

THE WORD from St. Andrew's

February 2025



[An Introduction to Names for God in English Bibles](#)

In EpiscoSchool, we've been studying the history of the Bible. This spring, we are focusing on the history of the English Bible and its translation. One of the things I find most fascinating in English translations is how they render the various names of God. Because God is known by many names in the Bible, I thought that you might enjoy learning more about some of the names of God. Because most of us limit ourselves to the most familiar names, such as God, Lord, Jesus, perhaps knowing some other names will be beneficial in your prayer life and for your understanding of ways God is addressed in the Old Testament.

Several different words exist in Hebrew for the deity, the most common of which are YHWH (Yahweh), Elohim, Adonai, and El. Because of this, English translations must utilize unique ways to render these Hebrew words. It is always best to read the preface of your Bible to see how the translators and editors chose to render the words.

Examples of Hebrew Names for God

El (אל) Translation: "God." The most basic name for God used in many ancient cultures. It is often found in the OT alongside an adjective or verb. See below.

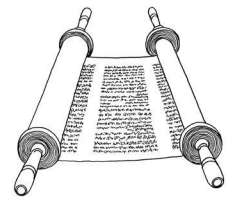
Elohim (אלהים) Translation: "God" (sometimes "gods" as a plural). The form in Hebrew is plural but is usually considered to be a plural of majesty (a noun referring to a singular entity which is plural in form but functions syntactically as a singular. The plural emphasizes the greatness or majesty of the noun). When Elohim is used of God, the verb forms are always in the third person singular ("he said," "he did," "he came") thus indicating that the term refers to one God.

YHWH (Yahweh) (יהוה) Usually rendered "LORD" (all caps) in English translations though the word does not actually mean "Lord." The translation of this name is difficult because of the ambiguity of the Hebrew. Traditionally the translation of the name is based on Exod. 3:14 where God says, "I am who I am." Thus, YHWH (which may be a form of the Hebrew verb "to be" [*hayah*]) could be translated "I am." However, the tenses of the verb "to be" in Exod. 3:14 can be translated in a variety of ways: "I am who I have been," "I will be who I will be," "I will be who I have been," etc. Essentially, no one really knows with certainty how the name should be translated and what its exact relationship with the verb "to be" is.

YHWH is considered to be God's personal name and, as such, is viewed as the most sacred name of God by the Jews. For centuries religious Jews have declined to pronounce the name out loud, since mispronouncing it would desecrate it. Thus, they substitute "Adonai" for "YHWH" when reading the Hebrew text aloud. The general consensus of most scholars is that the name should be pronounced "Yahweh," but because the original Hebrew text had no vowels, the exact pronunciation remains a mystery. (See also "Jehovah" below).

Adonai (אדני) Translation: "Lord." The Hebrew term is used also of human beings and is translated "lord" or "master."

El Roi (אל ראי) (Gen. 16:13) Translation: "the God who sees" or "the God who sees me." The name is only used once in the Hebrew Bible but it is an interesting name because it was bestowed on God by an Egyptian woman named Hagar. After she was forced out of Abram's home by Sarai, Hagar wandered in the wilderness, pregnant, alone, and despairing. She had an encounter with the angel of Yahweh who told her to return to Sarai and promised her that she would have a male child whom she would name Ishmael. After this encounter, Hagar called Yahweh "El Roi" because God saw her needs and she had a face-to-face encounter with God and yet did not die.



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El Shaddai (אל שדי) (Gen. 17:1 and numerous other occurrences). Translation: popularly translated "God Almighty" based on the Greek OT (Septuagint) translation of the term, the name is most likely related to the Hebrew word for "breast" and refers to God as the creator of fertility. This name was revealed to Abraham in Genesis 17 when God announced that Abraham and Sarah would be the parents of nations. Here and elsewhere in Genesis, the name appears in contexts where fertility and multiple descendants are promised, suggesting that the name is associated with those kinds of blessings.

El Elyon (אל עליון) (Gen. 14:18, 19-20) Translation: "God most high." Melchizedek is referred to as a priest of El Elyon, and when he blessed Abram he called God by the name El Elyon.

El Olam (אל עלם) (Gen. 21:33) Translation: "Eternal God." After Abraham and Abimelech made a treaty with one another after a dispute over a well, Abraham planted a tree at Beersheba and called upon Eternal God.

Yahweh Yireh (יהוה ירה) (Gen. 22:14) Translation: "Yahweh will provide." Abraham called the mountain where he went to sacrifice Isaac "Yahweh Yireh" because God provided a ram in the place of Isaac. This name is popularly (and incorrectly) rendered Jehovah Jireh.

El Rachum Wechanun (אל רחום וחנון) (Exod. 34:6) Translation: "God of compassion and mercy." In Exod. 34:6-7 God was revealed to Moses as a God of compassion who is slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness but at the same time a God of justice. The name "God of compassion and mercy" appears in numerous passages throughout the OT

YHWH Sabaoth (יהוה צבאות) (1 Sam. 1:3 and numerous other occurrences). Translation: "YHWH of hosts" or "YHWH of armies." Refers to YHWH as the commander of the hosts of Israel's and/or heaven's army.

