



April 2025

Sundays

- 8:00am H.E. Rite I
- 9:15am Adult Christian Education
- 10:30am H.E. Rite II

Wednesdays

- 10:30am Healing Service
- 6pm Lenten Dinners

Fridays

- 5pm Stations of the Cross

Coming Up

- April 5 Men's Club 8:00am
- April 7 St. Elizabeth's Guild 12:00pm
- April 8 Book Club 10:00am
- April 12 Quarter Auction 5:15pm
- April 15 Townes Homeowners 4:30pm
- April 23 Vestry 6:00pm

If I believed in the resurrection, I would _____.

In the last church I served, one of my favorite holy week/easter rituals didn't come from the prayer book, nor extensive planning, we discovered it by accident. Here is the story:

Fun fact, on Good Friday all the left over communion needs to be consumed. Normally the altar guild used to clear it out on Thursday, but one year on the morning of Good Friday, I came in to the sacristy to find a whole box full of blessed communion wafers. I was trying to decide what to do. We had already decided and printed that we were not going to have a distribution on Good Friday at the service. I had about 15 minutes left until our regular Friday morning bible study and it didn't seem right to scarf down the body of Christ.

I sat down at the Bible Study fully intending to do nothing ceremonial. Just to ask the people to share in finishing it off. Right before the gathering began I had a stroke of inspiration.

I explained to the people that we had a special thing we were going to try for Good Friday. I told them about how communion bread needed to be eaten, and I asked them to pass the box around and one by one take a wafer. Then asked them to complete the sentence. "If I really believed in the resurrection I would _____." Then eat a wafer and pass it on.

At first the responses were simple.

If I really believed in the resurrection I would pray out loud.
If I really believed in the resurrection I would invite my friend to church.
If I really believed in the resurrection I would tell my husband that I wished he would go to church more.

Then as the bread made its way around the circle the shared started getting deeper.

If I really believed in the resurrection I wouldn't be so anxious all the time.

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If I really believed in the resurrection I would watch the news a lot less.
 If I really believed in the resurrection I would tell my wife when she hurts my feelings.

Then even more so:

If I really believed in the resurrection I would write music again like I did in high school.



If I really believed in the resurrection I would forgive my Dad.
 If I really believed in the resurrection I wouldn't beat myself up all the time.
 If I really believed in the resurrection I wouldn't be afraid to call myself Christian.

As people got more vulnerable, others got more and more brave.



We went around the circle two, three, then four times. When we ran out of bread, we kept going.

If I really believed in the resurrection I would call my mom more.
 If I really believed in the resurrection I would finally quit this job.
 If I really believed in the resurrection I would paint again.

At this point we were passing around the box and just miming the bread.



We loved it and we did it every year after that. People started coming to Friday Bible study on Good Friday because they didn't want to miss it.

Ever since then, I have grown to love that prompt. There are so many excuses that we have for doing or not doing something and can lose our sense of freedom to the noise. But Easter season is about the freedom we find in Christ and that power of his resurrection. So as we embark on this Easter season, I encourage you to think about how you might fill in the blank.

If I really believed in the resurrection I would _____.





Wednesday
Lenten
Service
And
Luncheon



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Food Pantry 9-11am	2 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Healing Service 10:30am Noon Service—Lakeside Lenten Dinner 6pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm	3 Food Pantry 9-11am TRCC 5-6:30pm	4 TRCC 5-pm Stations of the Cross 5pm	5
6 8:00am HE Rite I 9:15am Adult CE 10:30am HE Rite II	7 TRAC 6-9:30pm	8 Food Pantry 9-11am Book Club 10:00am Finance Meeting 6:00pm Lion's Club 6:30pm	9 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Healing Service 10:30am Noon Service—Englewood UMC Lenten Dinner 6pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm	10 Food Pantry 9-11am TRCC 5-6:30pm	11 Stations of the Cross 5pm	12 Quarter Auction 5:15pm Dinner 6pm Auction
13 8:00am HE Rite 1 9:15am Adult CE 10:30am HE Rite II Palm Sunday	14 TRAC 6-9:30pm	15 Food Pantry 9-11am Townes Homeowners 4:30pm	16 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Healing Service 10:30am Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm	17 Food Pantry 9-11am 10:00am—Meals on Wheels TRCC 4:30-6pm Mandy Thursday service 7pm	18 Good Friday Service 12pm Stations of the Cross 5pm	19 TRCC 3-5pm
20 8:00am HE Rite 1 9:15am Adult CE 10:30am HE Rite II 11:30am Pack food pantry bags Easter Sunday	21 TRAC 6-9:30pm	22 Food Pantry 9-11am Lion's Club 6:30pm	23 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Healing Service 10:30am Vestry 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm	24 Food Pantry 9-11am TRCC 5-6:30pm	25	26
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LAY/LEM READERS

April 6
8:00 Albert Corinth
Tim Knapp

10:30 Paul Stone
Lisa Stone
Susan Schrader

April 13—Palm Sunday
8:00 George Earp
Ramona Orzell

10:30 Pete Roy
Forrest Mericle
Sandy Suggs

April 17—Maundy Thursday
7:00pm Sarah Dial
Forrest Mericle
TBD

April 18— Good Friday
12pm Alan Pittman
Susan Schrader

April 20—Easter Sunday
8:00 Tim Knapp
Tim Knapp
10:30 Brad Earle
Michele Richwalski
Omari Ansong

