



# St. Andrew

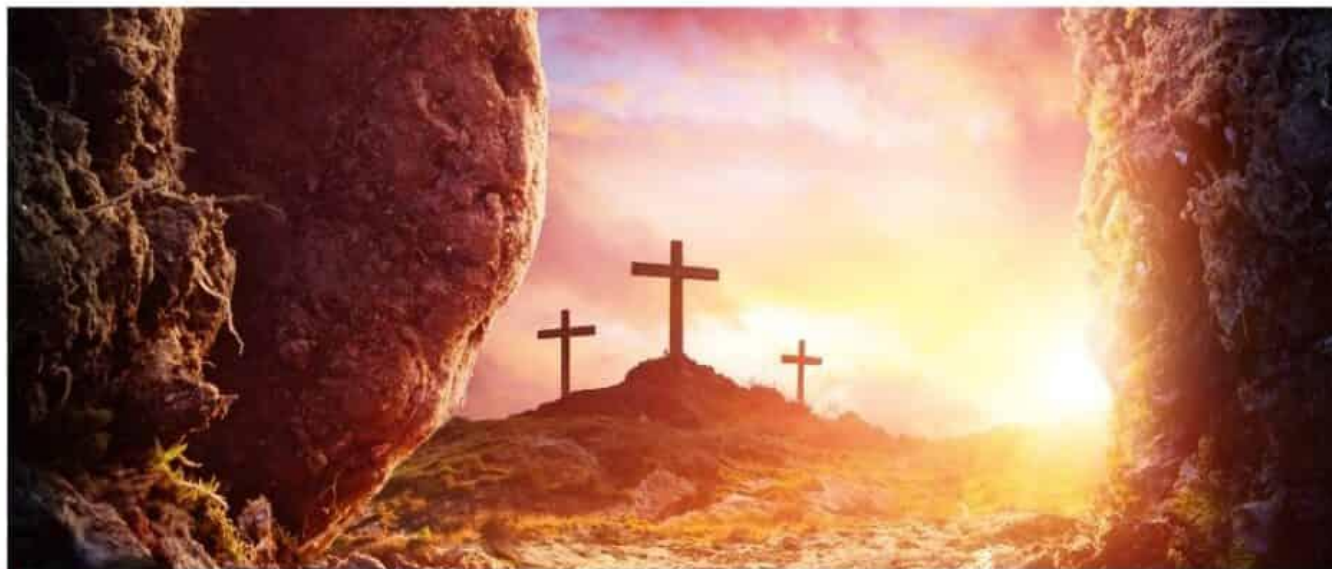
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## *Andrew's Net*

Catching up On The Latest News



“May the glad dawn  
Of Easter morn  
Bring joy to thee.  
May the calm eve  
Of Easter leave  
A peace divine with thee  
May Easter night  
On thine heart write,  
O Christ, I live for thee!”

EASTER PRAYER POEM

# April 2026 Worship Schedule

**Friday April 3, 2026**

**Good Friday Service**

Speaker: Rev. Susan Thomas

AV: Martha Krebill

Music: Jo Chatman

Liturgist: None

Greeters & Ushers: Bob & Mary Wood, Don Johnson

**Sunday April 5, 2026**

**Easter Sunday**

Speaker: Rev. Susan Thomas

AV: Brendan McCann

Music: Martha Krebill

Communion & Liturgist: Dave Kimball

Greeters & Ushers: Sandy Welch, Mike Paterson

**Sunday April 12, 2026**

Speaker: Rev. Doug Johnson

AV: Kristin Kochner

Music: Jo Chatman

Liturgist: Curt Kochner

Greeters & Ushers: Judy Anderson, Janie Wendland, Dave Kimball

**Sunday April 19, 2026**

Speaker: Earth Care

AV: Brendan McCann

Music: Martha Krebill and Jo Chatman

Liturgist: Bob Wood

Greeters & Ushers: Stan Bayley, Annette Bayley, Cynthia Kessler, Jeff Kessler

**Sunday April 26, 2026**

Speaker: Rev. Tim Lanham

AV: Martha Krebill

Music: Jo Chatman

Liturgist: Patti Johnson

Greeters & Ushers: Greeters Choice

# April 2026 Calendar

**Wednesday April 1**

**Thursday April 2**

**Friday April 3**

**Saturday April 4**

**Sunday April 5**

**Tuesday April 7**

**Wednesday April 8**

**Thursday April 9**

**Friday April 10**

**Saturday April 11**

**Sunday April 12**

**Tuesday April 14**

**Wednesday April 15**

**Thursday April 16**

**Friday April 17**

**Saturday April 18**

**Sunday April 19**

**Tuesday April 21**

**Wednesday April 22**

**Thursday April 23**

**Friday April 24**

**Saturday April 25**

**Sunday April 26**

**Tuesday April 28**

**Thursday April 30**

Garden Committee – 11:00 AM

Quilters – 12:00 PM

Al-Anon – 8:00 PM

Good Friday Service

Speaker: Rev. Susan Thomas

Al-Anon – 7:00 PM

Bluegrass Group – 7:00–9:00 PM

Homeward Bound – 9:00–11:00 AM

**Easter Sunday**

Speaker: Rev. Susan Thomas

Communion: Dave Kimball

Women’s Bible Study – 1:00 PM

Facilities Committee – 10:00 AM

Worship Committee – 11:00 AM

Al-Anon – 8:00 PM

Al-Anon – 7:00 PM

Bluegrass Group – 7:00–9:00 PM

Dab N’ Gab

Speaker: Rev. Doug Johnson

Garden Work Day – 1:00–4:00 PM

Women’s Bible Study – 1:00 PM

Quilters – 12:00 PM

Al-Anon – 8:00 PM

FAM Gathering at Olive Garden – 1:00 PM

Al-Anon – 7:00 PM

Bluegrass Group – 7:00–9:00 PM

Homeward Bound – 9:00 AM–1:00 PM

Speaker: Earth Care

Women’s Bible Study – 1:00 PM

Session Meets at 10 AM

Al-Anon – 8:00 PM

Writers Group – 10:00 AM

Al-Anon – 7:00 PM

Bluegrass Group – 7:00–9:00 PM

Church Cleanup – 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Speaker: Rev. Tim Lanham

