

# ST. ANDREW'S CROSS

*Where All are Welcome. No Matter Where They Are on Life's Journey.*

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JOIN US

*Easter Sunday*

APRIL 5  
9:30AM SERVICE



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*The Tea is Coming!*



The Annual Spring Ladies' Tea will be held Saturday, May 9th at 2:00pm.

Presented by St. Andrew's Women, the Tea is known for the delicious desserts, finger sandwiches, and of course, tea. And, did we say door prizes?

This is a ticketed event and it always sells out.

Tickets will be available beginning April 12 after worship from any member of SAW.

## 2026 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Julie Kraft, President, *\*Property*  
Deborah Ealer, Vice President, *\*Staff, \*Finance*  
Teresa Diehl, Secretary, *\*Community Care*  
Chandra Bleice, *\*Nursery School*  
Heidi Butler  
Diana Laustsen  
Laurie Roth, *\*Spiritual Gifts*

*\*Denotes Liaison to Committee*

Jonathan Bleice, Church Treasurer

Council meets the second Monday of each month on Zoom.

All are invited to attend, but only Council members are given a vote.

Links to the meeting can be found in the calendar on the church website.

Council Minutes are available from the Church office by request.

### General Fund Financial Position Summary for the month ending February 28, 2026

	<u>February</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Offerings	\$14,509.00	\$27,104.33
Expenses	\$16,026.96	\$31,434.70
Surplus (Shortage)	(\$1,517.96)	(\$4,330.37)



## Community Easter Dawn Service

6:30am, Easter Sunday

Courtyard, United Fellowship Lutheran Church

2115 Washington Blvd., Easton

# CLOTHING DRIVE FOR CIT

St. Andrew's will participate in the Used Clothing Collection taking place on Saturday, April 18 from 9am-1pm at Fidelity Bank on Sullivan Trail in Forks Township.

All proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the CIT Foundation's annual scholarships and tool awards.

If you can't get to the collection site on April 18, bring your donations (in plastic garbage bags) to worship on the following Sundays: March 29, April 5 and April 12.

Ron Roth will get the donations to the Forks Township site on the 18th. Used clothing, shoes, bedding, and towels **in any condition** will be accepted.



Serving high school students from Easton, Bangor, Nazareth, Pen Argyl, and Wilson School Districts, The Career Institute of Technology integrates occupational, professional, and academic skills throughout each program. Courses are designed to provide the student with the skills and confidence needed to create and maintain an atmosphere which contributes to their entire process of learning and succeeding. The mission of Career Institute of Technology is to provide career and technical education in a safe and active environment. Students will leave CIT prepared to start careers and continue their education.

Thank you for helping local CIT high school graduates as they prepare for college and careers.

## NURSERY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



Thursday, April 23rd 4pm-8pm  
Red Robin, 3716 Easton Nazareth Hwy

20% of all food purchases, dine in and carry out,  
will be contributed to the school.

Join us in the dining room for a wonderful night of fellowship with friends while making an effortless donation to the school.

## **- IMPORTANT CALENDAR CHANGE -**

The 6261 Exploratory Meeting planned for April 26th has been cancelled. Stay tuned for further information at a later date.

# MILESTONES

*In Loving  
Memory*

Memorial donations have been received in memory of Charles Brandt, who died on January 10th, from Eric and Stacey Boyle, Susan Brossman, Donna and Brenda Doran, Sylvia Gallop, Teri Hill, Sue and Bob Pettit, Janet Rhymer, Fay Slater, and Susie, Dick, and Chummy.

Donations were also received in memory of Melba Green, who died on January 24th, from Sylvia Gallop and Fay Slater.

In addition, a memorial was received from Kathy Brandt in memory of Baby Nicole.

May they rest in eternal peace.

We congratulate the Rodriguez Family in the recent baptism of young Beckham on March 8th, and wish him the happiest of first birthdays on April 3rd. May God's love surround you always, Beckham!

Beckham is the son of Anthony and Paige, and brother of Elias and Grayson.



We are happy to announce that Malena Viscomi was welcomed into membership on Sunday, March 8th.



Welcome

We know that you will help us make Malena feel at home and a part of the St. Andrew's Family.

We look forward to worshipping, serving, and sharing life's journey alongside you, Malena.

