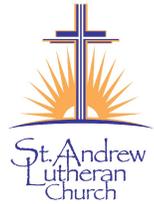


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Hear the good news...

Christ the Savior is Born!

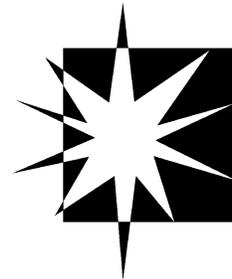
The Bells of Christmas
Det kimer nu til julefest

The bells of Christmas chime once more; the heav'nly guest is at the door. He comes to earthly dwellings still with new year gifts of peace, good will.

Oh, join with me, in gladness sing, to keep our Christmas with our king, until our song, from loving souls, like rushing mighty water rolls!

Come, Jesus, glorious heav'nly guest, and keep your Christmas in our breast; then David's harpstrings, hushed so long, shall swell our jubilee of song.

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Come let us
Adore
Him



The heavens shine with God's glory
as God wraps himself in skin

MERRY CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY EPIPHANY

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FROM THE PASTOR

Always the Same, Always Changing

Each year, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord on the second Sunday of January. Seven years ago on this day, the presiding bishop of the ELCA, Mark Hanson, was our guest and preached. He anointed us with water from the font as we came to receive communion.

On January 12, our new bishop of the Southeastern Synod, Kevin Strickland, will be our guest. Bishop Strickland also will preach and anoint us with water from the font. During Sunday School, we will have an opportunity to get to know Bishop Strickland better during a Q and A session.

As our lives and the world around us change, we are called to welcome change and welcome new leaders. That's because life is never static but is always moving. We see this reflected in the seasonal changes around us as fall gives way to winter, winter to spring, spring to summer, and summer to fall. Yet even though this rotation in our seasons follows a familiar pattern, each individual season, compared to the same seasons that came in the years before it or that will come in the years after it, is unique. Variability is to be expected. It is the same with our leaders.

While the church changes with the times and its emphases may vary, the core of its proclamation is always the same. This is witnessed as we confess the creeds, which have roots in antiquity. The church continues to do the same things it always has done, proclaiming the good news of Jesus through word and deed.

The Letter to the Hebrews in 13:7 reminds us to remember our leaders and imitate their faith. For we know, as the next verse of Hebrews confesses, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." That's good news to take with us as we begin a new year. In 2020, may our vision of the church be 20/20 as well: happy New Year!

Pastor Lippard+



FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Interested in the Congregational Council?

The Nominating Committee is on the lookout for new servant-leaders at St. Andrew! This committee is tasked with discerning who might be a good addition to the congregational council (essentially St. Andrew's board of directors). At the beginning of each year, we pray, discuss, and listen, then ask people if they would be willing to run for council. At the May congregational meeting, the congregation elects new people to the council. The new members begin their two-year terms that summer.

Our council is made up of 18 members, including the pastors, officers, and two youth representatives. Other members are liaisons to our various committees. We meet once a month to discuss the life of the congregation. Our current council members are listed in every newsletter. This year's Nominating Committee members are: Meredith Frantz, Jody Smith, Wanda Jasper, Shirley Swan, Emma Tallyn, and Julie Bednar. If you are interested in learning more about joining council, please reach out to them (or me!).

If you would like to get more involved in the ministries of St. Andrew but aren't feeling the whole "council" thing, there are many other opportunities to be a servant-leader. Find the committee that matches your own call to ministry, ask what they are up to, and jump in. Share your interest in getting involved with a council person or a staff person. Try out something new. Pray for a clearer sense of how God is calling you to be a part of the mission of Christ through St. Andrew.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Museus Dabay



God's Work
Our Hands

FROM THE PASTOR EMERITUS

As I write this we are still in the midst of the Advent season of preparation for the Christ Child. Everywhere I look the congregation is in a flurry of activity as we seek to make ready for the birth. But, by the time you read this, we will be firmly planted in the New Year and a new decade with the Incarnation in the "rearview mirror." That much being said, I hasten to remind you that Christmas is not a day, but a season of celebration. And we at St. Andrew have much to celebrate, not the least of which is the steady stream of visitors who come our way week after week.

Are you someone who actively seeks out the visitor in our midst or are you content to leave the welcoming to someone else? Are there people sitting nearby in the nave who seem confused by the liturgy or its interface with the worship book? To an "old hand" Lutheran worship is business as usual, but to the visitor every thing is new and something of a challenge to navigate. Don't be reticent to invite someone to stay after worship and join you for a cup of coffee, tea or informal conversation. Any one of the adult classes would more than welcome a visitor but it all begins with you reaching out and taking that first invitational step.

