

ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

March 13, 2022

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
12405 SW Butner Road, Beaverton, OR 97005
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Worship Services:
Sunday, 8:30 am
Sunday, 11:00 am

Masks Optional / Coffee On

Now that Oregon has lifted the mask mandate that has been in effect for almost two years, masks are optional in our building beginning this Sunday, March 13. Vaccinations are encouraged as the best line of defense against COVID-19, but it will be up to individuals whether to continue wearing masks during worship or other church meetings. Both hand sanitizer and masks will remain available at church entrances for people to use as desired.



Along with the possibility of taking our masks off, St. Andrew is also ready to put the coffee back on between services. Many thanks to Tom & Pam Jelineo and their team of Coffee Hosts for making this possible! It's going to feel good to raise a cup together once again.

And if you remain hesitant about mingling in public yet, please note that online worship opportunities continue with livestream via YouTube available at 8:30 Sunday morning and participation via Zoom for Sunday's 11:00 am service and Wednesday's 7:00 pm Lenten worship service.

The Second Sunday of Lent

As we begin the second week of Lent, our seasonal devotional suggests practices that emphasize getting out and about in nature. Go for a walk, plant flowers, explore facts about lightning and the lore on what church bells have to do with it, or transform the earth by doing one new thing to protect our environment.

Pick up one of the devotional booklets available in the Narthex or check out the weekly practices suggested for Lent on our website:

<https://standrewlutheran.com/a-lenten-devotional-for-2022/>



Adult Education Classes

"From Abraham to the ELCA"
with Paul Navarre in Fellowship Hall

"Preparing to Die"
with Pastor Mark in the Chapel.

Both classes begin at 10:00 am.



Turning toward God's Abundance in Lent

Following St. Andrew's tradition of asking members to share brief meditations as part of Wednesday Evening Prayer Lenten Services, this year's speakers will focus on attributes of God (see below) and share their experiences of God's abundance:

March 16: Randy Schutt, Forgiveness

March 23: Cindy Stadel, Compassion

March 30: Ruth Nickodemus, Mercy

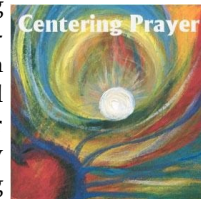
April 6: Mary Smith, Love

Wednesday Evening Prayer will be held at 7:00 pm in-person in the Sanctuary, as well as via Zoom.

Centering Prayer During Lent

Lent is a time of contemplation and renewal. One way to observe Lent is to add a spiritual practice to your life, such as Centering Prayer.

Following the close of Wednesday evening worship on **March 16, 23, 30**, and **April 6**, everyone is invited to join in Centering Prayer in the Chapel. We will begin with a prayer and then enter into a 20-minute Centering Prayer time. We will then close with prayer. Mary Smith and Ginny Link will lead the opening and closing prayers.



Thrivent Choice Dollars

The calendar has turned to March, the last month to designate 2021 Thrivent Choice Dollars. Thrivent members may recognize this opportunity to help fund ministries at St. Andrew. Over the past few years, St. Andrew has received Choice Dollars which have been directed to Prayer Shawl Ministry, Nifty Notters, Youth Ministry, and the St. Andrew Foundation. This summer, we will review our program selections and decide where to allocate future Thrivent Choice dollars.

Right now is the time to check your Thrivent Choice Dollars, which can be found on the Thrivent website. If you have Choice Dollars available, you have until March 31 to designate them. It's easy to click your choice. If you prefer to indicate your selection by phone, call Thrivent at 503-410-7550.

Lenten Food Drive

An African elephant weighs about six tons. That's the goal the Service Committee has set for its 2022 Lenten Food Drive that will run through the week of April 17 (Easter Sunday).

We can build up our food elephant in a couple of ways. Each pound of non-perishable food donated will count as one pound, while each dollar of cash will equate to three pounds of food. Please designate your cash donations to the Food Drive. If giving through the church website, select the drop-down option "Food Bank."

