraging people to continue their growth in faith.*

### Inside this edition ...

Pastor's Note .....	1
Pastors' Word .....	2
Ministry Reports .....	2
St. Andrew's Family .....	5
Education Opportunities .....	6
The Church in Action .....	7
Outreach Opportunities .....	8
The Calendar .....	9
Health Notes & Miscellaneous .....	10
The Back Page .....	12

### ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

#### Sunday Worship

8:30 & 10:00AM

#### Livestream on YouTube at

10:00AM

#### Office Hours

8:00AM to 12:00PM

Monday through Thursday

A Congregation of the ...



Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
in America

Grand Canyon Synod


*God's work. Our Hands.*




## St. Andrew Lutheran Church

8901 Del Webb Boulevard

Las Vegas, NV 89134

 [www.standrewlv.org](http://www.standrewlv.org)

 (702) 255-1990

 [churchoffice@standrewlv.org](mailto:churchoffice@standrewlv.org)

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 & 10:00AM

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday

8:00AM to Noon

### CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Phillip J. Shuart, Pastor

 [prphil@standrewlv.org](mailto:prphil@standrewlv.org)

Rev. Dr. Mari Larson, Assoc. Pastor

 [prmari@standrewlv.org](mailto:prmari@standrewlv.org)

### Finance Ministry

*Angela Danzik*

 [angelad@standrewlv.org](mailto:angelad@standrewlv.org)

### Office

*Bob Grant*

 [bobg@standrewlv.org](mailto:bobg@standrewlv.org)

### Sextons

*Antonio & Evangelina de Zambrano*

### Pianist

*Amy Kaplan*

### Audio Visual

*Colleen Lozano*

### CHURCH COUNCIL

*Stuart Moen, President*

*Dale Reagor, Vice President*

*Linda Fraass, Secretary*

*Cloydine Thomas, Treasurer*

*Colleen Lorenzo, Congregational Life*

*Lan Simpson, Building & Grounds*

*Doreen Drinan, Outreach*

*Kathy Hoyt, Education*

*John Lozano, Worship*

## The Resurrection of Our Lord

*Grace to you and peace from God our Creator  
and the Lord Jesus Christ, our redeemer.  
Amen.*

We recently celebrated Easter Sunday. The liturgical name for the celebration is The Resurrection of Our Lord. Each Sunday in the church year is a celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. That is one reason why the 40 days of Lent do not include Sundays.

Early in the first century believers in Jesus gathered on the first day of the week for worship because that was the day Jesus was raised. It was servants like the women and men who followed Jesus that experienced the Resurrection. They passed on the story from person to person, community to community. Those who were following "The Way" (how early followers of Jesus were described) began to have the identity of a type of community that acted differently than the world. It is said during the first century that those outside the Christian faith would look at this new community and say, "My, how they love each other".

We believe that the Holy Spirit led and guided the early church and we still believe the Holy Spirit guides us today. May God lead us to be the kind of community that gathers in the name of Jesus in such a way that others will say, "My, how they love each other".

Blessings and peace at Easter,

*Pastor Phil Shuart*



## Treasurer's Report



(This information is through  
February 29) **Cloydine Thomas**

	Income	Expense
February 2024		
General Revenue / Expenses	\$ 31,490	\$ 40,277
Other Revenue / Expenses	\$ 130	\$ 3,403
Year to Date		
General Revenue / Expenses	\$ 58,419	\$ 79,426
Other Revenue / Expenses	\$ 292	\$ 4,445
General Fund Balance	<b>\$49,389.32</b>	

## Help Our Offering Counters, Please!

We have an amazing group of volunteers who count your offerings each week. It takes them about two hours to complete the effort.

One thing you can do to help them is to completely fill out the front of your offering envelopes. Otherwise, they must open it up and then annotate the amounts for General Operations, Other, World Hunger, and the Total. They also often must fill in your Name.