At St. Andrew we worship, love, grow, serve and send.

At St. Andrew, all are welcome.

Eric C. Pearson+

Pastor Emeritus

DOANE UNIVERSITY CHOIR CONCERT

January 12, 2020 ~ 3:00 PM

Free and open to all!

On Sunday, January 12, the Doane University Choir from Crete, Nebraska is providing music for the 11:00 a.m. worship service. At 3:00 p.m. that same afternoon, they will present a free concert in the St. Andrew nave with special guests, the Stewarts Creek High School Chorale under the direction of Brian Russell, Music Director at the church. Please make plans to invite the community to this special event!

FROM THE DIRECTOR FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Youth Sunday!

Youth will lead worship on Sunday, January 26! They will have the opportunity to shine as leaders in the church. I am excited for the youth and grateful to Pastor Katherine Museus Dabay, who is teaching the youth how to plan and lead worship. They have already dived into the planning process. It's great to see and hear the excitement in their expressions and voices and at the same time to observe as they take on this task reverently and serious as they learn and ask meaningful questions along the way. All of the youth in both STAKK (5th & 6th grade) and SLY (7th - 12th grade) are highly encouraged to participate in the youth-led service. At upcoming meetings, we will continue to plan and assign responsibilities. If you are interested, please come to youth group. There will be a final rehearsal on Friday, January 24 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Dinner, fellowship and fun will be provided. But this can only happen if you are there.

Happy New Year!
Sandy Vollmer
DYCM

It's not too late to signup! THREAT PATTERN RECOGNITION AND ASSESSMENT TRAINING Saturday, January 11

The Safety Committee has developed several initiatives on preventing, reacting to, and minimizing the impact of an active shooter situation at St. Andrew. This is your opportunity to learn more for life outside the church as well as recognizing and helping our church in ever changing times.

One of the most impactful initiatives the Safety Committee is implementing is the organization of safety teams. Safety team members need training, so St. Andrew has contracted with Michael Mann Security Services (MMSS) to help us get better at recognizing the potential, taking steps to prevent, and protecting ourselves if there were an active shooter.

Local law enforcement consistently encourages safety teams in churches, schools, and other public settings. While church should be a safe place, we have to be mindful of the potential dangers. A key requirement for a safety team is to be trained in threat pattern recognition and assessment. This is Michael's focus for our training.

What is Threat Pattern Recognition and Assessment?

Threat pattern recognition and assessment provides safety teams with the information and skills used to identify, assess, and validate observed behavior that may indicate criminal activity, surveillance, or other preoperational planning related to an active threat. The training is a combination of classroom lecture, workshops and hands-on exercises. The concept is very easy to learn and use in environments that require the free movement of people where access is open to the public (i.e., churches and other faith-based environments, shopping malls, etc.).

The class can hold up to 35 adults; class is filling up fast! Please sign up today by contacting Jolene Richardson or writing on a yellow card and dropping it in the plate, identifying this seminar. Breakfast and coffee will be served starting at 8:30; training class begins at 9:00 a.m. sharp!

Respectfully submitted,
The Administration and Safety Committees



Children of St. Andrew prepare to share *It's a Miracle*, an Advent program for the congregation on December 22. This picture was taken at rehearsal on December 15. Many thanks to Katherine Mansouri and Kris Helou for directing the program.

YOU AND HEALTH MINISTRIES, A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION!

It is January again, time for those dreaded New Year's Resolutions that might be broken before the month is over! Since health is usually at the top of my New Year's resolutions, I thought that it was fitting to begin my 2020 newsletter article with a slightly different approach to health. Even though the term Health Ministries may not be on your radar screen, I believe that one's own personal health and the health ministries of the church are wound together. God's call to us to be responsible for our own personal health is only a small part of God's call to us to participate in the health ministries of the life of the church. Terry Tempest Williams, an author and naturalist is quoted as saying: "This is my living faith, an active faith, a faith of verbs: to question, explore, experiment, experience, walk, run, dance, play, (I would add sing) eat, love, learn, dare, taste, touch, smell, listen, argue, speak, write, read, draw, provoke, emote, scream, sin, repent, cry, kneel, pray, bow, rise, stand, look, laugh, cajole, create, confront, confound, walk backward, walk forward, circle, hide, and seek."