"Jehovah." The name "Jehovah" is not in the Hebrew OT as a name for God. The name came about due to a misunderstanding of how the Masoretic Scribes, who copied the Hebrew text from A.D. 500 to 1000, rendered the name YHWH. By the time the Masoretes were copying texts, the name YHWH was too sacred to be uttered. In addition, there was no certainty as to how the name was originally pronounced. Consequently, whenever the Hebrew text was read orally, the Jewish practice was to say the name Adonai (the common word for "lord" or "master") in the place of YHWH.

Prior to the Masoretic Scribes, the Hebrew text was transmitted only in consonantal form (i.e. without vowels). One of the main contributions of the Masoretes was the addition of vowel pointings underneath and above the Hebrew consonants to assist readers in the pronunciation of the Hebrew.

Because the name YHWH was never pronounced, the Masoretes placed the vowel pointing for the name Adonai beneath the consonants for YHWH to prompt readers to say "Adonai" instead of "YHWH." The result looked something like this (converted into English consonants and vowels): YeHoWaH. But the Masoretes never pronounced the consonants YHWH with the vowels from Adonai; rather, they simply said, "Adonai."

The name "Jehovah" resulted when the consonants YHWH (written in Medieval Latin characters: JHVH) and the vowels from Adonai were mistakenly combined. This error is usually attributed to Petrus Galatinus, confessor of Pope Leo X, who transliterated the name in this manner in 1518. However, the usage is attested as early as A.D. 1100.

In spite of its erroneous origins, the name Jehovah is still used today, especially in hymns and praise choruses. A few English Bibles use Jehovah for the name of God, for example the old American Standard Version of 1901 (though not the New American Standard), the Living Bible, and the King James Version (occasionally).




PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Eric & Gaylie, Domenic Macaluso, Dom Perri, Spencer Greer, John Enser, John Fuss, Ellie Johnson, Damon Nelson, Carol Anne Linson, Tim Wyatt, Earl & Kathleen Pittman, Jim Teel, Charlie & Shelly, Thomas P., Marilyn Manatt, Justin McClelland, John LeBarre, Kap Kelley, Julie Deaton, Melody Green, Shirley Wigren, Melody Green, Cole Robinson, Chance Cavin, Sarah & Zada, Mike Leshnov, Bill Mayne, Beth Bierwirth, Janet Macaluso, Pat & Carlton Walker, David Knadle, Emma Cortez & Jeremiah Bryant, Alice B. Smith, Lynn Townsend, Nancy Hartwick, Suzanne Berry, Sevie Bates, Aaron Burkett, Craig Lysak, Bruce Currier, Lorinda & Royce, Cory Woodbury, Lew Hightower, Molly Pittman, Victoria Cobb, Pat Wiberg, Jeannine Byron, Fern Simpson

- Ministries of St. Andrew's: Mother Susan, the Vestry, and the Foundation; Layreaders & Chalice bearers, Ushers, Altar Guild, the Choir, Loaves & Fishes hospitality ministries, Men's Group, Women of St. Andrew's, & Daughters of the King.
- Our Sexton Don Lupien, Parish Administrator, Janet Macaluso, and Receptionist, Vera Lupien. The search for Nursery Attendants
- Outreach ministries: Andy's Community Breakfast, Four Paws Pet Pantry, Needle Arts ministry; Starting Line, Wings for L.I.F.E, Community Kitchen
 - The Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe
 - The Diocese of the Rio Grande, Bishop Michael Hunn, Canon Lee Curtis
 - For Camp Stoney, and the Missioner for Christian Formation, Rev. LeAnna Brun
- For Br. Angel Roque, and all seminarians. For the Bishop's School for Ministry. For the Bishop Frey Fund for Seminary Scholarships
 - For Diocesan Councils, Committees, Commissions, and the Cathedral Chapter
 - Borderlands Ministries, Bridge Chaplain Ana Reza
 - For the SE Deanery, Fr. Maurice Geldert, Dean
 - RCC Inmates & Officers, Guards, & Teachers; CCDC inmates & staff;
 - Those who are sick and those who care for them; for nurses, doctors and all medical staff
 - Those who Mourn
 - All those in the Armed Forces and their families; First Responders, keeping us safe
 - The People of Haiti, Sudan, Ukraine, The Congo (DRC), and all who suffer the horrors of War
 - For those fighting Injustice or Suffering it, the Women of Afghanistan and Iran, and others
 - Refugees, and those providing help for them; our Borderland Ministries
- For those in the path of storms, floods, fires, and other disasters, and all who seek to relieve and support them
 - For the homeless; For the needy and hungry; For the will and means to help them
 - For the unloved and those who have no one to pray for them;
- For our leaders in the city, state, and nation: wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties
- For peace, and for those who threaten it, turning the hearts of those who would harm others

For Light in the Darkness

*a light
to enlighten
the Gentiles*



The Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis*
Luke 2:29-32
Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

The regular Vestry meeting was held on January 21st. Mtr. Susan reported: The Christmas Eve Service was well attended, with about 80 people present.

The congregation responded very positively to the Instructed Eucharist. Those unfamiliar with the Episcopal Church were especially grateful to learn about our liturgy, and why we do what we do.

Mtr. Susan put Episco-School on the Roswell Community Calendar, and two members from the community attended the next week.

Planning is going forward for Ashes to Go on Ash Wednesday (March 5th.) In addition to the Ash Wednesday services, ashes will be distributed in public spaces. A brochure will be given that explains Ash Wednesday, introduces readers to St. Andrews, and contains information on our Holy Week services.

In December, the Rector's Fund assisted 15 people at a total cost of \$1,341. Most of the assistance was for electric bills, followed by water bills and gasoline.

