

THE ST. ANDREW MESSENGER

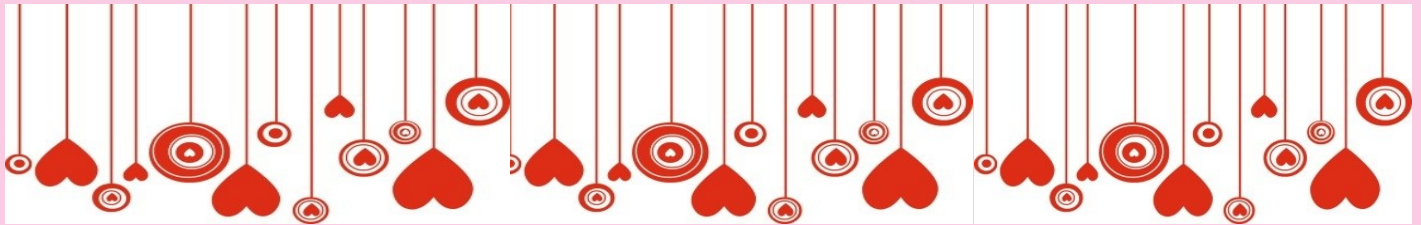
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In Christ, We Worship, Love, Grow, Serve, and Send.

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Did you know...

- * **HUNGER** is an issue 365 days of the year?
- * **1 in 7 Americans** face hunger everyday?
- * **48 million people** live in poverty?
- * **More than 630,000** in the U.S. are homeless?
- * **23% of those struggling** went to college?
- * **16 million children** live in food insecure households?

Please join us in helping fight hunger! Bring a cash donation and/or non-perishable food item(s) on Sunday, February 3! The youth will collect these following each service. All donations will be given to GRACEWORKS MINISTRY.

GraceWorks

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Souper Bowl of Caring works to mobilize those looking to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game.

In the weeks leading up to or on Super Bowl Sunday, young people take up a collection (many use a soup pot), asking for one dollar or one item of food for people in need. They give **100% of their donation** directly to the local hunger-relief charity of their choice.

A simple prayer: *"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat"* is inspiring a youth-led movement to help hungry and hurting people around the world.

Twenty-two Columbia, S.C. churches participated that first year in 1990, reporting their results so a total could be determined, and then sending all \$5,700 they had raised to area non-profits.

Since then, ordinary young people have generated an extraordinary more than \$100 million for soup kitchens, food banks and other charities in communities across the country. In addition, hundreds of thousands of youth have experienced for themselves the joy and satisfaction of giving and serving, inspiring people of all ages to follow their generous example.

HELP FIGHT HUNGER!!

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Sunday Schedule

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Nursery available throughout the morning

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**FROM THE DIRECTOR FOR YOUTH AND
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

SAVE THE DATE:

VALENTINE DINNER AND SHOW

Saturday, February 9, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Pearson Hall

Ticket Prices on sale until February 3

\$12.00 - Adults

\$ 5.00 - Children 4-12 years old

\$34.00 - For a family

\$1.00 from the sale of each ticket benefits God's Global Barnyard to help fight hunger through the ELCA World Hunger program.

In addition to supporting World Hunger, funds will also support our youth who attend many faith forming camps and retreats all year long. Camps this summer include Affirm, Lutherock, All Tennessee youth retreat, and much more.

Purchase tickets on Sunday mornings or email Sandy Vollmer at sandyvollmer@saintandrewchurch.com to reserve tickets.

Join us to **FIGHT HUNGER!** Bring your Valentine or friend and come see how amazing, energetic, talented, and creative our youth are! Hope to see you on February 9!

Sandy Vollmer
DYCM



FROM THE PASTOR

Bishop Election Information Meeting, March 2

At the Southeastern Synod Assembly in Chattanooga May 31-June 2, we will elect our next bishop, whose term begins on September 1. Bishop Gordy will retire from office effective that same day.

As we prepare for this process of calling a bishop, information will be shared on Saturday morning, March 2, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Nashville, from 10:00-12:00 noon. (We had a meeting at St. Andrew about this last November led by Bishop Gordy, but this upcoming meeting probably will offer new information.) People interested in learning more are invited to attend: those who will be voting members at the Synod Assembly are encouraged to attend.

When congregations are in the process of seeking a new pastor, a Ministry Site Profile is developed. This helps the congregation achieve more self-awareness – how it views its strengths and sees itself in the present, and where it believes it needs to direct its energies in the future. It also helps prospective candidates learn about what talents and skills the congregation anticipates it will need from its next pastor. According to our dean, Pastor Rick Roberts, our time together on March 2 will include reviewing our synod's Ministry Site Profile. We may also discuss ideas about the qualities needed in our next bishop. All of this will help us reflect on our needs and be better prepared as we move toward calling a new bishop.

Several people from our congregation already have expressed interest in being voting members at the Southeastern Synod Assembly. St. Andrew is entitled to have three lay voting members participate. If you are interested, please inform Pastor Museus Dabay. If more than three people are interested in attending this year's Assembly as voting members, the nominating committee will make recommendations for Council's consideration.