It occurred to me as I read and re-read this quote that these verbs are the very heart of personal health and the health ministries of a congregation. As we attempt to keep ourselves healthy each day, we live through many or possibly all of the verbs listed above. It is the same with the church. As we grow in our faith and relationship with others in the church we have the opportunity to live our faith through the health ministries of the congregation. But, just what is Health Ministry?

Health Ministry has always been a part of the church. It is the work of the church, the answer to the call to healing and to the community, the continuing restorative work of Christ. The congregation becomes the arms and heart of Christ to facilitate healing and restoration to individuals, families and the community and in doing so grows more fully into the expression of our Lord inside and outside the church building. It is intentional ministry for the whole person - mind, body and spirit - individually and communally for all of God's children. It applies to stewardship for all of life, human and ecological, in the care of one another, the care of creation and the care of self.

Several years ago the Southeastern Synod of the ELCA Health Ministries Task Force identified Health Ministries as:

- H** *Health/Hope:* spiritual, physical, mental, social
- E** *Education/Enhancement:* Sharing our learning and putting into action
- A** *Access:* Programs, resources, communities
- L** *Leadership:* Responsibility to community, responsibility for self
- T** *Teach/Touch:* Reaching out in relationships, friendship
- H** *Healing:* New life, new beginnings

As you look around your church do you see a congregation of individuals expressing their faith through actions not only within the congregation but also throughout the community? Do any of the verbs above describe and/or help you to explore your role in the health ministries of your church? What is your role? Is there a place within the church where your talents could be used to enhance the health of the congregation and the community? Are you doing all that you can not only to enhance your own health but to also be an active participant in the health ministries of your congregation, the Southeastern Synod or the larger Lutheran Church community? Resolve to put your health and your participation in the health of your congregation and community at the top of your New Year's resolutions for 2020!

Happy New Year!

Cornelia Pearson, RN, MN
Health Ministries Team

Reference: *Anu Garg, A.Word.A.Day, Wordsmith.org: the magic of words. 2014.*

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY THANKS!

Dear St. Andrew Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thanks so much for my prayer shawl and prayers for my son, David Lowe. This is a wonderful ministry.

David is home, and is healing and looking forward to a cancer-free life.

Emily Priest





**ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH:
MARK YOUR CALENDARS
FOR WELCA IN 2020!**

The women of St. Andrew (WELCA) meets the third Tuesday of the month from September through June. Information regarding each month's program and focus can be found in the newsletter, bulletin, and weekly e-news. We begin at 6:30 p.m. with a covered dish, a very short business meeting, and then a program begins around 7:00 p.m. We have a variety of programs or craft nights; read in each month's communications for details. All women at church are invited to join us and bring a friend!

**January WELCA
Tuesday, January 21 ~ 6:30 p.m.**

Our January speaker will be Sally Morrison who will share "Despair Turned to Joy." Reflecting on passages from Micah 6:6-8, 18-19, Sally will share with us her journey through rough times as a young woman and how the love of the Lord has seen her through to today. *"The Lord is faithful and he will bring you back to the faith that you learned as a child if you will just allow him in to your heart."* Sally lives in Brentwood and has raised 4 children and now has 9 grandchildren. She is a substitute teacher for the Franklin Special School District.

Bring a covered dish to share but if you don't have time, there is plenty to go around; just bring yourself. Contact Beth Smith, WELCA President at 615-479-3566 or bethrand@comcast.net for questions.

SOAP FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF!

The **third Sunday of each month** is **SOAP** Sunday at St. Andrew! Please consider bringing full size bars of soap or making a financial donation to the ministry. Through LWR, soap provides opportunities for cleanliness and sanitation. **Checks should be made payable to St. Andrew WELCA with "soap" in the memo line.** Thanks!



**QUILTING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF
Quilting days at St. Andrew
January 13 and January 27**

We begin at the church at 9:30 a.m. and finish by 11:30 a.m. If you can tie a knot, you have the skills needed to help with this ministry. Come join us!

**WINTER QUILT-A-THON
SAVE THE DATE!**

Our winter Quilt-A-Thon date is **Saturday, February 15** from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the WELCA bulletin board located in the fellowship hallway. This is a great opportunity for those unable to attend through the week. We hope to see you there.



ANGEL TREE THANKS!