Sock Hop for Tumbleweed

Women’s Bible Study – 1:00 PM

Margaret McGilvary Concert – 7:00 PM

Al-Anon – 8:00 PM

## April Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

7 Steve Robinson

16 Fran Paterson

19 Carol Mick

28 Susan Thomas

### Anniversary

27 Patti & Don Johnson





Jeff and Cynthia Kessler welcomed a grandchild to the family!!!  
Nine year old Dean was adopted by Zach and Lily Kessler on March 24, 2026.  
To celebrate Dean's adoption day, family and friends gathered including his grandmother Ana, brother Arthur, Auntie Ames and friend Brian, Uncle Roland and friend Ulrike, and grandma and grandpa Kessler. All were asked to wear something red because it is Dean's favorite color.  
Afterward everyone went together to have lunch then buy Pokémon cards.  
To finish the day, the group had dinner together, listened to his brother perform some piano pieces and finish the day with cake and keepsake gifts.  
Dean is a blessing sent from God.  
Our hearts are so full knowing we get to be a part of his life. We are grateful for every smile, every giggle and every moment we get to spend with him.





The St. Andrew Women's Bible Study has been focusing on hymns!

It's been inspirational, educational, and sometimes humorous to discover more about the hymns that have, in many instances, been a part of our lives since childhood. Our faith has been deepened by our study.

On March 15, we had the privilege of leading worship! The hymns we have contemplated became the core of our service that day, telling the story of God's love and faithfulness and majesty and healing power. We praised God through *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*, remembered God's forgiveness and grace through *There is a Balm in Gilead*, prayed *Jesus, Remember Me* during our time of prayer, sang *Great is Thy Faithfulness* for our offertory hymn and offered our lives to God through *Here I Am, Lord*. These and other hymns told the story during worship and *I (We) Love to Tell the Story!*

Thanks to Jody McDevitt for putting our service together, to Martha Krebill and Jo Chatman for accompanying all the hymns, and to all the women who participated in the service!

## Women's Bible Study

Come join us for Women's Bible Study on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the Garden Room as we continue our study of hymns, looking at the authors and composers, the scriptures that inspired the hymns, and contemplating how the hymns encourage us.

After April, we will take a break for the summer and we will resume in the fall.

Thanks to everyone who has helped lead our studies: Jody McDevitt, Patti Johnson, Sandy Welch, Susan Thomas, and Cynthia Kessler.

And thanks to Cynthia and Sandy for leading our crafts!

### **Schedule for April:**

**April 7** Hymn of Promise (In the Bulb There is a Flower) #250

**April 14** Dear Lord and Father of Mankind #169

**April 21** We Are One in the Spirit #300

**April 28** Craft

## Upcoming Services

- Our **Good Friday Service** will be held **Friday, April 3 at 5:30 p.m.** Please join us as we gather to remember Jesus, our Savior, who gave himself for us. We will focus on the themes of Betrayal, Aloneness, Denial, Accusation, Suffering, Crucifixion, and Death.
- Celebrate **Easter with us on Sunday, April 5 at 11a.m.** as we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus!

## FAM

FAM is excited to partner with Tumbleweed for a fun and meaningful Sock Hop Sock Drive!

Tumbleweed serves vulnerable and homeless youth right here in Billings, providing safe shelter, meals, and support to help them get back on their feet. One of their most consistent needs? Socks.

It may seem simple, but socks are one of the most requested and least donated items. Clean, dry socks help prevent illness, keep feet warm, and offer a small but powerful sense of dignity and comfort. So let's make it fun and bring all kinds of socks:

Fuzzy

Professional

Funny

Dressy

Warm

Bright, bold, or basic

**“And how beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” – Romans 10:15**

## GARDEN GLEANINGS

by Dave Kimball

Our changing climate is bringing us a very early spring this year. Temperatures have been well above normal, and it is reported that we have had some of the highest temperatures in recorded history over the past several years. This is evident in how spring plants such as tulips, daffodils, rhubarb, as well as orchard trees, are blooming and budding. But, knowing Montana weather, that doesn't rule out a May snowstorm!

The community garden is also up and going for our 24th year. We have had two orientation sessions for our gardeners with good turnouts. We have quite a few new gardeners, and the plots are rapidly filling up.

The first greenhouse plants have been planted, and we are making plans to plant the potatoes earlier than in the past. The last snowstorm gave us a good bit of moisture, but it is rapidly drying out, and we may need to turn on the sprinklers a little early—at the risk of a late freeze.

A new project for this year is installing an arbor over the entry to the labyrinth. Duane Kramer fabricated the arbor, and the accompanying pictures show his crew installing it.

St. Andrew is an active member of the Billings Climate Coalition, and we will be hosting a special program on May 9 at St. Andrew. The speaker will be the County Extension horticulturist, and the topic will be *"Growing Food in a Changing Climate in the Yellowstone Valley."* More details on this later.

Take a walk in the garden and watch us "grow."



Duane Kramer and Bob Wicks do the final construction





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