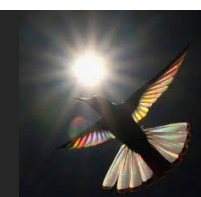


Collecting an elephant's equivalent of food is ambitious (we're aiming for six tons of food or \$4,000, or some combination of cash and gifts in kind), but we can do this! Let's get started.

Memorial Service for Phyllis Morris

Saturday, March 26, 2022
1:00 pm in the Sanctuary

(in-person only, details to come)



Mental Wellness Survey

As the stresses and isolation from the past couple of years have continued to impact both individuals and families, a Caring Ministries Team at St. Andrew has been brainstorming about the congregation's needs for mental wellness support and how the church might respond. Now they'd like input from the congregation.

Please go to tinyurl.com/54b8dn6m to fill out their "Mental Wellness, You, and the Church" survey. Responses are confidential.


If you'd like additional information or would like to share more than the form allows, please contact Parish Chaplain India Jensen Kerr at 503-646-0629, ext. 211, or send an email to india@standrewlutheran.com.

DEAR Fundraiser

DEAR (the Daytime Enrichment Activities and Recreation program for profoundly disabled adults) depends on fundraising to help defray costs for families. April's restaurant fundraiser will be held on **Tuesday, April 19**, from 4:00-8:00 pm at Red Robin. Diners pay the regular menu prices and the restaurant gives a portion of that to DEAR. For more information, please contact Fran Miller.

May's restaurant fundraiser for DEAR is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 18**, 11:00 am-9:00 pm at Bethany Public House. Put a note on your calendar now so you're sure to remember.

Scouting for Food



Scout Troops 618 and 5618 gathered last Saturday, March 5, in St. Andrew's garden parking lot, headquarters for this year's Scouting for Food effort. It was a great success! In just one day, the combined efforts of both troops yielded 1,729 pounds of food gathered for people in need. Great job, Scouts, in your work to help alleviate food insecurity and hunger!

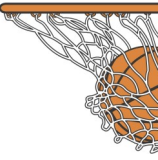
Preparing for Next Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent
March 20, 2022



Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

March Madness is Here!

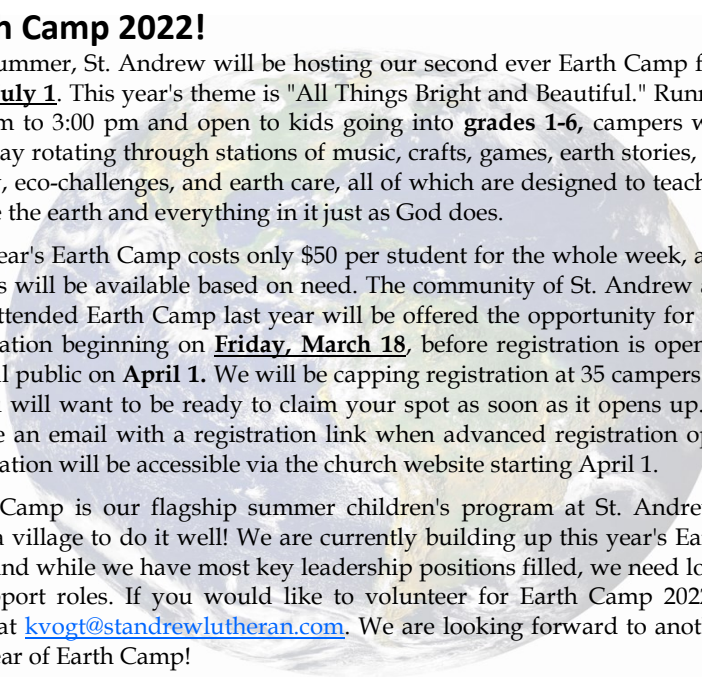


March is upon us once again, which means the St. Andrew Bracket Challenge is back for another year of fun, family-friendly competition! This year, the selection committee will set the NCAA men's basketball tournament bracket on **Sunday, March 13**. Once that happens, it will be our turn to fill out our brackets **before round one games begin on Thursday, March 17**. The odds of picking a perfect bracket are approximately 1 in 9.2 QUINTILLION, but we don't need to be perfect to win— whoever's bracket scores the most points (calculated by ESPN's automatic scoring system) will win a **\$100 gift certificate to Nike**, plus bragging rights until next March! In the past we have had 75+ entries from our church, as anyone can fill out a bracket (kids might need a little help). Here are some specific instructions on how to get signed up:

Download the ESPN Tournament Challenge App on your phone or tablet, or Google "ESPN Tournament Challenge" and click the top link. Sign in, or create a new ESPN account if you do not yet have one. Select "Create a Bracket/Entry." If you do this prior to March 13, you will need to wait until the bracket is released to fill it out. Even if the bracket is not yet filled out, you can still get entered into the St. Andrew Group. First, rename your bracket with your first and last name included in the title. To do this in the app, click the three dots next to the bracket title and select "rename." To do this on a computer, click your bracket name, then select the gear icon next to the bracket title. Finally, enter your bracket into the **StAndrewLutheran2022** group. On either the app or a computer, select "Create or Join a Group" next to your bracket. Use the search feature and type the group title exactly: **StAndrewLutheran2022**. Click the group, then select "join." You're in!

If you have questions or need help getting signed up, send me an email at kvogt@standrewlutheran.com. Good luck!

Earth Camp 2022!




This summer, St. Andrew will be hosting our second ever Earth Camp from **June 27 to July 1**. This year's theme is "All Things Bright and Beautiful." Running from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and open to kids going into **grades 1-6**, campers will spend each day rotating through stations of music, crafts, games, earth stories, earth discovery, eco-challenges, and earth care, all of which are designed to teach campers to love the earth and everything in it just as God does.

This year's Earth Camp costs only \$50 per student for the whole week, and scholarships will be available based on need. The community of St. Andrew and those who attended Earth Camp last year will be offered the opportunity for advanced registration beginning on **Friday, March 18**, before registration is opened to the general public on **April 1**. We will be capping registration at 35 campers this year, so you will want to be ready to claim your spot as soon as it opens up. You will receive an email with a registration link when advanced registration opens, and registration will be accessible via the church website starting April 1.

Earth Camp is our flagship summer children's program at St. Andrew, and it takes a village to do it well! We are currently building up this year's Earth Camp team and while we have most key leadership positions filled, we need lots of help in support roles. If you would like to volunteer for Earth Camp 2022, contact Kyler at kvogt@standrewlutheran.com. We are looking forward to another excellent year of Earth Camp!

CLIMATE CORNER: A Walk on the Wild Side



Earlier this week, Don Nearhood led a few of us off the beaten path and into the wild area of St. Andrew's wetlands to look for beaver activity. We wanted to determine a good spot to install a couple of critter cams in the hope of catching the big rodents at work. Halfway into our trek, we began to see signs of beaver activity spread across quite a large area. Other wildlife footprints were evident, too, as were dozens of newly planted native trees, shrubs, and herbs beginning to make themselves at home on the property. Since work began to restore the woods and wetlands the church owns, more than 9,000 native species have been planted: 1,291 trees, 5,029 shrubs, and 3,070 herbs (perennial natives).

Carol Harker
Earth Care Team

Table Talk: The Final Act of Living

A Conversation with Barbara Karnes

Tuesday, March 29, 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom

Gathered around the table in his home, Martin Luther talked freely and openly with his colleagues and students about matters of faith, theology, and varied aspects of daily life. In an effort to cultivate this kind of spirited discussion we have a tradition at St. Andrew of gathering for Table Talks. Pastor Brocker invites you to participate in the next Table Talk via Zoom on **Tuesday, March 29, 7:00-8:00 pm.**



Our guest will be Barbara Karnes, RN. She is a hospice pioneer and an award-winning end-of-life educator. In 2015 she received the International Humanitarian Woman of the Year Award. Her booklet "Gone from My Sight: The Dying Experience" has been called "The Hospice Blue Book." Copies are available for free in the Narthex at church.