We are working with an organization called Food Not Bombs to permit them to use our kitchen at least once a week to warm meals which they take to needy people in town, including shut-ins and the homeless. A Memorandum of Understanding is in process, and will be signed before the first kitchen use.

The Wardens reported that the new Alcove doors (on Fifth Street) have been installed. And also that the sign we recently attached to the bell tower blew down in a strong wind. Cory called Nalley Construction, who have done most of the recent repairs on the building, and they came and reattached the sign with more sturdy bolts.

Cory recognized Jerry O'Dette for her hard work on the Christmas Market Table, and the Advent Festival, and Cat Husby for her family's hard work helping parishioners and friends whose homes were damaged by the October floods. Cory and Nick announced their retirements from Senior and Junior Warden, and received a round of applause.

The Treasurer reported on the financial statements, and presented the Budget to be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

As has become traditional, Rich Altans moved to adjourn the meeting. Since he is leaving the Vestry, this was his last time.

After the Annual Meeting, a brief meeting of the new Vestry was held to elect officers, and set the time of the next Vestry meeting: February 17th at 5 pm.



Andy's Breakfast!

Saturday, February 22, 2025

7:30 – 10 am

Everyone is Welcome!

Come as a guest OR as a volunteer. It's wonderful to see guests and volunteers mingling in the Parish Hall.

In November, we had 56 guests. 79 plates were served by a dozen volunteers.

Thanks to all who came!

We can always use help with the clean up. Please call Greg Anderson (575-420-1300) to find out how you can help. Or just **show up** in the Parish Hall at 9:30 for clean-up crew.

We have plenty of travel-size toiletries for now, but with winter weather hanging on, we could use WARM socks, gloves, sweaters, coats, scarves. And sleeping bags are always in high demand.

Donations ALWAYS Needed !!!

Monetary donations are welcome. Be sure to note in the memo line: **Andy's Breakfast Supplies**

Thank you again for your generosity and support!!

If you would like to help in the kitchen, call Greg Anderson.

To help with the other distributions, call Eileen Grooms.

HELP WANTED



We are STILL looking for nursery attendants. This is crucial to our goal of serving young families. Please help "beat the bushes"! If you know anyone who is a child care worker, or who uses child care, talk to them about our need. It's only about 3 hours on a Sunday morning, and the pay is good.

This is a paid position for people over 21: an application and references are required. It is perfect for a worker with experience with kids who would like to make a little extra money by working Sunday Mornings. Must take and pass online "Safe Church" training. AND we need TWO, in order to comply with Safe Church standards.

If you know anyone who might be interested, or if you know someone who might know someone, please let Mother Susan know. See the **Job Opportunities** tab on our website: <http://www.standrewsroswell.com>

From the Archives ... 2014

Behind the Board

Every day (almost) I sit on my piano bench, strap on ankle weights, and pray Morning Prayer while doing my prescribed leg lifts. Sometimes, it's more accurate to say I read Morning Prayer, but I try to pray it.



I pray all the collects, but for some reason, I found the first one irksome. (Collect for the Renewal of Life – p.99) Perhaps because it's a bit long; perhaps because I'm beginning to tire by the time it comes up ... it's a perfectly good prayer on its own.

I got a deeper appreciation of it when I was traveling without a prayer-book, and prayed the collects from memory... "having done your will with diligence during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks..."

Good words, but wrong. When I got back to the Prayer Book, I saw it was not Diligence we prayed for, but Cheerfulness. My duty-bound mindset had substituted grim diligence for Godly cheerfulness.

Surely, God wants us to be diligent in His service, but I will try to remember to render that diligence with cheerfulness, so that when night comes, my thanks may be joyful, and not merely dutiful.

-Charmaine

Update: I still do my leg extensions, but I pray Morning Prayer somewhat earlier, and I use the Forward Day by Day app.

New Vestry members!

We are so happy to welcome new Vestry members who were elected at our Annual Parish Meeting last Sunday: Greg Anderson, Gini Bartley, and Derek Evans!

Also, we can now announce our new Senior Warden, Greg Anderson, and Junior Warden, Cat Husby.

Please express your thanks to these wonderful people who have agreed to serve St. Andrew's!

(If you missed the meeting, and would like to read the reports, there are a few copies available in the office.)



- 2/3 - Wyatt Smith
Don Lupien
- 2/4 - Kay Threlkeld
- 2/6 - Nathaniel Pigott
- 2/9 - Ron Malone
- 2/11 - Jerry O'Dette
- 2/15 - Justin McClelland
Barbara Whitfield
- 2/19 - Cleis Jordan
- 2/20 - Greg Anderson
- 2/26 - Annie McClelland



The deadline for the **March Word** is **Feb. 20th**. Send anything you would like to share to Charmaine: Word@st.andrewsroswell.com

Join **the Word Gang!** The extraordinary crew of Folders and Label-stickers!

Thursday, **Feb. 27th** at 9:30 in the Church Office
View the Word Online! In Full Color, with working links
<http://www.standrewsroswell.com/the-word.html>

The Word is *love*

Shine

No one covers a lamp with a basket or puts it under a bed, says Jesus. Hiding a lamp makes it ineffective. A lamp is made to share light, to be out in the open so others may see. We are made to shine, to illuminate, to point people to God.

Br. Luke Ditewig, <https://www.ssje.org/>

Kids Quest continues...