*Welcome Spring!*



# St. Andrew's Women (SAW)

**Wednesday, April 8 @ 10:00am in the Church Social Room**

## **Program: Chair Yoga**

**Devotions:** Linda DeRenzis Sutton

**Dessert:** Nina Kramer

**Business:** Review Tea Plans  
Tea Helper Sign-ups  
Cross and Bulletin Announcements  
Send Least Coin Offering to Church Women United  
Announce June Meeting Plans

St. Andrew's Women's group (SAW) meets the second Wednesday of each month and, through fundraising events, provides support not only to the church, but also to other charitable organizations, our community and beyond. SAW is open to all women, church members or not, on a "come as you can" basis.

Congratulations to your **St. Andrew's Nursery School**  
**BEST PRESCHOOL in Palmer Twsp 2026**

By BusinessRate, Based on 2025 Google Ratings

**Climb on Board! - Registering Now for Fall**



## **Upcoming Nursery School Events:**

Red Robin (on 248) Fundraiser - Thursday, April 23rd from 4-8pm

Annual Art Show - Saturday, May 2nd from 1-2:30pm

## **Church Time Nursery**

St. Andrew's is lucky to have a dedicated group of volunteers who spend Sunday mornings in the preschool classroom with our youngest worshippers. The volunteers have all gone through background testing and fingerprinting, giving peace of mind to our families.

Children can be dropped off prior to worship, or picked up by a volunteer after the children's message in the service. Either way, please sign your child in before the start of worship.

**Upcoming Nursery Volunteers:** April 12: Kathy Brandt & Tracy Payonk;  
April 19: Deb Henry & Hannah Spadoni; April 26: David Abel & Linda Trigiani





## ProJeCt Food Pantry

The Community Care Team continues to encourage you to help the ProJeCt Food Pantry with much needed non-perishable food donations.

In particular, they need shelf stable milk, canned fruit cocktail, and beans. This being said, if you see a wonderful price on a staple food item, all donations are appreciated.

Donations can be brought to Hope House or left in the bins in the Narthex. The food is delivered to ProJeCt weekly.

For more information about ProJeCt and the work they do, go to [www.projecteaston.org](http://www.projecteaston.org).

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/03 Tyler Azzalina, Beckham Rodriguez  
4/04 Gabriella Gruhler, Brendon Pickel  
4/05 Michael Barilone  
4/06 Quamere Grant  
4/07 Lucas Foulk  
4/08 Niklas Enblom, Laura Heebner,  
David Sales, Susan Thorpe  
4/12 Alan Schaeffer  
4/13 Karen Hardy-Kutz, Denise Klabunde  
4/14 Gayle Ryan  
4/18 Elizabeth Saville  
4/19 Meredith Saville, Charles Sensinger  
4/20 Logan Brinker  
4/24 Victor Machado, Mary Saville  
4/25 April Shaheen  
4/26 Greg Pickel  
4/28 Jean Pleiss  
4/29 Marty Schaeffer  
4/30 Kristen Reese



# APRIL Calendar

## Wednesday, April 1

10:30am Nursery School Egg Hunt & Party

## Thursday, April 2

### Maundy Thursday

7:00pm Worship

## Friday, April 3

### Good Friday

7:00pm Worship

## Sunday, April 5

### Easter Sunday

9:30am Worship

## Monday, April 6

### Church Office Closed

1:00pm Worship & Music @ Hope House

7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

## Tuesday, April 7

7:00pm Property Team via Zoom

7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

## Wednesday, April 8

10:00am SAW Meeting in Social Room

## Thursday, April 9

7:00pm Chancel Choir

## Friday, April 10

7:30am Crossroads AA

## Sunday, April 12

9:30am Worship

## Monday, April 13

7:00pm Council Meeting via Zoom

7:00pm Parent Partnership Group

## Tuesday, April 14

7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

## Thursday, April 16

7:00pm Chancel Choir

## Friday, April 17

7:30am Crossroads AA

## Sunday, April 19

9:30am Worship

## Monday, April 20

7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

## Tuesday, April 21

7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

## Thursday, April 23

4-8:00pm Nursery Fundraiser @ Red Robin

7:00pm Chancel Choir

## Friday, April 24

7:30am Crossroads AA

## Sunday, April 26

9:30am Worship

## Monday, April 27

5:30pm Nursery Committee @ Hope Hs

7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

## Tuesday, April 28

7:00pm Community Care via Zoom

7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

## Thursday, April 30

7:00pm Chancel Choir