I have read her book *The Final Act of Living: Reflections of a Long-time Hospice Nurse*. In this book she seeks to ease fear and correct misinformation about dying and death. Barbara lives in Vancouver, Washington. We are blessed to have her willing to meet with us via Zoom for a question and answer time about "the final act of living."

Pastor Mark Brocker

Book Drive for Hospitalized Children

Dear Scout Friends,



My name is Varun Varma and I am working towards my Tenderfoot with Troop 618. I am currently undergoing treatment for cancer at the Doernbecher Children's Hospital, which offers treatment for both cancer and other medical conditions for children of various ages.

The hospital has classrooms for the children who are admitted so they can catch up on their school work. What I found, though, is that the library for the children's classrooms is in need of books.

To support these classrooms and the children admitted to Doernbecher, I am starting a book drive. I'd like to request all of you to support this drive by donating books for these classrooms. You can bring the books to St. Andrew as part of Monday evening Scout meetings. The book drive will run **March 7-March 28**. Please note that the oncology ward at Doernbecher can accept only new books, but other wards can take lightly used books.

I really appreciate your help. It will make a difference for lots of hospitalized kids.

Yours in Scouting,
Varun Varma

Help for Ukraine

Ukrainians, refugees sheltering in neighboring lands, and volunteers working to relieve the suffering need our help and prayers.

Lutheran Disaster Response

Gifts to "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used in full (100%) to address the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine and neighboring countries.

[Give Now](#)



Don't put your head on your pillow **Saturday, March 12**, before you set your clocks ahead one hour. This is important! You want to be to church on time this week especially, because COFFEE is back. It's not only time for Daylight Savings Time; this is the weekend to celebrate the return of Coffee Time at St. Andrew.

Lutheran World Relief

We need your help to help others in need. Lutheran World Relief has been an active supportive service project with St. Andrew for many years. To prepare for the Spring Ingathering, we collect items for personal care kits and baby care kits. In the fall, we collect school supplies for the Fall Ingathering. At both times, St. Andrew is the collection center for churches across Oregon and parts of the Pacific Northwest.

This spring, our goal is to put together 125 health care kits and as many baby kits as possible. The drive begins now and continues until May 1. Please join us by purchasing items from the lists below and putting them in the LWR collection box at church. Any questions, please call Rochelle McIntire at 503-574-2668. On May 6 and 7, our kits and those from dozens of other Lutheran churches will be loaded onto a semi container to be shipped by rail to LWR in Baltimore.

Personal Care Kit Items

- One lightweight bath towel (between 20 X 40" & 27 x 52") dark color recommended
- 2-3 bath-size bars of soap in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb (remove packaging)
- One metal nail clippers with attached file optional (remove packaging)



Baby Care Kit Items

- 2 lightweight cotton t-shirts (no onesies)
- 2 long or shortsleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- 2 receiving blankets (medium weight cotton or flannel or handmade with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square)
- 4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt with hood, or include baby cap
- 2 pairs of socks
- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- 2-3 bath-size bars of gentle soap in original wrapping
- 2 diaper pins or large safety pins

Mercy Corps

Headquartered in Portland, Mercy Corps is on the ground working to meet urgent humanitarian needs in Ukraine, Poland, and Romania.