Sunday mornings 9:00-9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.



For kids aged K-5th grade. In Kids Quest we learn about the liturgical calendar, sing together, learn about one of the lectionary texts, and do a craft or game. It's been lots of fun. If you know some kids who might enjoy being part of this, please invite them.

Women of St. Andrews met on January 13th.

This month's meeting was led by acting President, Sue Evans. We discussed our activity dates for the next couple of months. We decided on tentative dates for the spring events and decided on giving Valentines Day gifts to our college students in February.

We will meet on **Monday February 10th**, with refreshments at 9:30, and business at 10.

All Women of St. Andrew's are by definition members, and Everyone is welcome!

Needle Arts Ministry

We took six receiving blankets and 10 knit baby hats each to ENMMC and to Lovelace in December. As always the nurses are very appreciative. We currently have enough blankets made to get us through February but could use some help getting blankets sewn for this spring. Kits are available in the office or by contacting me. They are very simple to complete: you simply hem all four sides. They do not have to be perfect - the babies and moms love them the way they are.



The new hymnal markers are in place in the sanctuary. Thanks to Gini Bartley for heading up this project! We continue to make the mini prayer quilts for Rev. Susan to hand out. These are also available in the office to anyone who would like one. There is one prayer/ comfort shawl in the office for anyone in need of a St. Andrew's. Thanks to all who continue to help make the blankets, mini prayer quilts hats, and make monetary and fabric donations !!!

There are also a couple of comfort/ prayer shawls available in the office for anyone needing a St. Andrew's hug.



Needle Arts will meet **February 13th** at 10:00 in the conference room in the office. We appreciate the continued support of the vestry and Parish members.

-Debbi Smith

FOUR PAWS PET PANTRY



Next Pet Pantry Day:

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

3:30 to 5:30 at the 5th Street Entrance

Bagging begins at 2:30. Please come and help!

At the December pantry day, despite the colder weather, we had 102 households come for assistance. We handed out 227 gallon zipper lock bags of dog food, 149 gallon bags of cat food for a total of 376 gallon bags. We had 11 volunteers who helped with the bagging and distribution.

We are so grateful for the continued monetary support of the members of our Parish. We continue to have to purchase about 90% of the food we distribute. If you belong to a civic club or group that is looking for a community service project Four Paws would appreciate donations of unopened bags of dog and cat food and 1 gallon zipper lock bags. If you need further information, please contact Debbi or Donna or the office.

Debbi Smith and Donna Eastes
Four Paws co chairs

Dog Food and Cat Food NEEDED!!

also Gallon size Ziploc Bags

Make monetary donations payable to St. Andrews, and write "Pet Pantry" in the memo line

OR just buy a bag of dog or cat food and drop it off at the Church

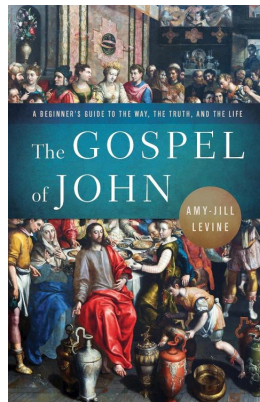
If you prefer you can order Pet food from

Chewy.com

They deliver!!

Lenten Study begins Wednesday, February 26th at 5:15 p.m.

Father Maurice will lead us in a program on Amy-Jill Levine's book, The Gospel of John.



"With her characteristic wit and charm, Amy-Jill Levine introduces readers to the world of the Gospel of John by unpacking the stories in their original context, along with examining how the text is read today. This book considers the Gospel of John in its entirety, moving through the Gospel and exploring the prologue, the wedding at Cana, the Samaritan woman at the well and the woman caught in adultery, the healing of the man at the pool and the man born blind, foot washing, Mary Magdalene and Doubting Thomas, and the Lamb of God."

Books can be ordered from the office, but aren't essential to the program.

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From the Calendar of Saints

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (Feb 2)

The events commemorated this day are recorded in Luke 2:22-40.

Counting forward from December 25 as Day One, we find that Day Forty is February 2. A Jewish woman is in semi-seclusion for 40 days after giving birth to a son, and accordingly it is on February 2 that we celebrate the coming of Mary and Joseph with the infant Jesus to the Temple at Jerusalem (1) to offer sacrifice on behalf of Mary to mark the end of her seclusion and (2) to ransom or redeem (buy back) Jesus as a first-born male. (In this picture, you can see Joseph holding a cage with two doves, the prescribed ransom offering for a poor family.)

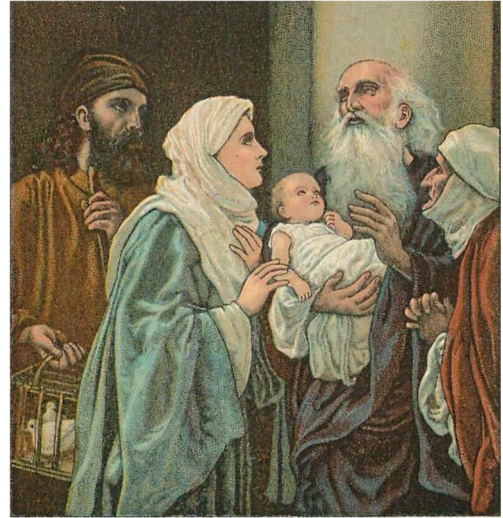
As they did so, they were greeted by the aged Simeon, who had been told he would not die before seeing the Messiah. His song, called the Nunc Dimittis, (Latin for Now Dismiss me) has always had a prominent role in Christian worship, said or sung at Evening Prayer, and other occasions.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There they also met a prophetess, Anna, a widow of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.