To our amazing St. Andrew congregation, thank you for your generosity for this year's Angel Tree recipients. As always, you have shown your love and commitment to our neighbors in need by donating generously to **Inspiritus and to Mercy Community Healthcare**. These ministries are better able to serve our community because of your donations to the Angel Tree Program. **THANK YOU.**

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

January Adult Fellowship

Adults will fellowship in January with a progressive dinner on **Saturday, January 25**. Everyone will meet at the home of Wayne and Jeanette Higbe, 1457 Governor's Ridge Court, in Franklin at 5:00 p.m. Watch for a sign-up sheet to be posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall to let us know you are attending. Start the New Year with friends and join us for a great time, praying that the weather cooperates!

SASSY

There is no SASSY scheduled in January! **Next SASSY is scheduled for February 6!**

AROUND THE PARISH

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Parker Violet Dei, daughter of Brandon and Michelle Dei, and sister of Harper and Carter, was baptized on Christ the King Sunday, November 24 at the 8:30 worship service with Pastor Michael Lippard as officiant. Sponsors for Parker are Geoff Merkes and Samantha Steede.



Danielle Marie Aprea and Ryan David Aprea, children of David and Jennifer Aprea, were baptized on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1 at the 11:00 a.m. worship with Pastor Michael Lippard as officiant. Their sponsor is Glenn Closson.



We welcome Parker, Danielle, and Ryan into the body of Christ and into the mission we share!



St. Lucia, Sunday, December 8

Our St. Lucias for worship, **Sara Yamada**, at the 8:30 a.m. and **Emily Baker**, at the 11:00 a.m. worship service, delighted the children with ginger cookies during the children's sermon. Good job, Sara and Emily! Thanks to **Meredith Frantz** for making the ginger cookies!



Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree!

A big thanks to **Darrel Reifschneider** for the beautiful Christmas tree in our nave. And thanks to **Helen and Jeff Moseley** and **Joe York** for setting it up. **Vann** is the happy supervisor!



AROUND THE PARISH

Celebrating Bishop Emeritus Julian Gordy!

On November 24, 2019, St. Andrew celebrated and thanked Bishop Emeritus H. Julian Gordy for his work for the past 12 years as the Bishop of the Southeastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The Reverend Delmer Chilton, who served as an Assistant to Bishop Gordy, was the guest preacher for the day. Following the eleven o'clock service, catfish, chicken and all the trimmings were served by Uncle Bud's Food Truck. Following dinner in Pearson Hall, Bishop Gordy was roasted with funny stories, kind words, and many thanks. If you missed this food, fun and fellowship, you missed a great celebration! See the November 2019 newsletter for more information on Bishop Emeritus Gordy.



Dear Friends of St. Andrew,

Thank you for the kind retirement tribute given to me by the congregation last month. The celebration was an example of grace as I am sure I did nothing to earn your kindness. Still, I very much appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Knowing that the St. Andrew community was here in Franklin doing the work of the gospel was a reassuring thought as I traveled around the synod for a dozen years. You may have guessed that after all that time on the road, I am very happy to be home again. That St. Andrew is here, thriving and serving in Jesus' name, makes retirement all the more agreeable.

Gratefully,
H. Julian Gordy

WHAT'S NEW AROUND THE PARISH?

Everyday Lutheran!

Active Parenting class will become "Everyday Lutheran" class starting in January 2020!

The renewed focus is on living everyday life as a Lutheran in Middle TN and everyone is invited to attend! The class will still meet twice a month **beginning January 5 and 19.**

Topics will rotate, so it's easy to join the group at any time without concern for missing previous information. The class will take a break in June and July while families travel.

Each session will be lead by a different family and the topics will be similar to those Pastor Katherine discusses at the Table Talk series, such as the social statements of the ELCA. Our goal is to spark discussion on current cultural topics and relate those topics to being Lutheran parents, spouses, church members, employees, etc.

The current consensus is that being Lutheran in Middle TN can sometimes be confusing to others. We hope to gain a better understanding of the ELCA's position on a variety of topics so we can better share that information with our children and neighbors. It really does fit with our church's mission: In Christ We Worship, Love, Grow, Serve and Send.

In order to communicate better, we are updating an email distribution list where members may opt out by unsubscribing at any time. **The emails will come from "Everyday Lutheran"** instead of an individual email address. We can always add new members to the distribution list and it allows everyone to work from the same list, which will help our communication going forward. Please watch your inbox for an email from "Everyday Lutheran" and accept the invitation to join the group!

