



Happy Easter!

I hope you are well and enjoying the warmer weather. I think that spring has finally arrived, and with it, it seems to be bringing hope (and a lot of rain)! Hope for the Easter promise and resurrection and hope for a return to more normalcy from the pandemic we have all endured for the last year.

First, thank you to everyone who has completed the member opinion survey that we sent out last month. I have spent many days reading very carefully over each and every response. Your feedback helps our church leaders to determine how to better serve our congregation, and we are taking your feedback very seriously.

With that in mind, I am excited to share that there are a lot of exciting things happening right now at St. Andrew. Here are a few.

Our church leadership and COVID-19 advisory team has been working hard to get us back to in-person worship for Easter Sunday! Weather and COVID-19 permitting, we plan to offer a little bit of something for everyone at all comfort levels. We know that some people are vaccinated, and some are not, and that some are ready to be back to in-person worship and some are not. Our church leadership is in the exact same place, so we understand. With that in mind we plan to have options for both indoor and outdoor in-person worship with masks and social distancing. We will also continue to offer online worship for those who are most comfortable watching the service from home.

In other exciting news, our Call Committee has identified a primary candidate(s) for our Senior Pastor position, and the Council is in the process of interviewing the candidate(s). Watch for more information soon!

Finally, as more and more people are vaccinated and COVID-19 numbers continue to fall in our community, we are hoping to start doing more things in person. This will continue to happen in a thoughtful and deliberate manner. We will continue to follow CDC and Synod recommendations and guidelines as we move back into this space, and we ask that our members continue to protect one another and our neighbors by staying home when you are not feeling well, and by wearing masks and social distancing on the church property. We also know that it may be a while before all our members are comfortable coming back to in-person worship and events at St. Andrew, and we are committed to continue to provide online worship and faith formation opportunities.

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, during the season of Easter, I am hopeful to see what God has in store for St. Andrew.

He is Risen!  
Jen Fisher  
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