Michael Lippard
Pastor+

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Are you letting free money for ministry slip through your hands?

OK, that's a bit of an exaggeration. But only a bit. If you are a member of Thrivent -- a Christian non-profit financial services and insurance company with Lutheran roots -- you have the opportunity to apply for a \$250 grant towards a ministry project TWICE PER YEAR. They're called Thrivent Action Team grants. In Thrivent's southern region we have 100,000 of these grants available to us each year -- but last year we made use of only 18,000 of them. (That's about \$20 million we let pass us by.)

Applying for these grants is easy. You can do it over the phone or online, and it usually takes me about 15 minutes. Even when I've missed a rule and asked for a grant for something Thrivent can't do, they've called to figure out how they can still get me money for the ministry project. Thrivent wants to give us this money so it can be used for good in our communities.

I've heard of Thrivent Action Teams being used to help fill fuel bags, get supplies for education programs, pay for an event space, replace light bulbs around a church, and fund small building projects. Jolene uses them to help get supplies for our work days; Lutheran Services in TN (now Inspiritus) uses them to help fund programs; our area youth event Nights Alive uses them each summer.

If you're a Thrivent member and have not been using your grant money, I encourage you to make it a priority this year. You don't have to think of your own project; just get in touch with a ministry or non-profit you care about and let them know you have access to some funds! And if the application process seems daunting at first, I'd be happy to help you out.

I'm hoping to start keeping a list of Thrivent members at St. Andrew so that we can better make use of these grants here and in our community. If you are a Thrivent member and you're willing to share that with me, please let me know.

If you're not a Thrivent member but are interested in learning more, you can check out www.thrivent.com or ask me to get you in touch with our local representative, Jack Ficken.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Katherine Museus Dabay

FROM THE PASTOR EMERITUS

In July of 1974, I began surveying Williamson County neighborhoods hoping to find a group of people who were interested in becoming part of an emerging Lutheran congregation. The first few months were arduous as it happened to be in the middle of one of those particularly hot, humid summers for which this area is noted. Of course I wore the requisite clerical black, making me particularly vulnerable to the sun's rays. I rarely went inside a home. It was ring the doorbell, leave a brochure and be on my way. This allowed me to make some 5000 such calls before increasing congregation responsibilities called me to other duties. I do remember one particularly steamy August day when I rang the bell and a woman answered the door. She looked at the brochure, smiled and proclaimed in excited terms, "We're Lutheran, we've just moved in and are looking for a church home! Please come in, meet my husband and have a glass of lemonade." What an uplifting experience for this bedraggled pastor developer! I was welcomed in by a total stranger whose family soon became active members of the newly developing mission.

It was great to be welcomed in 1974. It is still great to be welcomed in 2019. New people come our way each week looking for a place to call their spiritual home. We are not asked to go door to door as I once did. Now those same seekers come to us and how we welcome them makes all the difference in the world to them - and to us. They come seeking the Christ. They come seeking spiritual refreshment to quench the parched soul. What a splendid opportunity God has given us on this busy corner of the Kingdom

I know many of us go out of our way to put out the welcome mat on Sunday mornings and I am sure God smiles on our efforts. Please continue the job you are doing and think about going that extra mile, remembering what it was like when you were a stranger here and no one knew your name or circumstances. Our greeters, ushers and Servant Support folk are ever vigilant, but it takes all of us working in concert to grow St. Andrew Lutheran Church.

Grace and Peace,

Eric C. Pearson +

Pastor Emeritus

ALTAR GUILD INFORMATION MEETING AND COFFEE Saturday, February 2

Current Altar Guild members, prospective volunteers and anyone who would like to know more about the Altar Guild are invited to an informational meeting on Saturday, February 2, at 9:30 a.m. in Pearson Hall.

Altar Guild is an essential service to our worship and life at St. Andrew, and much activity occurs behind the scenes. From the basics of setting up for worship, communion ware, church seasons, baptism, rites and more, Pastor Lippard will address our group on the reverence of this ministry and why we do what we do at St. Andrew. Please join us to learn more. And a heartfelt thank you to all those who continue to serve on Altar Guild.

Respectfully submitted,
Juli-Kay Baumann
Altar Guild Chair

SAVE THE DATE



ST. JOHN PASSION

A Passion Cantata by J. S. Bach

St. Andrew Adult and Youth Choirs
Professional Soloists and Orchestra

PASSION SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019 • 3:00PM

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

The Month of Hearts!

Here we are once again in the "Month of Hearts!" Immediately we think of Valentine cards, candy and flowers when we think of hearts, but there is a lot more to this heart business during February. The month of February is designated as American Heart Month on the list of National Health Observances. It is during this time that organizations and groups with a vested interest in heart health strive to interest the American public in doing those things that will make our hearts healthier. They also give us statistics showing our risks and telling us how we can improve our chances of avoiding heart disease and living to a ripe old age. The message of how to stay heart healthy is ingrained in our children as they progress through 12 years of education. While the particulars of the messages may change from year to year, we all know that exercise, eating a balanced diet, and maintaining a healthy blood pressure are a few of the things that we can do to stay heart healthy.