CANDLEMAS

The word Candlemas derives from *candela* meaning candle, hence Candlemas is also known as the festival of light. It is celebrated on 2 February to commemorate the presentation of Jesus at the Temple of Jerusalem and his role as a light to enlighten pagan nations.

In France and Belgium, it is customary to eat crepes or pancakes on Candlemas. As to the origin of pancakes, Pope Gelasius I is said to have given wafers or flatbread to pilgrims arriving in Rome. However, there are also other stories and superstitions. In order to obtain an abundant harvest, a farmer would traditionally flip the first pancake with his right hand while holding a gold coin in his left hand. The pancake must be flipped perfectly for luck to follow.

El Día de la Candelaria is a holiday in Mexico, when processions and dance groups invade the streets. Families get together and eat tamales. According to tradition, whoever finds the "baby" in the King's Cake during the Epiphany celebrations is responsible for preparing the tamales.

Candlemas sayings:

"If Candlemas Day be fair and bright, winter will have another fight."

"If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain, winter won't come again."

This led to the tradition of Groundhog Day (in Hungary, it's bears): if it's clear enough to see a shadow, winter will linger on another six weeks. The groundhog (or the bear for that matter) has no religious significance.



The Loaves & Fishes Team for **February** is:

Team 2: **February**, June, August, October

Chair: Sue Evans

Derek Evans
Anita Smith
Eileen Grooms
Rich Altans

If you would like to serve on this team, or any of the others, or would be a substitute, please contact Jerry Odette (575) 420-0084.

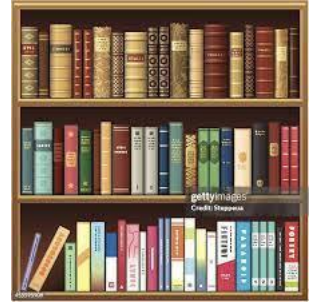
Team 1: January, May, September & December (Chair Greg Anderson)

Team 3: March, April, July, November (Chair: Charmaine Martin)

In the Community:

1st Presbyterian Book Sale Feb 6-8

First Presbyterian Church is doing some renovations preparatory to renting out most of their ground floor to a Day Care Center. So, they are having to close their library. Books Again will be handling a book sale at the Church library (at Third and Kentucky) February 6-8, from 10-4 each day. It will be run as a bag sale, \$5 per bag of books. Stop by to browse their collection of religious and other titles. Bookcases and a card catalog will also be for sale.



Daughters of the King

Thursday February 20th

11 am Howden Room

All women of St. Andrews are welcome!



WARMING SHELTER

Volunteers urgently needed
The Roswell Warming Center (a part of Roswell Community Disaster Relief) fills a vital role in our community by providing a warm, safe place to stay for those "experiencing homelessness during harsh weather conditions."
But, they can only operate when they have enough volunteers.

Please check out their website and Facebook page to learn more about the center, and please consider volunteering to help keep it open for those in the most desperate need of shelter.
Website: <https://roswellwarmingcenter.com/>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RCDRservices>
(Meals are provided by Food not Bombs, who have arranged to use our kitchen to prepare the food. See the Vestry Highlights, page 4.)



From **Forward Day by Day** for February 2nd

Luke 2:29-31 *Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples.*

Simeon, in his lifelong search for consolation for his occupied nation and his oppressed people, finds it in the sight of the fully God, fully human infant Jesus. When it seems like all we feel is the trauma and all we experience is trouble, we can look to Simeon as a reminder to see and trust in the God we know as Emmanuel, the Divine with us and in us. And sometimes, in looking with Simeon at the infant Jesus, I, too, can find peace in the paradoxical union of vulnerability and almighty power that is God in the flesh, experiencing everything from the cradle to the cross.

When I watch the news or hear of a friend's new cancer diagnosis, the Christ in me offers me the courage to love in a world that says it's too risky and to rest in a society that regards overworking to be a virtue. Jesus modeled and offers a power and peace that is felt alongside pain and fear, in the knowledge that neither is stronger than Divine Love.

MOVING FORWARD: How does seeing Jesus as both fully God and fully human shape your prayer life?

In The Diocese...



The Bishop's latest video:

The President met a Bishop this week

In this insightful message, Bishop Michael Hunn of the Diocese of the Rio Grande discusses the diverse reactions within the Episcopal community to recent political events and a controversial sermon at Washington National Cathedral. Bishop Hunn delves into the significance of the separation of church and state, the role of the church in societal dialogue, and what it means to be part of the Episcopal Church. He emphasizes the importance of mercy, compassion, and respect for all, inviting everyone to participate in creating a beloved community.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sfHimN3veWk> or go to YouTube and search "Bishop Michael Hunn"

On the Calendar:

February 8 – Elements of Mystery: Holy in the Ordinary with Deborah Smith Douglas, Holy Faith, Santa Fe (Women's Ministry Quiet Day)

February 9 – 10 – Interfaith Dialogue Workshops, ABQ

February 22 – Quarterly Zoom Coffee Klatch, Women's Ministry, touching base across the miles

February 23 – Congregational Ingathering – Bill Frey Scholarship Fund in support of Seminary Students

In acknowledgement of the contributions of the Rt. Rev. William Frey, Assisting Bishop for the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande and his wife Barbara, a Scholarship fund was established by Diocesan Convention 2010 to provide financial support to seminarians from

the Diocese attending residential seminaries, or online or distance learning degree programs with accredited seminaries.