[Give Now](#)

Highlights from the Finance Team as of February 28, 2022

Fiscal Year 2021-2022, Report Date 3/5/2022

Thank you for your continued support for the ministries of St Andrew

M&M Giving is 92% of FYTD budget and 76% of monthly budget

Expenses are 92% of FYTD budget

We paid an additional \$34,265 towards the mortgage principal in February

Monthly Attendance & Giving

Date	In Person	YouTube	Zoom / Call In	Total Service Attendance	M&M Fund Monthly Total (Regular + Electronic)	Mortgage Fund Offering
Sunday Average	72	107	41	210		
Monthly Total	287	426	162	875	\$ 42,084	\$ 15,706
<i>To Meet Budget</i>					\$ 55,342	\$ 12,732

76%

3 Main Funds: Current Status

Ministry & Mission (M&M) Fund (AKA "Operating Budget")	FYTD Budget	Actual		The M & M Fund supports the general operations of the church, including worship, education, and office supplies; property maintenance; synod benevolence; staff; and utilities.
		FYTD \$	% of FYTD Budget	
Giving FY 2021-2022	\$ 442,733	\$ 408,321	92%	
Expenses FY 2021-2022	\$ 452,812	\$ 416,548	92%	

Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principal Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment
FY 2021-2022	\$ 190,942	\$ 101,856	\$ 76,427	\$ 574,824	\$ 12,732
FYTD Principal Only Payments		\$ 83,905	The Mortgage Fund holds contributions designated to pay mortgage.		

Designated Funds	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Designated Funds support many different ministries such as Local Benevolence, Community Garden, WELCA, Refugee, Racial Justice, etc.
Total Designated Funds			\$ 117,030	
PIPE Fund †	\$ 3,745	\$ -	\$ 32,860	
COVID Hunger Relief	\$ 1,920	\$ 2,000	\$ 993	
Racial Justice	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 1,200	
Refugee Fund/Sanctuary	\$ 1,473	\$ 912	\$ 973	
ECE loan balance from Designated	\$3,272			

† Includes \$9,900 for Wetlands Improvements

YTD figures represent Fiscal Year starting 7/1/2021

FINANCE TEAM:

Treasurers: Gretchen Bancroft, Joel Johnson, Linda Sah Olshausen

Financial Secretaries: Brian Cheney (Finance Team Chair), Tammy Piscatelli

St Andrew Foundation Treasurer: Luis Falucho

Scout Troop 618 Treasurer: Johanna Au

In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Family and friends of Paul Blouin (friend)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Sonja Ackman
Family and friends of Phyllis Morris	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Staff
Family and friends of Malcolm Snider (nephew)	Peace and God's comfort at his death	Mary Ann Snider
Joyce Bianucci (sister)	Comfort and discernment	Judy Scholz
Betty Eldridge	Healing and God's comfort	India Jensen Kerr
Tandy Brooks	Peace and healing	India Jensen Kerr
Joe Calhoun	Healing and recovery	Allison Katsuftrakis
Mary Brown	Healing and recovery	Bob and Mary Brown
Amy Fiengenbaum	Correct diagnosis and effective treatment	India Jensen Kerr
Janet Vorvick	Healing of relationships	India Jensen Kerr
People of Ukraine and all those impacted by war	Protection, justice, and ultimately peace	Staff
St. Andrew Council, Executive Committee, Staff	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
Karen Klingelhafer, Kyler Vogt, and all seminarians India Jensen Kerr and all theology students	Encouragement and support	Staff
St. Andrew Foundation	Blessings on their ministry	Staff
Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church (Portland, OR) St. James Lutheran Church (Portland, OR)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Congregation Ahavath Achim (Portland)	Blessings on our interfaith partners	Staff
Individual friends and loved ones in need of prayer	Whatever they most need: say their names in your heart or aloud	Staff

If you know someone in need of prayers, please contact the church office by phone at 503-646-0629 or e-mail office@standrewlutheran.com Tuesday-Friday, prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com Saturday-Monday.

If you know anyone from St. Andrew who needs a Eucharistic minister or would benefit from a monthly visit or phone call, please contact India Jensen Kerr at india@standrewlutheran.com or 503-860-5377.

It's About Time!

Did you know you can help yourself live a longer and healthier life and help the church at the same time? At the Congregational Conversation about Living with COVID, parish nurse Tira Nessel pointed out that it is not only rewarding to volunteer, but it's healthy, too. Research shows that people who happily give of themselves through volunteer work actually live seven years longer.

