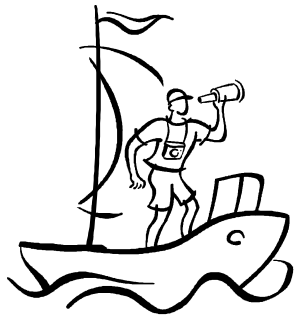


Come and See

A time to explore and ask questions

During the first steps of the journey you are invited to ask questions about Christianity, Lutheran beliefs and St. Andrew Church.



You will also have the opportunity to meet others and share about yourself. These sessions will be held Sunday mornings between services (9:45 to 10:45 a.m.) from

September 19 until October 24.

These open-ended sessions honor the voice of each person and your questions and experiences are always welcome. These sessions will help determine your readiness for the Welcome Blessing and moving forward with the Journey process.

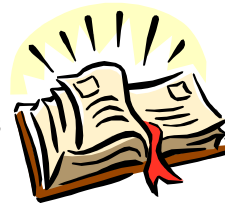
Child care or Sunday School is available for children during these gatherings.

At the end of this period, there will be a Welcome Blessing during Sunday worship for all who choose to continue in the Journey of Faith process.

Come and Grow

A time to grow in your faith

If you decide to continue in Journey of Faith, you will be joined by a faith partner from the congregation in a time of learning and growth in your relationship with God. These sessions, led by trained lay leaders and the pastors, will prepare you for Baptism or the Affirmation of Baptism and membership at St. Andrew. Our gatherings will include an opportunity to hear and discuss the Bible



readings for each week and to share your own experiences and stories of faith. We will explore Christian beliefs and faith practices.

This group will meet Tuesday evenings beginning Nov. 16. We will meet twice a month until Lent—March 9 to April 21—when we meet weekly. (These dates are tentative, depending on the schedules of those in Journey of Faith.)

Our goal is not to fill you with information but to lead you into a deeper journey of faith with Jesus Christ. Child care will be provided upon request.

During worship on the first Sunday of Lent, March 15 2010, there will be a blessing for those preparing for Baptism. On Ash Wednesday there will be a blessing for those preparing for Affirmation of Baptism.

Come and Celebrate

A time to find New Life in Christ

The high point of the journey takes place during the first service of Easter, known as the Easter Vigil Service, which is held on the evening before Easter Sunday. The Vigil begins with lighting of a fire outside and then entering the worship area to hear the story of God's saving grace.

Following this hearing of the Word, all those who wish to be baptized or to affirm their baptism will be

invited to come forward with their faith partners. As you are baptized or affirm your baptism, you are joined to the Body of Christ, which is the Church, and we welcome you as companions in a life-long journey of faith and discovery.



The Easter Vigil is on Saturday, April 23 at 7 p.m. Please invite your family and friends to join you for this special service.

Come and Serve

A time to live out your calling

During the fifty days of Easter, you will have opportunity to reflect on the Easter Vigil and your Baptism or Affirmation of Baptism. Through Baptism we receive a wonderful gift of grace that

impels us to share our lives with others. We will help you explore your gifts, interests and passions and find meaningful ways to use those gifts to serve God and others.

You will be invited during a Sunday service to affirm the gifts you intend to use in serving God and others.



Calendar of Events

Come and See Sessions
Sundays, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.
Sept. 19 to Oct. 24

Welcome Blessing
Sunday worship, day TBA

Come and Grow Sessions
Tuesday evenings
Nov. 16 to April 12
(tentative)

Enrollment Blessing
Ash Wednesday service, Mar. 9 or
Sunday worship, Mar. 15

Blessing of Baptismal Candidates
Sunday morning, Mar. 27, Apr. 3 & 10

Maundy Thursday Blessing
April 21, 7 p.m.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism
or Affirmation of Baptism
Easter Vigil Service
Saturday April 23, 7 p.m.

Come and Serve Sessions
May 3 and 17 (tentative)

Affirmation of Gifts for Ministry
TBA

**Contact the church office or
Pastor Martha or Pastor Jim
for more information about
this process or to sign-up.**

Journey of Faith



2010-11

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Journeyers will participate in an "Affirmation of the Vocation of the Baptized in the World" Blessing.
Date TBA.