In 2010 the American Heart Association developed a Top Ten List of Ways to Help Children Develop Healthy Habits. This list, while eight years old, remains applicable today. As Valentine's Day approaches, why not turn this list into your Month of Hearts list by focusing on improving the heart health of your family? If there are no children in your family, you can work on these ideas individually or with another family member, regardless of age.

♥ Be a positive role model. If you're practicing healthy habits, such as brushing and flossing your teeth, it is a lot easier to convince children to do the same.

♥ Get the whole family active. Plan times for everyone to get moving together. Take walks, ride bikes, go swimming, or just play hide-and-seek outside. Everyone will benefit from the exercise and the time together.

♥ Limit TV, video game and computer time. These habits lead to a sedentary lifestyle and excessive snacking which increases the risk for obesity and cardiovascular disease.

♥ Encourage physical activities that children really enjoy. Let children experiment with different activities until each child finds something that he or she really

loves doing.

♥ Focus on the positive instead of the negative. Celebrate successes by being positive and helping children and teens develop a good self-image.

♥ Set specific goals and limits, such as one hour of physical activity a day or two desserts other than fruit per week. When goals are too abstract or limits too restrictive, the chance for success decreases.

♥ Don't reward children with food. Candy and snacks as a reward encourage bad habits. Find other ways to celebrate good behavior.

♥ Make dinnertime a family time by inviting the children to help in planning and cooking the meals. When the family routinely sits down together to eat, the children are more apt to eat a wide variety of heart healthy foods.

♥ Make a game of reading food labels. The whole family will learn what's good for their health and be more conscious of what they eat. Perhaps this exercise will become a habit for life.

♥ Stay involved. Be an advocate for your and your child's health. Make sure your healthcare providers are monitoring cardiovascular indicators like BMI, blood pressure, and cholesterol. Insist on your children taking or making good food choices every day of the year.

Stay well and be heart healthy! If you have not had a flu shot, it is not too late! Get one today!

Cornelia Pearson, RN, MN
Chair, Health Ministries Team

Reference: *American Heart Association, building healthier lives free of cardiovascular disease and stroke, AHA.org.*





FEBRUARY WELCA
A European Adventure
Tuesday, February 19

Church member Laura McElroy will share about her trip to Europe in the Spring of 2018. While visiting with her daughter, Melissa, she toured some very interesting places. As we follow Laura through her journey, it starts with Paris where it includes Easter Sunday mass at Notre Dame Cathedral. Other places visited include Germany, where we will make a reformation journey, visiting some of the places significant to Luther, including Eisenach, Wartburg Castle, and then end up in Wittenberg. Along the way, Laura will share a little information about J.S. Bach and Buchenwald concentration camp.

All ladies of the church are invited to join us as Laura tells us about her trip in pictures and stories along the way. We begin at 6:30 p.m. with a covered dish dinner with the program following at 7:00 p.m..

Please contact Beth Smith at bethrand@comcast.net if you need a ride or would like us to provide a babysitter.

WELCA Quilting

All are welcome to help tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief on **Monday, February 11 and February 25 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** We set up at 9:15 and begin "quilting" at 9:30. If you can thread a needle or tie a knot, your skills are needed and appreciated!

REQUEST FOR FLAT SHEETS! Flat sheets, any sizes, are needed for WELCA quilting! They can be clean, gently used or new! Twin flat sheets are inexpensive at Walmart. Place the sheets in the brown bins in the administration entry. Thanks!

SAVE THE DATE

WELCA Spring Cluster

Saturday, March 2, 2019

Trinity Lutheran Church in Tullahoma, TN

Details can be found on the WELCA bulletin board or contact Beth Smith for more information.

WELCA CHALLENGE!

Your Help is requested!

Collect 1,000 lbs. of SOAP by August, 2019!

- Bring full size bars of soap every third Sunday to St. Andrew.
- Or make monetary donations; please make your checks to "St. Andrew WELCA."



Check the thermometer on the door of the WELCA closet located in the hall by Pearson Hall to see how we are doing in the challenge!

RECIPES NEEDED!

Recipes! WELCA is embarking on a new edition of the WELCA Cookbook! If you have recipes you would like to have included, please place a copy in the box in the administrative narthex marked "Recipes." Be sure to include your name and/or the source of your recipe.

QUILT-A-THON - January 19

25 quilts were completed by the group! Thanks to all who participated!



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SASSY - Saint Andrew Seniors Staying Young 55+

Please join Sassy on **Thursday, February 7 at 11:30 a.m.** for light appetizers, followed by a great lunch, prepared by our own Joni Donegan and her kitchen cohorts at St. Andrew in the fellowship hall.

Our program follows lunch at 12:45 p.m. presented by Fred Frawley, a Folklorist Minstrel. He will regale us with stories and songs in the Southern Appalachian Mountain Tradition. Fred was a first place winner in 2015 for both "A Mule Tales and Tall Tales Contest" in Columbia, TN and "A Story Telling Contest, Mountain Makins Festival" in Morristown, TN. Most recently, in 2018, he was a finalist in "Seniors Got Talent" at the Franklin Theatre.