Your check or cash provide the total, but the offering and the envelope are then kept separate so funds can be deposited at the bank and data from the envelope can be entered into the computer in the church office.

It is also a help if you put your offering envelope number on your check. These small but very important steps are super helpful!

*Ron Fraass*

Chair Finance Committee

## Music Notes

The choir rehearses with Amy on Wednesday evenings, at 5:30PM, in the church.

We have started preparing for Easter and welcome you to join us.



As we continue to make mats for the houseless, we will again take your plastic bags. Please put them in the large box next to the newspapers in the education area.

We are in need of volunteers to cut the bags into loops (it's easy to do this while watching TV). The staff will train you.

## Convenient Giving

In addition to the basket for our weekly offerings, and the Vanco payment link on the home page of our website at [standrewlv.org](http://standrewlv.org), we now have a QR code. Just scan the QR code using your cell phone or iPad camera and tap the link to easier giving.



## Theology 101

Recently a class met for two consecutive Mondays to discuss some basic concepts of Theology and here are some reflections...

1. To even *think* about “studying” God is something that must be approached with the humblest of hearts.
2. There have been many attempts by church thinkers to *prove* that God exists. Some are more persuasive than others. (If interested, Google “Proofs of God”.)
3. God reveals God’s self to the world *generally* as through nature. The Psalmist writes, “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of God’s hands”. In the beauty of creation you can see God at work..
4. God reveals God’s self in a *special* way. God comes to God’s people in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and it is the Holy Spirit that enables us to believe.



## From the Council President

I look at the upcoming month of April, here are some important dates to remember:

**April 1 - April Fools’ Day.** Although its origin is unclear, this day is when people play pranks on each other. Some nationwide media organizations get in the spirit as well, such as when Google said you could play Pan Man on Google Maps!

**April 22 - Earth Day;** created on this day in 1970, this annual event demonstrates support for environmental protection and in December of 1970 led to the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency in this country. Also, Passover begins at sundown on this date.

**April 24 - Administrative Professionals Day.** Although not observed as a public holiday, it is always celebrated on the Wednesday of the last full week of April. Administration includes a wide variety of duties including office management, answering the phone, clerical work, and record maintenance.

**April 30 - Passover** ends at sundown.

May each of you and your families enjoy the upcoming month!

*Stuart Moen*

APRIL  
Showers  
BRING  
May  
Flowers



## Prayer Requests

St. Andrew has two ways to request prayer from the congregation: first is this prayer list, which will change monthly (for continuing needs, call the church office or one of the pastors to request that prayers continue) and the other is our Prayer Circle (see below). Because of privacy concerns (it is published on our website), last names are omitted:

Marvin B, Ruth F, Art P, Jean A, Dawn, Edna W, June W, Don D, Barb B, Noah, Anne F, Michael L, Virginia K, Betsy, Linda, Ronnie McG, Lynn, Ron N, Peggy Anna M, Shirley B, Diane K, June L, Grace V, Pat Se, Brett & Angela, Cody, Susan Z, Norma H, Jan F, Lynn L, Shammin, John M, Helen De, Jean M, Reiny B, Johan, Jim E, Jim C, John C, Mark P, Kathryn, Mary Ann K, Doris D, Joni T, Russ F, Bruce C, John P, Mitchell P, Todd P, Janice, David W, Cloydine T, Michelle E, Alta R, Marvin & Victoria B

The St. Andrew Prayer Circle is a group of special people standing ready to pray for all who are in need. It doesn't matter if the need is yours or for someone in your family or a friend. Whether prayers are needed for illness, surgery, death or a difficult situation, we are here for you. Please let us know when you, or a loved one needs our prayers and then let us know when those prayers are answered so we can thank and praise our Lord.