To support this fund, Diocesan Convention 2011 resolved to request congregations to donate the undesignated offering on the Sunday closest to February 26. Accordingly, on February 23rd our Loose Plate offering will be designated to The Frey Fund. Please be generous: seminaries are expensive.

Friday, February 28 – Choral Evensong, 6:00pm (MST), Cathedral of St. John, ABQ



Let's meet for a Coffee Klatch on Zoom

It's simply a time to share what's happening and encourage each other. We'll meet on Saturday at 10AM (Mountain Time) for an hour. Bring your own coffee or tea and treat of choice to visit and learn from each other.

Mark your calendar for these dates and topics to inspire our chats:

Feb. 22: What I'm doing for Lent

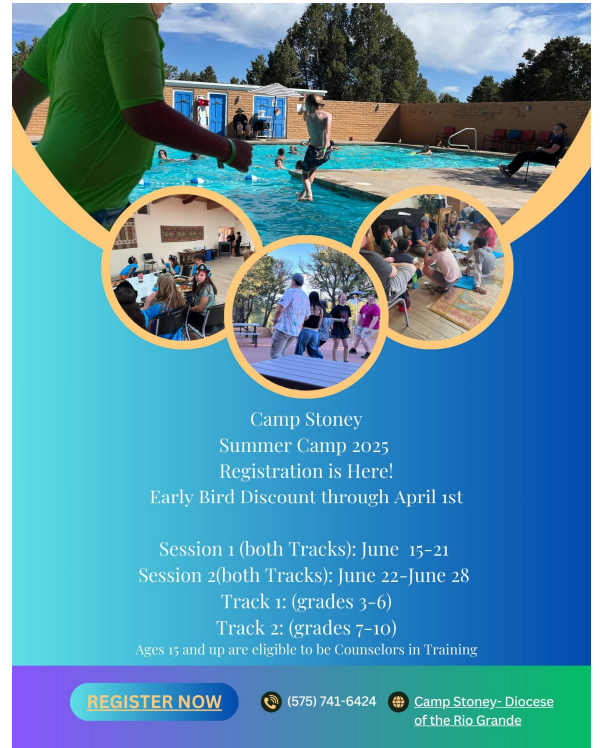
May 24: Can I be more like Mary

Aug. 23: Changing Seasons, Changing Lives

Nov. 22: Ideas for Entering Advent

Contact Cindy for the Zoom Link (cynthiadavisauthor@gmail.com)

Coming soon... plan for Summer...



Camp Stoney
Summer Camp 2025
Registration is Here!
Early Bird Discount through April 1st

Session 1 (both Tracks): June 15-21
Session 2 (both Tracks): June 22-June 28
Track 1: (grades 3-6)
Track 2: (grades 7-10)
Ages 15 and up are eligible to be Counselors in Training

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Friends of Cathedral Music Presents

2025 CHORAL EVENSONG

Jan 31, 2025 | 6:00pm

Feb 28, 2025 | 6:00pm

March 28, 2025 | 6:00pm

May 30, 2025 | 6:00pm



Visit www.fcmaabq.org & stjohnsabq.org for more information.

Web bonus... **More from the Diocese**

Bishop Hunn's recent YouTube video "The President met a Bishop this week" (see page 9) has started a conversation among the diocese, and sparked interest from many outside the church. This can be a opportunity to witness to our Christian faith.

Bp. Hunn has released another, follow-up video on the nature of Christian leadership, and discipleship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBRtIEITqw4>

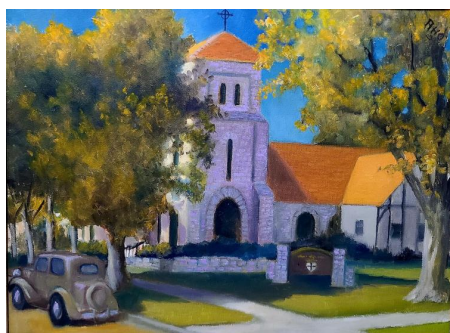
Another recent video:



Journey of Faith: Father James Brzezinski's Pilgrimage and Organ Building

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tjn2ogFs4nl>

In this special episode, join us as we dive into a captivating conversation with Father James Brzezinski, an organist and organ builder. Explore his inspiring journey from Nashota House to Santa Fe, ... and his transformative Camino de Santiago. Father James shares his profound thoughts on life's pilgrimages toward Jesus, the power of communal worship, and the importance of church music. Additionally, get an insider's look into the intricate craft of organ building and the significance of the organ in church music. This episode is filled with heartfelt stories, spiritual insights, and a celebration of the beautiful connection between music and faith. Don't miss the special tour of the Grace Church's organ and bell tower!



Presiding bishop in cathedral sermon: Jesus puts the marginalized at center of his kingdom



Every Bishop has a Cathedra, the official chair from which he speaks. The Presiding Bishop's Cathedra is in the National Cathedral in Washington DC. But his office is in New York, so it is a special occasion when the Presiding Bishop visits his Cathedra. Traditionally, Presiding Bishops have a big Installation Ceremony at the National Cathedral, but our new Presiding Bishop, Sean Rowe, opted for a simpler, live-stream event in the Chapel at the New York headquarters of the Episcopal Church.