Let us know you are coming! Signup in the narthex on Sunday mornings or submit a yellow card with your name and number attending. Thanks!

Adult Supper Club

Another season of the Adult Supper Club begins in February for the spring. Six people get together at a time they decide, rotating homes to gather for a meal and getting to know each other. The host home provides the place and the main course. Your group sets the time and date when you gather. A sign-up sheet is on the fellowship hall bulletin board or you can submit a yellow card in the offering plate with your name if you are interested in participating. All questions can be directed to Meredith Frantz, Fellowship Chair, at meredith.frantz@gmail.com or 615-974-0457.

Caroling Fun!

Thank you to everyone who went caroling! It was a great group of wonderful singers. We could see by the residents' faces how much they enjoyed seeing us, especially the children. Thanks again for making this event so special.

Meredith Frantz,
Fellowship
Chair



Square Dance Fun in January!



Instructing the children at square dancing, "Circle to the left, circle to the right!" What fun for our kids!

SAVE THE DATE!

Adult Fellowship: BUNKO

**Hosts: Bruce and Carole Wegner
Saturday, March 16.**



AROUND THE PARISH

Marriage

Pastor Katherine Museus married **Thomas Dabay** on Wednesday, December 26, 2018. The Reverend Morgan Gordy officiated at the ceremony. Thomas is a lecturer in the philosophy department at Vanderbilt University.



Many thanks for your helping hands!

The group photo pictured below of those who helped set luminaries on Christmas Eve.



Sunday School Fun!



Meredith Frantz, assistant in the Atrium 1 class, reads to our children!

During Sunday School Opening on January 6, Epiphany, children took turns bringing gifts to baby Jesus while singing "Three Kings" by Michael Bedford.



**Pictured:
3 "wise"
girls!**

Lock-In Service Project



Pictured above: SLY youth and adults made 6 fleece blankets and 20 fleece hats to give to Room in the Inn guests over MLK weekend!

From the Staff: Our Sincerest Thanks!

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for remembering us in so many kind and thoughtful ways, not only during December with cards and gifts, but throughout the year as you give of yourselves to the mission and ministry of St. Andrew. Thank you for the privilege of sharing our gifts with you and for your faithful support and partnership in the gospel.

St. Andrew Staff

Outreach Thank You's!

Dear St. Andrew family,

Thank you very much for your support of Mercy Community Healthcare through the Angel Tree at St. Andrew. We collected a total of \$1,200 in gift cards from the angel tree to Kroger, Wal-Mart, and Publix. These are used by Mercy's care coordination department to help our families in need with things like prescriptions, gasoline, and other immediate needs. The \$20 increments will allow us to help up to 60 families with your gifts. Once again, you are doing God's work with your hands.

*Gratefully,
Amy Vehc, MD
Anne Fottrell, MD*

Christmas Basket Program 2018

Many thanks to you!

On December 22, over 50 volunteers helped pack and deliver food baskets to families in our community. This outreach effort is done each year in partnership with GraceWorks. Recipient families are vetted at GraceWorks and a complete grocery list for small and large families is provided from GraceWorks. This year, the leadership team for the food basket program took a leap of faith and decided to increase our deliveries from 38 family recipients to 42. Planning for the program begins in October with an orientation meeting at GraceWorks and registering for the number of families to adopt. Then meetings are held with the managers at Publix and Dollar Tree to arrange for purchasing and delivering of the orders to St Andrew for the distribution to the families. In early November, apple boxes are collected from Publix and stored in the church basement. These will be wrapped by volunteers and used to pack the items from Dollar Tree on the day of delivery.

In early December, we receive the list of families we will sponsor. All families are contacted to verify date of delivery and correct address. This may take numerous phone calls and sometimes a home visit.

Our volunteers have encountered various conditions when making their deliveries. Some have gone to homes on the back roads of Williamson County where the poverty is immediately evident. Others have gone to homes where on first appearances, they questioned why they were delivering to this family, only to find out the home is in foreclosure, the owners have lost their jobs, or a catastrophic illness has hit the family and they are struggling to pay bills and put food on the table. We are not there to judge the need.

This year the cost of this outreach program was \$5,416.81. Offerings received were \$5,438.00, including a \$1,000 memorial to Christmas Baskets. Thank you to all who supported this program with prayers and monetary donations. Also thanks to those who prepared for the event by shopping at Dollar Tree and helped set up tables in Pearson Hall, volunteered time to make the deliveries of the baskets, or worked at the church wrapping and packing the personal and household items. A special thank you to the managers at Publix and Dollar Tree for their assistance in making this a successful event.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne and Jeanette
Higbe, Coordinators



God's Work
Our Hands



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

Cooks!

Do you like to cook? Do you like to share what you cook? Do you enjoy meeting people over a good meal? Room in the Inn could use your help.

Room in the Inn provides overnight accommodations for homeless men. On certain Friday nights, November through March, six gentlemen arrive for dinner, spend the night, enjoy breakfast, and are sent off with a sack lunch on Saturday morning.

There are many ways to help with this ministry. One is to serve as a dinner host. This is a great activity for families!