Each prayer request and updates are sent to the Prayer Circle members via e-mail. If you have a prayer request, or would like to join our Prayer Circle, please send an e-mail to Linda Fraass at [Lfraass@aol.com](mailto:Lfraass@aol.com) or to the church office at [angelad@standrewlv.org](mailto:angelad@standrewlv.org). You may also call Linda at (702) 485-4892 or the church office at (702) 255-1990.

## Also In Our Prayers

In the column above is a list of people for whom we are praying.

We also pray for situations, here and around the globe:

We pray for peace in the Holy Land, in Ukraine, in Haiti, and in other countries, communities, neighborhoods, and homes.

We pray for First Responders and those who serve in the military.

We pray for victims of hatred and anger.

## April Birthdays

2 Pat Si  
4 Rikki Ja  
6 Stuart Mo  
10 Dewayne Ny  
10 Dorothy Sc  
10 Eileen Sc  
10 Patricia Se  
14 Angela Be  
14 James Di  
14 Susan Oo  
14 Rita Ta  
15 Susan Zu  
16 Angela Br  
16 Melissa Pa  
16 Tatum Ra  
17 John Ha  
17 Susan Mc  
18 Lisa Ki  
18 Dean La  
19 Kahlan Ho  
20 Robert Sc  
22 Carlene La  
23 Connie Sue Hi  
23 Chandra Me  
25 Jon Gu  
26 Julius Br  
26 Gary Fr  
30 Rj Ma

## April Anniversaries

1 Kelsey & Susan Mc  
5 Sherry & Joe Pr  
5 Claudia & Jack So  
22 Rhoda & Al La  
28 Norman & Alice Ye

*If your birthday or anniversary are missing from these lists, please let us know. Our database and its users are imperfect but are able to do better with your help.*

## **Lectio Divina**

**Lectio Divina** is an ancient practice of meditation on a short passage of Scripture.

Each week, we offer two groups that pursue this practice. New members are always welcome:

- ♦ **Mondays** at 6:00PM on Zoom with Pastor Mari (contact Pastor Mari for the Zoom link).

## **Zoom Bible Study**

**Zoom Bible Study** is based on the readings for the next Sunday and meets on Wednesdays at 9:00AM. Contact Pastor Phil for Zoom link.

## **Thursday Book Group**

If you would like to participate in person or via Zoom, please contact Pr. Mari for more information or watch the weekly announcement folders for the titles of the books we are studying.

## **Las Vegas Crafters Guild Show**

The Las Vegas Crafters Guild is having a Spring show in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 13th from 9:30am to 4:00pm. This local crafter group will have a wide variety of handmade craft items for sale. For those who attend the show, the Crafters will be having a drawing for a basket of handmade craft items.

## **♥ Vitalant Mobile Blood Drive**

The Vitalant blood mobile bus will **ALSO** be at St. Andrew on Saturday, April 13th 9:30am to 1:30pm in the parking lot. **WALK-INS are Welcome!!! See page 10 for Judy's article about giving blood, and see page 11 for information on how to SIGN up to donate.**

**Please keep the date marked on your calendar and join us on Saturday April 13th for BOTH events!**

## **Opportunities Project**

It is not too late! We continue to receive your completed opportunities inventories. If you can't find your form, please pick up one in the church office.

As you complete them, please include what you are already doing and what you might be interested in doing. And don't forget to include ideas you have for new programs and ministries.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this inventory! We have several new members (and new staff members), and this helps everyone!

## Las Ventanas

This month, we lead worship at Las Ventanas (in the Assisted Living Dining Room, because of renovations) on April 28 at 1:30pm. Non-residents are welcome to attend.