April 27
8:00 George Earp
Ramona Orzell

10:30 Brandon Rollings
Matt Smith
Martha Lamm

ACOLYTES

April 6
Walker Wells and Jack Lea

April 13
Lauren and Megan Renck

April 17—Maundy Thursday
TBD

April 20—Easter Sunday
The Mericle Family

April 27
Landon Newcomb
Liam Jenkins



Pantry Distributors

Tuesday—Patty Kennedy
Wednesday—Tommy Parker
Thursday—Elizabeth Hunter



“Praise be to the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his
great mercy he has given us new
birth into a living hope through
the resurrection of Jesus Christ
from the dead.”

—1 Peter: 1-3

Pantry Volunteers

Mary Ann Crawford
Diane Dunstan
Rachel Dix

GREETERS

Rita Coggins
Tom Jenkins

USHERS

April 6
Linda Hutcheson
Brad Earle

April 13
Jan Arnold
John Lea

April 17—Maundy
Thursday
TBD

April 18—Good Friday
TBD

April 20—
Easter Sunday
Angela Reid
Tom Jenkins

April 27
Billy Suggs
Steve Thurkill

Kitchen Clean Up

Judy Anderson

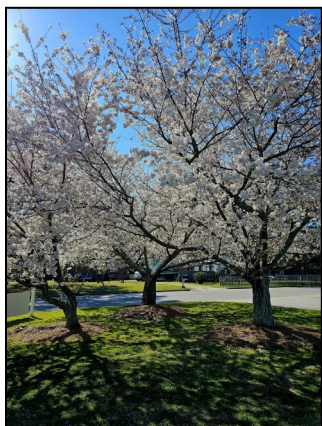
**St. Elizabeth's Guild
Invites the women of St. Andrew's to our
annual tea party.**

**May 7, 2025
12pm
Parish Hall**

**Dust off your heats and gloves (optional)
and invite a friend!**

Please call the office to make a reservation.

**Come and enjoy the great tea sandwiches,
desserts and fellowship!**



The cherry blossoms
are in bloom!

*Let the fields be
jubilant, and
everything in them; let
all the trees of the forest
sing for joy.*

- Psalm 96:12



Women's Retreat March 15, 2025



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NC Diocese sponsored "Amazing Grace Pilgrimage through the International Civil Rights Museum" narrated tour. The floor picture shows demarcation of Woolworth's Store (light colored) and another store beside it (dark colored).

Landon, Liam, Sydney and Madison took in the history of the four college freshmen who made a statement by quiet, respectful sit-in at the lunch counter.

Michele and Forest Mericle, Deacon Susan Schrader (instrumental in getting us together) and Rita Coggins admired the steadfast courage of all the Civil Rights participants. We enjoyed lunch and group discussions at the Church of the Redeemer, 2 miles down the street. Where a young Jesse Jackson joined peaceful demonstrations.





Quarters In! Paddles Up!

St. Andrew's School Quarter Auction

Date: Saturday, April 12, 2025 - door opens at 5:15 p.m. for dinner and auction begins at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner catered by Brad Gray (The Well Fed Cheetah) includes ribs (first come/first serve), chicken, green beans, potatoes, bread and dessert.

Tickets are only \$15 (includes dinner and auction paddle)

How it works: Bid on items with 1-4 quarters, depending on the item's retail value. Once all bids are placed, a randomly chosen number is called. If the person with that number placed a bid, he/she wins the item. Numbers will continue to be drawn until there is a winner. You could win a GREAT item for ONE QUARTER!! There

will also be items for sale as a "regular" auction, highest bidder wins the prize.

Bring quarters with you, but additional quarters will be available for purchase that night!

Let us know how many tickets we can get for your family and friends, only 100 are available. Adults only please.

We are accepting (and would greatly appreciate) new auction items/services as well! All donations are tax deductible. I will give you a form to use for those purposes.



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Our Parish Family

Let Light Perpetual Shine



Polly Warner
 January 9, 1944—March 9, 2025

St Elizabeth's Guild meets on Monday, April 7th at 12pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverage provided.



The Men's Club is meeting Saturday, April 5th at 8am.

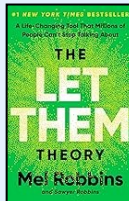
Holy Week Schedule:

Passion Palm Sunday, April 13
 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I
 10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Holy/ Maundy Thursday April 17
 7pm Holy Thursday Service

Good Friday April 18
 Noon Good Friday Liturgy
 5pm Stations of the Cross

Easter Sunday April 20
 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:50am Easter Story
 10:00am Easter Egg Hung
 10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II



St. Andrew's book club will meet on Tuesday, April 9th at 10 am in the Church parlor. We will be discussing The Let Them Theory by Mel Robbins.

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Tickets are only \$15—only 100 available
 Please let the office how many tickets you want.
 All proceeds benefit St. Andrew's Preschool and

Kindergarten
Adults Only Please