The dinner hosts buy, prepare, and serve a nutritious meal, not too spicy, to our overnight guests and volunteers. You arrange and set tables to encourage conversation between all the participants, including yourselves. After the meal, you clean up and do the dishes.

If this is something you think you could do, please sign up on the fellowship hall bulletin board. If you have done this before, consider asking someone new to join you. For more info, contact Kate or Ken Cockerham at kckross516@gmail.com or kcockerham@fpcnash.com

NEWS FROM TRINITY/HOPE

2018 Ralph C. Weiser Excellence in Ministry Award Recipient

The LCMS Mid-South District announced Mr. John Hall as the 2018 Ralph C. Weiser Excellence in Ministry Award recipient for his work for Trinity HOPE. The award was given to Mr. Hall posthumously on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at his home congregation, Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Hermitage, Tennessee to his wife of 50 years, Carol Hall.

Introduced in 2016, the Ralph C. Weiser Excellence in Ministry Award recognizes the dedication and ministry-building work of one Mid-South District layperson. The award honors the life and work of the late Ralph Weiser, a long-time friend of the Mid-South District, whose example of leadership, service, and faith impacted his local Lutheran congregation and community, as well as ministries

across the entire District. This award also provided 20,000 meals to the children in Haiti! Thank you, Mid-South District.

John Hall was the founder of Trinity HOPE, beginning the ministry in 1999. He witnessed a school where the children were disengaged in the learning process and very lethargic because of hunger, because their parents were not able to feed them. John began a feeding program at that one school of 42 children in 1999. Through God's abundant blessings, John kept raising funds for more and more schools. Under John's leadership, Trinity HOPE served more than 26,000,000 meals throughout Haiti prior to his death in November 2016.

As the words in Matthew 25 state, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" John exemplified service to God's Kingdom. Congratulations and many thanks go to John Hall and the family of Ralph Weiser and the Mid-South district.



Pictured above: Pastor Thomas Bernard, lead pastor at Good Shepherd in Haiti, Pr. Paul Meier, and the late John Hall.

Dear Lutheran Church of St. Andrew,

Thank you for your latest gift of \$19,256. This will provide 77,024 meals for children. And because of loving, caring people like you and a God who provides, we can continue to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with these children not just at Christmas but every school day. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Serving Christ together,
Julie Stickney, Gift Response
Kim Beihl, Mission Team Member*

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN YOUTH

GET INSPIRED OUTSIDE

FEBRUARY 2019 is CAMP MONTH, a time to discover awesome faith-forming camp ministry. Children, youth and families are invited to discover the ministries offered at Novus Way camps in North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. There are many summer camps to choose from. For more information, please visit www.novusway.com and see what programs are going on this summer at Lutherock, Lutheridge, Luther Springs, and Lutheranch. 7th & 8th graders from St. Andrew will go to Lutherock on July 7-13, 2019 for Confirmation camp. If any youth who has completed 6th grade or older would like to attend Lutherock during this week, please talk with Sandy Vollmer so we can find a camp program for you to attend!

BUCK-A-CHICK Returns!

During Lent, we will join other congregations across the country to help fight hunger through the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. For only \$1 anyone can decorate a chick and help our 'peep' of chicks multiply. Chicks will be added to the display as we work toward our goal of 300. If decorating a chick is not your thing, we are happy to color it for you. The Buck-A-Chick table will be set up during the Sundays in Lent. Feel free to stop by, purchase a chick and help **FIGHT HUNGER AROUND THE WORLD**. The Buck-A-Chick table will begin set up on **Sunday, March 10**.

VBS IS COMING! SAVE THE DATE!

JUNE 9 - 13, 2019

It's time to start planning for Vacation Bible School. Faith Formation is in the process of choosing a curriculum that is sure to be a fun, faith-filled adventure. If you would like to help out with VBS, please let Jen Roberts, Faith Formation committee chair, or Sandy Vollmer, DYCM, know. We need a lot of volunteers for a successful week of VBS. Registration will open online soon. VBS is for children 3 years to 5th grade. Children 3 years need to be toilet trained.

**I LOVE
♥ VBS!**

AFFIRM 2019

Affirm will take place at The University of West Alabama in Livingston on June 16 - 21, 2019. Affirm is a week-long youth event for those who have completed 6th through 12th grades. The cost for the week of camp is \$425.00 and includes lodging, meals, t-shirt, and all program costs. Registration will be open soon online at <http://www.sesyouth.org/>. When you register, please let Sandy Vollmer know so that she can get all of the paperwork and transportation in order. Please don't let the cost of camp keep your child from attending this wonderful week of worship, service, fellowship and faith formation (contact Sandy Vollmer with any questions).

Confirmation Camp - LUTHEROCK July 7 - 13, 2019 - LET'S GET OUT THERE!

7th and 8th grade confirmation students and families, keep your calendar open for July 7 - 13, 2019. Registration packets will be sent out soon to confirmation students in the 7th grade and any 8th graders who have not attended Lutherock in the past. The cost for the week of camp this year is \$455.00 until March 15, 2019. After March 15, the cost will increase. A \$150.00 deposit before March 15 will lock you into the \$455 price. Please don't let the cost of camp keep your child from participating in this faith forming outdoor experience. Please contact Sandy Vollmer with any questions, or go to the Novusway web site at: <http://novusway.org/>.