Respectfully submitted,
Jeana Butler



VOLUNTEERS are needed to clean up coffee hour at 10:45 a.m. on Sundays. If you enjoy a cup of coffee on Sunday morning, please help us take turns cleaning it up. There is a sign-up sheet located by the coffee. It takes 5-8 minutes to clean up. Let's keep coffee fellowship going!

OUTREACH NEWS

GraceWorks Ministries Needs Volunteers

Volunteers are needed the 4th Saturday of each month to sort, price, and hang clothing for GraceWork's Thrift Store. The commitment is from 9:30 a.m. to noon one Saturday a month. It's a flexible assignment; you can come for the entire time, for an hour or so, and you don't have to attend each and every month. This has been an on-going outreach ministry for St. Andrew, but over the last few years it's not been well served. We have some folks who have signed up for this via the Time and Talent Sheets, but we can use a few more volunteers. I've spoken to the Volunteer Coordinator at GraceWorks and accommodations can be made if standing for the entire time is too much for you to do. (I'm planning to take advantage of this option myself!) If you are interested, just show up on **January 25 at 9:30** at the GraceWorks store located at 104 Southeast Parkway, Ste. 100, Franklin, TN. Or contact me if you are interested or want additional information at mkruse2203@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Kruse
GraceWork's Coordinator

Haiti Hunger Fight News



For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink....' I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:35, 40

THANKS TO ALL for a very successful Haiti Hunger Fight program. We raised over \$36,813 including \$12,959 matching. This translates to 147,000 meals and 147,000 better days for so many school children in Haiti.

As we wrap up some remaining actions, we welcome your feedback as we begin plans for 2020.

Thank you again for your tremendous support!!

Sincerely,
Your Haiti Hunger Fight Team

St. Paul's Breakfast Ministry and SLY St. Andrew Lutheran Youth

On Sunday, December 1, High School youth prepared and served breakfast to the women and children at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Nashville. **Thanks to our youth whose many hands made light the task and enjoyed helping out!** Thanks to all who participate in this wonderful ministry each month and a **special thanks to Laura McElroy**, coordinator of the ministry.



From Trinity/HOPE



Central Plateau Schools

Written by Lars Helland
Eternal Shepherd, Seneca, SC

Pastor Phil McLain was serving as a vacancy pastor at Mt. Pisgah LCMS, Hendersonville, NC in 2017 and was very impressed with the mission outreach their church was doing in Haiti. Pastor Phil contacted me, Lars Helland, Chairman of Eternal Shepherd's Mission Committee. We accepted an invitation to have Pastor Walta come from Haiti and speak to our Mission Committee and discuss how we might get involved. In January 2018 Pastor Phil was going to Laotchikit, Haiti to teach Homiletics to the seminarians. Taking that opportunity, I accepted the invitation to go along.

None of us had any idea what we would encounter - other than a rapidly growing church and school with almost 400 young students. When we arrived at Laotchikit, the first thing I noticed and photographed was the open fire pit with three large cauldrons cooking what looked like Brunswick Stew. I learned that this was a meal provided for the students each day. It was "designed" by Vanderbilt nutritionists to be the most nutritious single serving a child could get. For many, it was the only meal the child would have that day. I learned about Trinity HOPE.

Pastor Walta introduced brother Samuel, a seminarian, to our team. Samuel invited us to his home to view the church he built. Pastor Walta drove us there and we were joined by three others from Samuel's church. We sat in the front of the church; six of us listened to Samuel share his dream. He wanted to start a school, and the men sitting with us would be the staff. He had 29 students wanting to sign up. This would, of course, be a Lutheran School and the church would serve as the classroom. It was at that moment I realized why I was on this trip to Haiti. In a leap of faith I stated "we will make that happen!" Pastor Walta would take care of all the necessary paperwork to establish the school "Pas Bonbon." The school would need more than the salaries for the staff - it would need Trinity HOPE, school supplies, and Bibles in French just for starters. After seeing the open fires in Laotchikit, I got the funds ready to build a kitchen with a duplicate at

Laotchikit. Pas Bonbon would also need water and restrooms, so we at Eternal Shepherd funded the construction of the kitchen, the restrooms, digging the well, adding a generator/pump. The school in Pas Bonbon opened in September with more than the expected 29 students. At Christmas last year, 2018, they had 110 students. At the opening session for the 2019-2020 school year just a few months ago, over 250 students were on the roster. My wife Lois and I attended a Trinity HOPE celebration dinner in Nashville in August and learned more about how extensive feeding the children of Haiti really is.