He made his first official visit to his Cathedra on an ordinary Sunday, February 2nd, the feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. In a simple ceremony, part of an ordinary Eucharist, he was "seated" officially, and gave the Sermon.

You can read about it HERE: <https://episcopalnewsservice.org/2025/02/03/jesus-kingdom-centers-the-marginalized-presiding-bishop-preaches-at-his-cathedral-seating/>

And follow links to watch the service, and read the sermon. <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/presiding-bishop-sean-rows-sermon-at-washington-national-cathedral/>

"In God's kingdom, immigrants and refugees, transgender people, the poor and the marginalized are not at the edges, fearful and alone. They are at the center of the Gospel story."

Women of St. Andrews needs **HELP.**

For several years running, a local group of churches has taken turns hosting a Lenten Lunch program during Holy Week. St. Andrew's will be hosting on **Monday, April 14th**, and we are renowned for the great soups we offer. We like to have a broad selection, six or seven pots of varying soups: beef, chicken, bean, vegetarian, and gluten-free. But we are short handed. Do you have a killer soup recipe? Can you provide a pot (or crockpot) of something warm and special? If soup is not your specialty, how about cookies? Homemade cookies make a great light dessert for soup sippers.



Please call Jerry O'Dette if you can help in any way. This is a great opportunity to showcase St. Andrew's. (And cooks and bakers don't have to be women!)

Women of the DRG...

Dinner with the Saints

via Zoom on Thursday Evenings at 6:30PM starting March 6

Bring your dinner (or not) for a fun time of discussion and learning about the Lent Madness Saints at this intergenerational, multi-denominational, and coed event. Led by Marcia Miller (St. Francis, Rio Rancho) and Cindy Davis, (Cathedral)

Sign up to get the Zoom link (cynthiadavisauthor@gmail.com)

Find out more about Lent Madness, and the brackets at:

<https://www.lentmadness.org/category/lent-madness-2025/>

2025 LENTMADNESS.ORG

ROUND OF 32 SAINTLY 16

Dinner with the Saints:

A Diocesan-Wide Lent Activity for All!

Athanasius of Alexandria	Richard Meux Benson	Gregory the Great
Irenaeus of Lyon	James the Just	Hugh of Lincoln
Quirina	Rose of Lima	Onesimus
Yvette of France	Zachariah	Philip, Deacon and Evangelist
Elizabeth of Hungary	Felicity	Wenceslaus
Mechthild of Magdeburg	Ninian	Francis Xavier
Ursula	Verena of Brno	Seduan Zinsendorf
Agatha Lin Zhe	Lucy Yi Zhenm	Zita of Hungary
		Emily Cooper
		Dunstan
		Hiram Kano
		Lucy of Syracuse
		Sundar Singh
		Theodore of Tarsus
		Katharina Zell
		Zenaida

Wonder what it would take to get Ted Howden on the brackets next year?



The National Episcopal Church Women:

Church Periodical Club (CPC) is part of the ECW ministry. They provide free books for seminarians and others. CPC is raffling off 5 handmade quilts between now and March 8. Tickets are very reasonable (10 for \$10, 30 for \$25, 75 for \$50 and 200 for \$100). Provinces are competing against each other to see who can raise the most! You can see the quilts and bid on them at <https://go.rallyup.com/cpc2025/Campaign/Details>

(Dog not included)



THEODORA, Empress, c.867

In these divisive times, it is good to remember Theodora, and how she brought not only resolution, but reconciliation to a divisive issue in the Orthodox Church:

Theodora was a 9th century Byzantine empress who has long been commemorated as a saint in the Orthodox Churches for her role in the restoration of icons following the iconoclastic controversy (whether or not to venerate icons.)

Although in theory that conflict had been settled in favor of the veneration of icons at the Seventh Ecumenical Council in 787, in practice disagreements remained strong, and the iconoclastic party included many prominent members of society, including within the imperial family.

A young noblewoman of Armenian descent, Theodora was married to the young emperor Theophilus in the year 830. Although both were sincere Christians, the couple had strong disagreements about religious matters. Theophilus was an iconoclast and believed that the veneration of icons was idolatry. Theodora, however, maintained her own practice of venerating images in spite of her husband's opposition. On one occasion, when a servant reported to Theophilus that his wife had been seen venerating icons, she sweetly informed him that she had merely been "playing with dolls." Two of her icons are kept in a monastery on Mount Athos to this day, where they are referred to as "Theodora's dolls."

In spite of this theological conflict, the couple seem to have had a largely happy marriage, and had five daughters and two sons. Theophilus, however, died very young at the age of 29, and Theodora's life changed considerably. Her young son Michael was only a toddler and was too young to assume leadership, and so she ruled the Byzantine emperor as his regent from 842 until 855.



One of Theodora's first acts as regent was to summon a synod of bishops to revisit the question of icons and iconoclasm. The practice of icon veneration was restored, and the synod ended in a procession that carried icons back into the Hagia Sophia. Despite this victory, however, Theodora was noted for the particular gentleness with which she treated her theological opponents. She negotiated strongly with the church to ensure that her late husband would not be condemned as a heretic, and pursued a moderate policy of accommodation with clergy who had been iconoclasts. This was strongly opposed by more extreme

factions within the church who wanted to see them denounced and punished as heretics, but Theodora remained firm in her attitude of respect for those who had held differing opinions. This ultimately led most of the iconoclastic party to gradually accept the majority view and to remain within the church. Theodora is therefore remembered not only for her role in restoring the veneration of icons to the church, but for her firm and diplomatic insistence upon reconciliation with those who had held opposing views, which made this one theological controversy that ended in reconciliation rather than in schism.