HELP KEEP THE KROGER CARD REWARDS COMING

Please...if you have not done so, take the time to re-enroll for the 2018-2019 Kroger community rewards program. **This is an easy fundraising opportunity for our youth programs.** Each participant currently signed up to support our youth ministries through the Kroger Community Rewards program is required to re-enroll their Kroger Plus card on an annual basis through the Kroger website. Visit www.Kroger.com to re-enroll your card. You will need to log in using your e-mail and password that you set up. Scroll to find Saint Andrew Lutheran Church or use our number, which is **59564**. If you have never signed up for the Kroger Community Rewards program, you are welcome to do so at this web site. <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>.

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES AT ST. ANDREW



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULTS

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Jesus and Isaiah

7:00 p.m. - Pearson Hall

"When [Jesus] came to Nazareth...he was in the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.' ...Then [Jesus] began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'" (Luke 4:16-21).

Jesus referenced the Old Testament book of Isaiah *a lot* to explain his teachings and his life. The Church, from ancient times till now, has also turned to Isaiah to understand how Jesus could be the messiah. On Monday evenings we will be studying Isaiah, why it was so important to Jesus, and how it can help us understand his life and saving work.

Materials for this class will be prepared by Pastor Katherine using Walter Brueggemann's commentary *Isaiah* (vol. 1 and 2). Please contact Pastor Katherine with questions.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Morning Bible study continues with "Many Witnesses, One Lord" by William Barclay. Please join the women of St. Andrew on Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:30 a.m. for this new study. Childcare can be provided by calling Wanda Jasper at 615-972-4110.

THE NAVIGATORS ~ Men's Group

All men of St. Andrew and friends: meet for a monthly breakfast and devotions, the first Saturday of each month at St. Andrew at 7:30 a.m. Our group also works with other groups of the church on service projects as needed. All are welcome; come and join us. Please contact Frank Hale for more information at fahale@utk.edu or 615-832-6802.

THE BOOKMEN ~

A Book Club For Men meets weekly on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. at St. Andrew Lutheran Church. All men are invited whenever you can attend for fellowship and fun. Contact Charlie Bowker at 615-465-6057 or bowksaz@msn.com for more information.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Studies of the Sunday Lectionary

This adult class meets at 10:00 a.m. in Pearson Hall to study scripture appointed for the day. Bring your coffee and join Pastor Lippard or Pastor Museums.

Newcomer/Inquirer's Class

A new series of classes for people considering membership has begun during the **9:50 a.m. Sunday School hour**. Time will be spent looking at the Lutheran Church with its rich history, doctrine and theology. In addition the class will focus on St. Andrew, its local mission, and the part it plays in the world-wide mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Here's a chance to make some new friends and learn something about the faith journey we began at our baptisms. The classes meet in Pearson Hall through the double glass door next to the coffee table. Bring your coffee and questions. Child care is available for children too young for Sunday School. Talk with Emeritus Pastor Eric Pearson if you have questions.

Companions in Christ (CIC)

The Companions in Christ Sunday School Class meets at 9:50 a.m. to study various books and current events.

Active Parenting Class

Please join the Active Parenting Sunday School class on **Sunday, February 3 & 17**. *By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism* is our new study. For more information on the class, contact Jeana Butler at jeana.r.butler@gmail.com.

MANY THANKS TO YOU!

Many thanks to all of our Sunday School teachers, parents, and volunteers. Your support in ministry is important to the faith formation of our children and youth. We are always in need of volunteers and Sunday School teachers. Please prayerfully consider how you can be involved in this wonderful opportunity to serve our children and youth. We are overflowing with thanks for all that you do!

Please Remember in Your Prayers

FOR HEALTH & HEALING

Lisa Blanchard	Judith Anderson	Rand Smith
Jim Curtis	Jeanne Parr	Jessica Jennette
Bruce Wegner	Marj Fottrell	Connie Pearson
Micki Fengler	Charlie Carr	Roberta Edwards
Myrabel Theobald	Edwin Myers	Carolyn McGregor
Marilynn Derwenskus		

