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Words from Pastor Kari Lee's Pen.

Habakkuk 2:3 (Living Bible Translation)

3 But these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow,[a] do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!

What does it mean to be patient? Does it mean things do not change? Does it mean we feel no tug of discomfort?

No. Being patient means we do not lose hope in the midst of change and discomfort. Just as slowly and steadily as the days are getting longer here, God's promise to redeem all of creation is also slowly and steadily being made real. And yet, we do not want to be patient.

We are crying out "come to our aid now Lord!". We cannot feed all the hungry alone and yet we work to do something. We cannot cloth all the naked alone and yet we work to do so anyway. Prisoners in jail need visiting and ministry. Our elderly need companionship. Our youth need purpose and vision. Our nation needs peace and unity. Our leaders need faithful direction. We are tired of being patient, O God.

What then are we to do?

We cling to God's word. We hope in what we can not see. As Jeremiah 29:11 says; "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".

God has not abandoned us. God is still working to redeem and restore all of creation. If we have hope for what we long this world to be like then we are halfway there. And Hope in Christ never disappoints. This month we begin to follow Christ toward the cross where he secured the salvation we long for. May our witness to this patient and steadfast love give us the hope we need to bear witness to a patient and living God in a chaotic and impatient world. God has not forsaken or abandoned you. For, "see, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:19

Peace to you as we begin our Lenten journey dear ones.

Pastor Kari

"Peace
BE WITH YOU!"

Lent 2026

Wed Feb 18th, 6 pm - Ash Wednesday @ St Andrew's

Wed Feb 25th, 6pm – Worship at Holy Trinity

Wed Mar 4th, 6pm – Worship at St Andrew's

Wed Mar 11th, 6pm – Worship at Holy Trinity

Wed Mar 18th, 6pm – Worship at St Andrews

Wed Mar 25th, 6pm – Worship at Holy Trinity

**Holy Week**

Thurs April 2nd, 6pm – Maundy Thursday Worship at St Andrews

Friday April 3rd, 6pm – Good Friday Worship at Holy Trinity

Saturday April 4th, 6pm – Easter Vigil Worship & Confirmation of youth at St Andrews

*Lord, teach us to walk in kindness
this month and beyond. May our
actions reflect your love, and may
others see your heart through us.
“Be kind to one another, tender-
hearted, forgiving one another, as
God in Christ forgave us”
(Ephesians 4:32, ESV).*



Confirmation is here.

Confirmation lessons begin at 5:15
and be held on the following dates.
Any changes in schedule due to
illness or unforeseen circumstances
will be communicated through
e-mail and text to parents.

Feb - 4, 11

Pause for Lent.

Confirmation Sunday April 12th



In January, our mission support to
the synod was \$1,172. There was
also a donation of \$300 to Lutheran
Disaster Response.

Our monthly mission for January was for ELCA World Hunger,
and the donation to this mission was \$270.

Our mission emphasis for February will be for Clearview
Recovery Center in Prairie City. Clearview Recovery Center is “a
premier provider of client-driven substance abuse services for
women. [They] are committed to empowering and treating all
clients in an individualized, effective and responsible manner.
Through embracing values of trust, empathy and respect, [they]
continually provide services based on client and community
needs. Clearview provides gender specific programming that
is best-practice and outcome based. Some of the specific compo-
nents of the program include: Assertiveness Training, Parenting,
Anger management, Awareness of Co-occurring Issues, Educa-
tion, Health and Case Management.” If you'd like to contribute
to this mission in March, please write “Clearview” on your check
or offering envelope.

SUNDAY MORNING ASSISTANTS

	LITURGIST	READER
02/01/26	Karen Lee	Karen Lee
02/08/26	Devon Wolf	Devon Wolf
02/15/26	Laura Bazel	Laura Bazel
02/22/26	Ange Sevenbergen	Ange Sevenbergen

	USHERS/GREETERS	ACOLYTES
02/01/26	Beccy Ver Heul & Dianne Clemon	Runa or Eloise
02/08/26	Dalton & Rhonda Wolf	Runa or Eloise
02/15/26	Bill & Vicky Bennett	Runa or Eloise
02/22/26	Keith & Kathy Sevenbergen	Runa or Eloise

Any questions contact Linda Bennett
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- Charlie Apps (Feb. 1st)
- Katie Linn Bell (Feb. 3rd)
- Charlie Bennett (Feb. 7th)
- Ian Bennett (Feb 7th)
- Amy Collum (Feb. 9th)
- Hannah Long (Feb. 22)
- Beau Simbro (Feb.27)
- Kahlia Sharp (Feb 28th)



Ash Wednesday is February 18, 2026, and it marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. Lent hints of spring, a time when the earth begins to awaken from a winter's nap, and new growth bursts forth all about us.

More personally, it is an opportunity to enter into a springtime for our spirit. For centuries Christians have used the 40 days of Lent to seek spiritual growth. Sincere repentance, a changing of heart, casting off old sinful practices and seeking to commune with our creator help us go in the right direction. Spending serious time in silence and prayer focuses our attention. Reading spiritual literature, becoming more knowledgeable about the New Testament, meeting in small groups with other Christians to share personal stories of faith can all be immensely stimulating. Joining with others to serve the helpless and hopeless can strengthen our spiritual life.

Lent is a time to let God do "spring cleaning" within us. It's our opportunity to allow God to help us toss out the "stuff" that hinders us and then freshen up the "new creature" we are meant to be as followers of Christ.



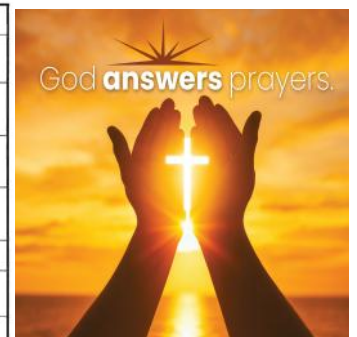
Randy & Marilyn Terlouw (Feb. 3rd)

Celebrating Marriage and Commitment

February is a beautiful time to honor the gift of marriage. Pray for couples in our church and community, and thank God for relationships built on faith, love and grace.

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church - 2026 Service Helper List

Date	Greeter	Lector	Candle Lighting	Comm. Assist	Alter Guild
2/1/26	Mark Bell	Doug Bell	Josalynn Winegar	Mark Bell	Mark Bell
2/8/26	Todd & Melanie Sharp	Carol Naeseth	Hannah Neleman		
2/15/26	Beth, Madie & Charly Fenner	Nancy Wright	Jacob Bell		
2/22/26	Jacob & Sophia Bell	Terri Bowlin	Kahlia		
3/1/26	Winegar Family	Jessica Winegar	Josalynn	Doug Bell	Doug & Jaci Bell
3/8/26	Nancy Wright	Doug Bell	Hannah		





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Worship Times are as follows...

**St. Andrew's
Worship and Sunday school
9:00am
Fellowship
10:00am**

**Holy Trinity
Worship 10:30am
Fellowship 11:30am.**