## Outreach Report

Thank you St. Andrew once again for your generosity! Easter baskets, books, toys, candy and love in abundance were donated for the Lutheran Social Services Easter Egg Hunt and Resource Fair. This event provides services such as: Ronald McDonald Care mobile for dental check-ups, vision screening, HELP of Southern NV with various resources, Arics Mobile Library with educational resources and the Las Vegas Metro Police. Children are entertained with face painting, an egg hunt and Easter baskets along with other fun activities, music and food. This year's numbers are not available as of this writing, but last year 390 children from 229 families attended the fair....hopefully, that number was exceeded this year. LSSN is very appreciative of our donations for the Egg Hunt as well as the constant and much needed food St. Andrew provides. Romans 12-13: Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Amen!  
Doreen Drinan

## In Memoriam

*Hal Taylor  
Vivian Noel  
Joel Fraites*



## Haiku

*What is a Haiku?* a Japanese poem of seventeen syllables, in three lines of five, seven, and five, traditionally evoking images of the natural world.



Roger Storkamp is pleased to share a few of his own haikus on a wide range of topics each month, promising only politics-lite with no bias. The world according to HAIKU.

For April ...

### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

**A-I; A-G-I**

Neanderthals move over  
Modern humans next

### AGING

short memory weakens  
Muscle memory gets confused  
Long past awakens

### BETTER ANGELS (ST. ANDREW ALTERNATE)

Life's zero-sum game  
Survival of the fittest  
We can do better

Some of Roger's novels: *Orphan Train Kid*, *Thelma's Quilt*, *'Neath a Crescent Moon*, *Miss West*, *Light Years from Home*, *Pvt. Richard Leslie*, and *Showgirl Memoir*.

## Welcoming

The “pew pads” are an important link for those who are visiting on Sunday mornings. If you are a member or associate member and your phone number, address, or email have changed, you can write the new information in the pew pad (writing the words “new information” help us, too). If you’re a member or associate member and your contact information hasn’t changed, just write your name. Thank you!

Thanks to those who are wearing their new or old **nametags**. This simple act helps our newer members (and our not-so-new members) remember names. If you haven’t already, please order a nametag on the bright green sign up sheet by the church office. (We receive a discount when there are at least 10 nametags ordered.) There is no charge for nametags, but you are free to make a donation to cover the cost.

## Contribution Envelopes

If you have not already done so, drop by the church narthex and pick up your 2024 contribution envelopes. They are sorted alphabetically. Double check your name and information when you pick up your envelopes. Thank you in advance!

## Speaking of buffets ...



*“Yeah, but the one in Vegas has an endless shrimp buffet.”*

## Historic Fremont Street 1940





# April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 8:30AM - Worship with Handbells 9:20AM - Fellowship 10:00AM - Worship with Handbells 5:00PM - AA Mtg. 7:30PM - AA Mtg.	8 10:00am - Theology 101 6:00PM - Zoom Lectio Divina 6:15PM - Women's Book Grp 7:00PM - Women's AA	9 5:00PM - Finance Comm 5:30PM - Council 7:00PM - Men's AA Mtg.	10 9:00AM - Zoom Bible Study 10:30AM - Recovery Group Noon - AI-Anon 5:30PM - Choir Rehearsal 5:45PM - Youth & Young Ad 6:45PM - Confirmation	11 Noon - AA Mtg. 6:00PM - Book Group 7:30PM - AA Mtg.	12	13 Craft Show in Fellowship Hall Blood Drive in parking lot
14 8:30AM - Worship 9:20AM - Fellowship 10:00AM - Worship 5:00PM - AA Mtg. 7:30PM - AA Mtg.	15 10:00am - Theology 101 6:00PM - Zoom Lectio Divina 6:15PM - Women's Book Grp 7:00PM - Women's AA	16 7:00PM - Men's AA Mtg.	17 9:00AM - Zoom Bible Study 10:30AM - Recovery Group Noon - AI-Anon 5:30PM - Choir Rehearsal 5:45PM - Youth & Young Ad 6:45PM - Confirmation	18 Noon - AA Mtg. 6:00PM - Book Group 7:30PM - AA Mtg.	19	20 11:00AM - Out to Brunch Fellowship at Rampart Casino Buffet
21 8:30AM - Worship 9:20AM - Fellowship 10:00AM - Worship 5:00PM - AA Mtg. 7:30PM - AA Mtg.	22 10:00am - Theology 101 6:00PM - Zoom Lectio Divina 6:15PM - Women's Book Grp 7:00PM - Women's AA	23 7:00PM - Men's AA Mtg.	24 9:00AM - Zoom Bible Study 10:30AM - Recovery Group Noon - AI-Anon 5:30PM - Choir Rehearsal 5:45PM - Youth & Young Ad 6:45PM - Confirmation	25 Noon - AA Mtg. 6:00PM - Book Group 7:30PM - AA Mtg.	26	27 1-4 PM - Fellowship Hall Celebration of the Life of Hal Taylor
28 8:30AM - Worship 9:20AM - Fellowship 10:00AM - Worship 1:30pm - Las Ventanas worship 5:00PM - AA Mtg. 7:30PM - AA Mtg.	29 10:00am - Theology 101 6:00PM - Zoom Lectio Divina 6:15PM - Women's Book Grp 7:00PM - Women's AA	30 7:00PM - Men's AA Mtg.				