Pr. Joel Emerson, husband of Pr. Ann Bassett
The Pfeger & Reed families
Richard Madison & family, friends of Jolene Richardson
David Allen, friend of Frank & Cindy Hale
Beverly Payne, friend of Elaine Moore & Paula Kelling
Emily Borden, friend of Jackie Walters
Debra Popham, friend of Sue Hundt
Connie Fanning, friend of Kay Williams
Eric Jorgenson, grandson of Ron & Sue Hartman
Robert Malloy, son-in-law of John & Fran Helfrich
Owen Jarvis, great-nephew of Rand & Beth Smith
Blake Schreiner, grandson of Fred & Ruth Schreiner
Mike Bode, brother of Royce Bode
Dottie Maly & family
Dawn, cousin of Christy-Lee Lowe
Tyler Speed, grandson of Meredith Frantz
Philip, cousin of Jeanette Higbe
Jeannine Rose, friend of Marilyn & Wayne Kruse
Gert Erickson, friend of the Dieterles
Valerie Martin, friend of Anne Fottrell
Zach Schilling, friend of Frank & Cindy Hale
The Little family, friends of the Bednars
Baby Emma, great-niece of Wally & Liz Combiths
The Francis family, friends of the Andersons & Richardsons
Mindy Lucas, friend of James & Stacey Stiles
Rose Stiles, mother of James Stiles
Jim Hartke, brother-in-law of James & Stacey Stiles
Arthur Keefer, brother of Dick Edwards
Wilma Ford, friend of the congregation
Claire Gaddis, friend of the Rutter family
Amy Bishop, friend of Laura Rogers
Kirk Kleinfeld, friend of Tim Quinn
Joan & Ed Daugherty, sister & brother-in-law of the Combiths
Rosanna Nykanen, friend of Anne Fottrell
Kim Korn, friend of the Richardsons
Thomas Grimm, friend of Patty Norem
Kristie Pennington, friend of Julie Bednar
Judy Trosper, member of the congregation
Pat Mettee, wife of Pastor Howard Mettee
Dolores Bateman, sister of Libbie Quinn
Bob and Linda Holloway
Liam Daniel Baumann, nephew of Juli-Kay Baumann
David Eyer, friend of Eric & Connie Pearson
Gwen Hampton, sister of Jeanne Parr
Michael Paul Lewis-Cooper, nephew of Cathy Miller
Carolyn Galegor, friend of Ken Cockerham
Janice Williams, friend of the Blanchards
Cody Brown, great-nephew of the Richardsons
Matthew Hodge & family, friends of the Vollmers
Dianne McClendon & family
John Rogers & family, friends of Ken Cockerham
Steve Reckard, brother of Julie Anderson
David Downey, cousin of Lisa Blanchard
Mary Brogan, friend of Connie Pearson

OTHER:

For our St. Andrew Council; for wisdom and leadership
Bishop H. Julian Gordy, Pastor Morgan & family
Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
Lax Vardhanapu, seminarian, Mary & Keren
Area ELCA congregations & those in transition
Mission Partner - Peace Lutheran Church in Springhill
The Trinity/HOPE Feeding Program & the people of Haiti
St. Andrew Building Debt Reduction
Pastor Palmer Clemmer
Pastor Jill Henning
For an end to violence against one another
For elected leaders who lead our country
For healing, hope, peace for our country and other countries
For communities to love one another as brothers and sisters
For communities suffering from domestic violence
For the communities healing from loss
For communities to live in peace
For communities and countries suffering from natural disasters
For those suffering from domestic violence
For caregivers who care for loved ones
For service men & women who defend our country & their families who have lost loved ones
For those battling depression & mental illness
Those unemployed, under-employed, or seeking jobs
For those leaving prison & seeking life and work outside
For those contemplating surgery
Mistreated, abandoned & homeless animals

IN MEMORIAM:

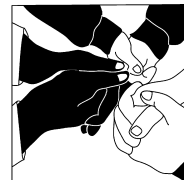
Dan Brawner, brother-in-law of Gretchen Reynolds
Rebecca Pfleger, friend of Mike & Susan Pavlos
Joan Madison, friend of Jolene Richardson

REMEMBER THOSE DEPLOYED FOR MILITARY SERVICE:

If you know of someone who is in the military or has been deployed for duty, please let the church office know so that we can list them in prayers.

Andrew Lau, brother of Ron Lau
Amanda Luchinski, friend of Beth Smith
Ian King, step-grandson of Marty & Al Dieterle
Barbi Miller, niece of Mike & Jody Smith
Jay Tully, son of Jim & Becky Tully
Andy Richardson, nephew of Mike & Jolene Richardson
Joey Ladnier, nephew of Morgan Gordy
Jeffrey P. Hill, son of Jeff & Tina Hill
Nick Smith, son-in-law of Jeff & Tina Hill
Tony Wirth, cousin of Dana Nethercutt
Matt Parr, grandson of Jeanne Parr
Cole Jorgenson, son of Barbora Jorgenson
& grandson of Ron & Sue Hartman

*****Please note that all names will be removed after two months on the prayer list. If you would like for someone to remain on the prayer list indefinitely, please let us know.***



Congratulations!

February Birthdays:

February 1 Harvey Blenkle
LeAnn Blenkle
Carole Wegner
February 2 Sue Brown
Melissa Coleman
Nathan Schwab
February 5 Krystin Lemmon
Libbie Quinn
February 6 Kamalei Schwab
February 7 Tim Donegan
Tom Netolicky
February 8 Garrick Berberich
February 9 Kirk Bednar
Cora Jane Klug
Linda Strickland
February 10 Marty Dieterle
February 11 Edison Fisher
February 12 Kendra Cox
Caroline Maniscalco
Ai Yamada
February 13 Rita Baker
Jeanette Higbe
Beth Paton
Susan Stewart
February 14 Lea Adams
February 15 Elijah Walters
February 16 Mike Alday
Frank Davis
Bryant Johnson
February 17 Jerry Blanchard
Joni Donegan
Vicki Levy
Joe York
February 18 Rylan Klug
Jeff Schreiner
February 19 Anders Kwarciak
February 20 Angie Casey
February 21 Philip Lukens
Stephanie Randa
February 22 Tarra Feasel
Connie Gemeny
Cooper Lemmon
Mac Sweazy
February 24 Alice Chapman
Eric Morris
February 25 Anita Freund
Lee Harms
Demetrios Koutsoukos
February 26 David Cox
Dugger Harris
Paula Macko
Laura McElroy
Julie Shaub
February 27 Allie Butler
February 28 Breckin Cox
John Helfrich