Backing up in time a little, I received a video from Pastor Walta in July 2018, telling me about an area with several thousand people, mostly Creole speaking. They were in such a remote area, it was not accessible by motorcycle or even horseback. The rocks and boulders were everywhere and the climb was very steep. I asked Pastor Walta the name of the church - "Rocky Road?" About twenty minutes later I got a reply from Pastor Walta: "we like that name, we are now calling it "Rocky Road." Inadvertently I had named a church. In addition, they planned to start a school and would need help with feeding the children. We at Eternal Shepherd stepped up and took on the challenge of a second school. In September 2019, 125 children came to the school. Between the two schools, Pas Bonbon and Rocky Road, we at Eternal Shepherd in Seneca, SC are covering the cost of feeding an average of 375 children each day.

I can think of no other place on earth that is bringing more men, women, and children to Christ than what is happening in the Central Plateau of Haiti. Thank you, Trinity HOPE, for all you are doing. You are blessed to be a blessing!

Inclement Weather Reminder

Please keep in mind that if the weather is questionable, activities or meetings may be cancelled. Safety is our top priority. We will do our best to communicate any cancellations through e-mail, the church Facebook page, and cell or telephone. If in doubt, please call the staff or chair of the event before coming to the church. Thanks!

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN YOUTH

Advent Celebration!

On Sunday, December 1, STAKK (St. Andrew Kingdom Kids) 5th & 6th graders celebrated the first Sunday of Advent and made cocoa spoons. Yum!



Youth Sunday is January 26!

Our 5th-12th grade youth are excited to lead our Sunday worship services on January 26!

In December, our 7th-12th graders studied the meaning of the elements of our worship service. This month all our youth will study the scripture readings for January 26 and come up with a worship theme together. Then, it's time for them to start planning.

Our youth will choose hymns and play our prelude music. They will write prayers and a sermon. They will teach our young children about our faith during the children's sermon. They'll read scripture, assist as greeters and ushers, and add their other gifts to worship.

Please pray for them as they plan worship for our community, and support them as they lead us in worship in January.

SAVE THE DATE ~ February 8, 2020! ♥ YOUTH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER ♥ VALENTINE DINNER AND SHOW

Our youth will host the annual youth fundraiser Valentine dinner and show. They are working hard on planning a wonderful evening for you. More details and ticket sales will begin soon.

THANK YOU!

- **To volunteers** who help on Sunday mornings, youth group events and beyond! What you do is so important for the faith formation of our children and youth!
- **Sara Yamada and Emily Baker**, for serving as Saint Lucia this year.
- **To high school youth and parents** who served at St. Paul's breakfast in December and to Laura McElroy for leading this ministry.
- **To Kris Helou, Katherine Mansouri and parent volunteers** who worked so hard with the children on the Advent program, "It's a Miracle."
- **To all the children and youth** who participated in the Advent program on December 22.
- **To all the youth and parents** who helped with the Christmas Eve luminary set up, lighting and clean up.
- **To all the youth and adults** who participated in Christmas caroling.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES AT ST. ANDREW

SUNDAY SCHOOL EVERY SUNDAY

FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULTS
at 9:50 a.m.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

The New Member/Inquirers' Class (SALC101) is designed especially for people considering membership in the church. **A new class will begin on Sunday, January 26!** We meet during the 9:50 a.m. Sunday School hour in Pearson Hall - through the double glass doors next to the coffee pot. We'll spend time looking at the Lutheran Church and its expression here at St. Andrew while affording plenty of time to make some new friends and learn about the exciting opportunities for ministry that characterize this congregation. If you have not already done so, talk to Emeritus Pastor Eric Pearson and tell him of your interest.

Companions in Christ (CIC)

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

Everyday Lutheran

A new year, a new name, Everyday Lutheran class will meet on **Sunday, January 5 & 19**. The class is held in Room 126/127 in the fellowship hall. Please read more about the new class focus of Everyday Lutheran on page 8. All are welcome! Please join us!

THE BOOKMEN BOOK CLUB

A Book Club For Men meets weekly on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at St. Andrew Lutheran Church. *Call Sign Chaos* by Jim Mattis and Bing West is the current discussion. All men are invited whenever you can attend for fellowship and fun. Contact Charlie Bowker at 615-465-6057 or bowksaz@msn.com for information.