O God, who called your servant Theodora to an earthly throne that she might advance your heavenly kingdom and who gave her the wisdom to establish unity where there had been division; Create in your church such godly union and concord that we might proclaim the Gospel of the Prince of Peace, not only in correct theology but in right actions; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Outreach Ministries Funds — December 2024

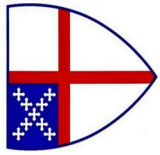
Unused funds carry over from one year to the next. This doesn't tell the whole story: much of our outreach ministry is accomplished by donated materials and **ESPECIALLY** by volunteer labors. **Thank you** for supporting these ministries.

FUND	Beginning Balance	DECEMBER DONATIONS	DECEMBER EXPENDITURES	Dec 31, 2024 FUND BALANCE
Andy's Breakfast	\$ 4,126.81	\$ 520.78	\$ 773.44	\$ 3,874.15
Needle Arts	5,393.66	250.00	55.90	5,587.76
Pet Pantry	8,257.65	2,860.00	845.62	10,271.99
Rector's Outreach (Discretionary)	16,006.22	3,210.00	1289.01	16,006.15
Starting Line	857.45	234.24	.00	857.45
Unspecified Mission and Outreach	8,800.01	1,567.00	1,423.84	8,943.17
Altar Fund	924.41	0.00	0.00	924.41
Capital Improvements Fund	10,428.48	0.00	0.00	10,428.48
Choir Fund (& Advent Fest)	8,365.35	437.00	3,586.57	5,215.79
Children's Choir	4,216.77	0.00	0.00	4,216.77
Scholarship Fund	6,640.00	.00	0.00	6,640.00
Youth Group / Acolytes	4,701.42	0.00	0.00	4,701.42

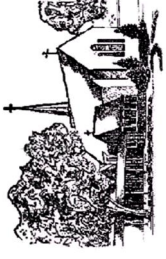
Income and Expense Report — December 2024







	Dec 2024	Decv Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
Ordinary Income:				
Plate Offerings	\$ 735.64	\$ 1,470.07	\$ 6,456.63	\$ 10,290.60
Current Pledges	15,864.33	11,433.17	133,488.75	137,198.300
Pre-Paid Pledges	0.00	4,000.00	80,000.00	74,000.00
Unpledged Contrib	42,037.50	5,000.00	71,015.02	60,000.00
Special Offerings *	0.00	0.00	343.00	0.00
Foundation Income	0.00	0.00	89,825.03	89,825.03
Altar Flowers	175.00	131.25	1,405.00	1,575.00
Other Income	325.00	309.52	1,728.00	3,000.00
Income—Total	\$ 59,137.47	\$ 22,344.14	\$ 384,261.43	\$ 375,888.63
Payroll Expenses	23,779.26	21,406.46	247,499.12	245,346.88
Other Expenses	10,057.91	13,511.29	168,535.48	195,877.06
Total Expenses	33,837.17	34,918.25	416,134.60	441,223.94
Net Ordinary Income	24,300.30	(12,574.11)	(31,873.17)	(65,335.31)
Transfer from Savings	0	0	61,000.00**	70,000.00
Net Income + Transfer	\$ 24,300.30	\$ (12,574.11)	\$ 29,126.83	\$ 4,664.69

*in addition to the donations to specific funds—see first table. **Trans from Money Market



February 2025



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan 26 KidsQuest 9 Holy Eucharist 10 ANNUAL MEETING	Jan 27  Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Day — NEVER FORGET —	Jan 28 Tai Chi 4 pm	Jan 29  Chinese New Year EpiscoSchool 5:15 Choir Practice 6 pm	Jan 30 Mail Word 9:30	Jan 31	1
2 Candlemas KidsQuest 9 Holy Eucharist 10	3  Elmo's Birthday	4 Tai Chi 4	5 EpiscoSchool 5:15 Choir Practice 6 pm	6	7	8 DRG Women's Quiet Day-Santa Fe
9 KidsQuest 9 Holy Eucharist 10	10 Women of St. Andrews 9:30	11 Men's Group 7:30 am Tai Chi 4	12 EpiscoSchool 5:15 Choir Practice 6 pm	13 Needle Arts 10 am	14 St. Valentine	15 Nat'l Gumdrop Day 
16 KidsQuest 9 Holy Eucharist 10	17 Presidents' Day  Vestry 5 p.m. 	18 Tai Chi 4	19 Pet Pantry 3:30 Choir Practice 6 pm	20 Nat'l Cherry Pie Day Daughters of the King 11 am WORD deadline 	21 Pinocchio Day 	22  Andy's Breakfast Clean-up Crew 9:30
23 Ingathering for Seminarists Holy Eucharist 10	24 Nat'l Tortilla Chip Day 	25 Tai Chi 4	26 Lenten Study 5:15 Choir Practice 6 pm	27 Nat'l Chili Day  Mail Word 9:30	28	Mar 1

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10 am

Followed by:

Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall



It is the Duty of every
Christian soul...

First to be illumined
and
Then to SHINE!