February Anniversaries:

February 2 John & Carol Robertson
February 11 Larry & Sue Eltoft
February 24 Frank & Cindy Hale
February 26 Barry & Melissa Brackebusch

*****Please let us know if your birthday or anniversary is missing! Email information to office@saintandrewchurch.com. Thanks!***

Altar Guild Information Meeting and Coffee Saturday, February 2

Current Altar Guild members, prospective volunteers and anyone who would like to know more about the Altar Guild are invited to an informational meeting on Saturday, February 2, at 9:30 a.m. in Pearson Hall.

Altar Guild is an essential service to our worship and life at St. Andrew, and much activity occurs behind the scenes. From the basics of setting up for worship, communion ware, church seasons, baptism, rites and more, Pastor Lippard will address our group on the reverence of this ministry and why we do what we do at St. Andrew. Please join us to learn more.

And a heartfelt thank you to all those who continue to serve on Altar Guild.

Respectfully submitted,
Juli-Kay Baumann
Altar Guild Chair



Newsletter Deadline

All articles and photographs
for the

MARCH 2019

newsletter must be
submitted to the

Parish Administrator

at office@saintandrewchurch.com.

The deadline for submissions is

Monday, February 11, 2019

St. Andrew Lutheran Church				
January 1 to December 31, 2018				
Financial Update	DEC. Plan	DEC. Actual	YTD Plan	YTD Actual
Total Revenue	82,736.00	135,044.27	827,450.00	939,513.61
Total Expenses	81,398.38	110,335.71	951,142.00	940,380.49
Surplus (Deficit)	1,337.62	24,708.56	(123,692.00)	(866.88)
Mortgages	Beg Balance	Principal Payments	End Balance	
Mortgage #1	2,233,315.54	104,995.48	2,128,320.06	
Cash Balances				
Checking	Savings			
110,474.89	\$412,499.45			

World Day of Prayer 2019

Come - Everything is Ready!

at St. Andrew, Friday, March 1

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women. Prayer is rooted in listening to God and to one another. On World Day of Prayer, we listen to the Word of God and to voices of women sharing their hopes and fears, their joys and sorrows, their opportunities and needs. This year's program was written by women in Slovenia.

Church Women of Franklin and Williamson County will observe World Day of Prayer on **Friday, March 1 at St. Andrew Lutheran Church at 1:00 p.m.**

Everyone is welcome! Pastor Susan Springer will share the message, and Marsha Scheusner will provide the music. A reception will follow the service. Please bring a finger food to share, if you are able. For questions, contact Meredith Frantz at 615-974-0457.

Help Donate Flowers, Bread & Wine for Services!

There are several opportunities to donate flowers for the altar in memory, in celebration, or to the glory of God for 2019! Additionally, we ask families to help offset the cost of the communion wine and bread by adopting a Sunday for \$10. The new sign-up charts to supply bread, wine, and flowers on Sundays are posted in the fellowship hall. Choose a week or more to donate by writing your name in the lines provided.

Place your check for either with "bread and wine" or "flowers" in the memo on the Sunday you donate.

Flowers are \$40 per vase and bread & wine is \$10.

Drop your check in the offering plate on Sunday. You are welcome to take your flowers home after the last service or pick them up on Monday.

Inclement Weather and Alerts

Church worship services will rarely if ever be canceled unless a catastrophic incident occurs. With this in mind, all congregation members should rely upon their own best judgment when conditions such as inclement weather, dangerous road conditions, or emergency situations might put health and safety at risk when attending worship services, events, and activities. In the unlikely event that, services are canceled, office staff will post a notification by the following methods:

1. WKRN News (ABC) lower screen banner (for Sunday services only) Click here to access WKRN's Closings and Delays website page.
2. For Sunday as well as all other scheduled worship services also check our St. Andrew Lutheran Church Facebook page (you must request to be added to our Facebook page)
3. An e-mail blast to the congregation, indicating worship service cancellation, posted at least 90 minutes before services are scheduled to start. Please let us know if you aren't receiving the congregation's weekly email blasts.

All other activities (meetings, events, rehearsals, etc.) might be canceled on a case-by-case basis. Group leaders of these specific events are charged with direct phone call notification to attendees or you may get in touch with your group leader.

Individuals may find themselves already on church grounds at the onset of an emergency. Sheltering in place (remain on grounds and do not leave) is the safest, best option.

By Administration and Safety Team Committee

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to God is the love that grows from faith in Jesus.



Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life. —John 3:36