If you haven't volunteered at St. Andrew before and don't know where to start, please contact Parish Manager Carol Harker or Minister of Music & Media Allison Katsuftrakis to begin exploring where your talents are needed. Two ministries looking for volunteers currently are the Altar Guild and Hospitality. The first might attract introverts, while the latter is all about reaching out and working with others to serve the congregation. People who assist with wor-

ship are in demand, too, and many more opportunities exist. Think about what you enjoy doing and then ask yourself, "Is it about time for me to volunteer?"

Your St. Andrew Staff

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Children & Youth Minister, Kyler Vogt.....	kvogt@standrewlutheran.com
Seminarian, Karen Klingelhafer.....	kakling@sbcglobal.net
Parish Manager, Carol Harker	charker@standrewlutheran.com
Office Assistant, Johanna Land	office@standrewlutheran.com
Housekeeper, Carol Hogan	503-646-0629
Interim Evening Facility Manager, Scott Taylor	503-646-0629
Children's Ministry Host, Donna Brocker	503-502-6156
Parish Nurses, Diane Reiner.....	503-201-4222
Tira Nessel	503-866-5099

Altar Guild Volunteers Needed

The Altar Guild is in great need of a few new volunteers to help prepare the altar for worship each week. Those fulfilling this crucial worship leadership role do all their work behind the scenes, so if you're not a fan of the spotlight, this might be a great fit for you. If enough people step forward, volunteers will only need to serve once a month or even less.

Altar Guild members set out the bread and wine for communion, as well as making a few other preparations for worship services. All training is provided.

Please speak to Pastor Brocker, Susan Reiser, or Allison Katsuftrakis if you are interested in volunteering.

Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 13

8:30 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
9:30 am	Coffee Time.....	in person and via Zoom
10:00 am	Adult Ed: From Abraham to the ELCA	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Adult Ed: Preparing to Die	Chapel
10:00 am	Children's Ministry	Children's Library
10:00 am	Confirmation.....	In person and via Zoom
10:00 am	High School Youth Group.....	Youth Room
11:00 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary and via Zoom
12:00 pm	Coffee Time.....	in person and via Zoom

Monday, March 14

6:00 pm	Scout Troop 618 Meeting	Fellowship Hall, St. Andrew Room
7:00 pm	Men's Book Club	Library

Tuesday, March 15

7:00 am	Men's Gathering and Bible Study	Elmer's Restaurant on 158 th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
7:00 am	Sunrise Women.....	Elmer's Restaurant on 158 th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Worship Planners Meeting	Library
7:00 pm	Giving Acknowledgments Group Meeting	via Zoom

Wednesday, March 16—Weekly News submissions due by 4:00 pm

6:30 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:45 pm	Informal Gathering Time.....	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Scout Troop 618 Committee Meeting	Children's Library
7:00 pm	Wednesday Evening Prayer	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Centering Prayer	Chapel
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, March 17

9:30 am	Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study.....	St. Andrew Room
12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting	Chapel / Library
6:30 pm	Girl Scout Training Meeting	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Council Meeting.....	via Zoom

Friday, March 18

10:00 am	Tai Chi	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	High School Event: Cones & Clues	meet in the church parking lot

Saturday, March 19

8:30 am	Horizon Team Meeting	St. Andrew Room
9:00 am	Nifty Notters	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 20

8:30 am	Worship with Communion	Sanctuary and Livestreamed
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Worship at St. Andrew or Connect to Virtual Worship

8:30 am: Worship in the Sanctuary or watch the livestream of worship on YouTube. *The link will be sent to you via email and the church app.*



- The same link will bring you to the recording of the service to watch anytime after the livestream ends.
- An audio recording of the 8:30 am service will be available Sunday afternoon by simply dialing **503-643-9416**.



11:00 am: Worship in the Sanctuary or participate in worship via Zoom. *The link will be sent to you via email and the church app.*