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

7:00 p.m. in Pearson Hall

On **January 6**, we will begin reading *Matthew for Everyone* by N. T. Wright, a New Testament scholar and Anglican bishop. Wright's eye-opening comments on the Gospel of Matthew and what it might mean for us are combined, passage-by-passage, with his fresh translation of the Bible text. All are welcome any time - with or without the book! To order a book or for more information, talk to Pastor Katherine.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Ephesians, Life Change Bible Study by NavPress

The Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study will study the book of Ephesians **beginning January 8**. This is how Christian Book describes the 14 week study: "This verse-by-verse study of Ephesians, looks at a fuller need for Christ. It examines the truths about a believer's new identity of Christ. Also focusing on unity, holiness, submission, and steadfastness. In this Bible study, participants will be encouraged to apply God's Word to your life." Please join us on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30.

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.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!

- **Jan 5:** STAKK 5th & 6th grade youth 5:00 - 7:00 PM
- **Jan. 12:** SLY 7th - 12th grade youth 5:00 - 7:00 PM
- **Jan 19:** SLY lock in. This is Martin Luther King weekend. Drop off on Jan. 19 at 5:00 PM; pick up on Jan. 20 by 9:00 AM.
- **Jan. 24:** Youth rehearsal for youth worship Sunday. 6:00 - 8:00 PM dinner will be provided.
- **Jan 26:** Youth worship Sunday. Both worship services 8:30 and 11:00 AM

CONGRATULATIONS!

January Birthdays:

January 1	Rebekah Hinson Bonnie Sersland
January 2	Nicole Kariott Stacy Klug
January 3	Brett Forsberg Claire Harris
January 4	Ingrid Byrum Sara Netolicky
January 5	Carla Thurman
January 6	Jim Cottingham
January 7	Barbara Roberts
January 8	Andy Kwarciak
January 11	Sheree Koutsoukos
January 12	Tim Donegan Kathy Ziegler
January 13	Carl Derwenskus Ella Derwenskus Cindy Hale
January 14	Amy Hafner
January 15	Elizabeth Huddleston
January 16	Scott Adams
January 17	Christy York Lynn Samuelson Antonia Santaripa Annie Thurman
January 18	Emily Bednar Paula McNeil
January 19	Damon Green David Rockwood Laura Rogers
January 21	Madison Schreiner
January 22	Donnie Smith
January 23	Steven Ochab
January 25	Don Carlenius Dorothy Juergensen Don Norsworthy
January 27	Michael Lippard Jimmy Shannon
January 28	Ken Sersland
January 29	Bernadette Patton
January 30	Terri Dattilo
January 31	Hannah Coleman Lucy Klug

January Anniversaries:

January 2	Jim & Marybeth Cottingham Tom & Laura McElroy
January 6	Mike & Tiffany Alday Michael Lippard & Susan Springer
January 7	Tom & Sara Netolicky
January 31	Lance & Mallory Dorman

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

What's In and What's Not A Guide to Recycling Stewardship

By Jorja and John Trocino

Over the past few decades we've begun to better understand the impact our daily habits have on our planet. One great way to lessen this impact is to keep our resources out of the landfill by reusing them when we recycle.

As part of the recycling team at St Andrew, we would like to remind our church family what items can be recycled in Williamson County. We think it is important for everyone to know that one "dirty" or inappropriate item in the large bin can contaminate the entire load.

What IS acceptable to recycle:

*Clean plastic #1 and #2 ONLY
Clean tin cans
Clean aluminum cans
Clean glass
Clean cardboard
Clean newspaper/office paper

What IS NOT acceptable to recycle:

*All plastics that are not labeled #1 or #2
All plastic bags, plastic wrap, plastic package covers
Napkins or wet paper towels
Styrofoam
Cups or cardboard with waxy coating
Greasy pizza boxes

It is more than appropriate to throw away anything that does not meet the "acceptable to recycle" list. It is much better to toss an item than risk contaminating an entire load.

*The well-recognized "chasing arrows" symbol we see on plastic containers and products does not mean the product is recyclable. The little number inside the triangle tells the real story. Within each chasing arrows triangle, there is a number which ranges from one to seven. The purpose of the number is to identify the type of plastic used for the product, and not all plastics are recyclable or even reusable. There are numerous plastic-based products that cannot break down and cannot be recycled.