**QUESTIONS ABOUT GIVING BLOOD ...**

1. Am I too old to give blood? There is no upper age limit for blood donation.
2. Who can donate?
  - a. Donors must be at least 16 years-old, weigh at least 110\* pounds and feel well and healthy.
  - b. Tattoos are acceptable if done in a Nevada retail establishment and have healed (usually 2-3 weeks after applied).
  - c. Donors cannot be taking antibiotics for at least 48-hours prior to the blood drive.
  - d. For questions about donor eligibility, please contact Vitalant at 877-258-4825 or visit [www.vitalant.org/eligibility](http://www.vitalant.org/eligibility).**
  - e. For an updated list of medications that may prevent you from giving blood, please visit [www.vitalant.org/health](http://www.vitalant.org/health).
3. April is National Donate Life Month and blood donations are a vital part of the organ transplant process before, during surgery and throughout the recovery process. One blood donation can save up to three lives!
4. Donors can schedule an appointment to GIVE BLOOD at [www.donors.vitalant.org](http://www.donors.vitalant.org) and search for available times with blood drive code: [10054966](http://www.donors.vitalant.org) or contact Vitalant at 877-258-4825 for assistance! Appointments are encouraged; walk-ins are always welcome! Bring photo identification and invite others to join you in saving lives!

For additional information the following references are provided:

- Mayo Clinic
- American Red Cross
- Healthline.com
- National Institute of Health (NIH)



# BLOOD DRIVE



## ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024 | 9:30AM - 1:30PM

8901 DEL WEBB BLVD. | VITALANT BLOODMOBILE

BLOOD DRIVE CODE: 10054966 OR SCAN THE QR CODE

❤️ Schedule your appointment to **GIVE BLOOD** at [www.donors.vitalant.org](http://www.donors.vitalant.org) and search for available times with **blood drive code: 10054966** or scan the QR code or contact **Vitalant** at **877-258-4825** for assistance! ❤️

April is **National Donate Life Month!** Give blood to support hospital patients relying on transfusions to recover, heal and survive!



vitalant.



**St. Andrew Lutheran Church**

8901 Del Webb Boulevard  
Las Vegas, NV 89134

Return Service Requested

NONPROFIT ORG  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
LAS VEGAS, NV  
PERMIT NO. 1875

Pastor Phillip J. Stuart

Pastor Mari Larson

☎ (702) 255-1990

**Sunday Worship**

8:30 & 10:00AM

Livestream on YouTube at 10:00AM

All are welcome!

Please place address label here

**CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER**

**April 2024**



April 7, Sunday



*Summerlin Ringers join us for both worship times*

April 13, Saturday



*Craft Show in Fellowship Hall and  
Blood Drive in Parking Lot*

April 20, Saturday



*Out to Brunch Fellowship at  
Rampart Casino Buffet*