Understanding the seven plastic codes will make it easier to choose plastics and to know which plastics to recycle. For example, water bottles that display a three or a five cannot be recycled in most jurisdictions in the U.S. A three indicates that the water bottle has been made from polyvinyl chloride; a five means that it's been made of polypropylene, two materials that are not accepted by most public recycling centers.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

FOR HEALTH & HEALING

Lisa Blanchard	Rand Smith	Fred Bess
Jeanne Parr	Jessica Jennette	Marj Fottrell
Roberta Edwards	Lee Baer	Sue Carr
Kim Jones	Cyndy Dyer	Marty Dieterle
Liz Combiths	Lowell Patterson	Peggy Downey
Fred Bess		

Pam Turchan, mother of Sandy Vollmer
 Jani Carey, sister of Jeff Hill
 The Narancich family
 Sharon Ziegler, friend of Beth Smith
 Pat Neeley, friend of Jackie Gustafson
 Kenny Brunner, cousin of Darrel Reifschneider
 Harper Hearn, niece of Tim & Libbie Quinn
 Jake, Kathy, Gwen Jasper & family, relatives of Wanda Jasper
 Keith Wright and family, friends of Beth Fikejs
 Mike Harbers, friend of St. Andrew
 Joyce Davidson, friend of the Bednar family
 Jon Putnam, friend of Tim Quinn
 Harvey Blount, son of Stephanie Blount & grandson of Larry & Julie Anderson

Jennifer Mueller, daughter of Jane Franks
 Richard Cardente, friend of Rand & Beth Smith
 Kari Adams, friend of Dwight & Karen Bonifacius
 Janet Carty, relative of Susan Pavlos
 Tom Yeagley, friend of Susan Pavlos
 Linda & Alex Frank family, friends of the Helous
 Sharon Ziegler, friend of Beth Smith
 Chris Coy, niece of Carol & Bruce Wegner
 Heidi Hoffman, friend of Cliff & Wanda McIntyre
 Jeff Williams, son-in-law of Cliff & Wanda McIntyre
 Steve Veith, friend of Heidi Michel
 Wilma Ford, friend of the congregation
 Sandra Parchment, sister of Kathy Ignatz
 Jim Riepe, cousin of Jolene Richardson
 Claire Gaddis, friend of the Rutter family
 Kirk Kleinfeld, friend of Tim Quinn
 Rosanna Nykanen, friend of Anne Fottrell
 Thomas Grimm, friend of Patty Norem
 Kristie Pennington, friend of Julie Bednar
 Pat Mettee, wife of Pastor Howard Mettee
 Dolores Bateman, sister of Libbie Quinn
 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
 For Bishop Kevin Strickland & 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 addiction & substance abuse
 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:

Pearl McIntosh, grandmother of Melissa Coleman
 Bob Gullett, uncle of Marilyn Kruse

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.

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 Barbra 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.***



St. Andrew Lutheran Church				
January 1 to November 31, 2019				
Financial Update	NOV Actual	NOV MSP	YTD Actual	YTD MSP
Total Revenue	89,320.45	69,947.92	859,485.51	761,488.06
Total Expenses	88,801.48	85,106.25	845,047.12	891,570.75
Surplus (Deficit)	518.97	(15,158.33)	14,438.39	(130,082.69)
Mortgage				
	Beg Balance	Principal Payments	End Balance	
Mortgage	2,128,320.06	106,706.82	2,021,613.24	
Cash Balances				
	Checking	Savings		
	106,329.60	\$422,048.57		

In Memory of Micki Fengler to the Pipe Organ by Pr. Lippard & Pr. Springer

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CORRESPONDENCE

Dear St. Andrew Lutheran Church,

The Habitat for Humanity Williamson-Maury team would like to offer a sincere thank you for your generosity. Your donation of \$1,125.00, received October 9, 2019 helps provide safe and stable housing to future homeowners like Aubrey who is able to purchase an affordable home in our community, positively changing the life of her family. This letter includes the appreciation and gratitude of each of our current and future homeowners as well.

Thank you again for your investment in building a better community where everyone has a decent place to live.

Warmest regards,
Kim Randell
Director of Development

In Memory of Micki Fengler to Building Debt Reduction by Bill & Evelyn Luetzow Austin Funeral & Cremations Services

In Memory of John Gebhardt, brother of Sherre Wicks, to the General Memorials by Nancy Simpkins

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes are in member mailboxes located outside of Pearson Hall to pick up! Please clean out your mailbox for the new year. If you don't have offering envelopes or want a church mailbox, please contact office@saintandrewchurch.com to request them. Thanks for your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasurers to the ministries at St. Andrew!

MEMORIALS & TRIBUTES:

In Memory of Micki Fengler to WELCA Quilting

- by:
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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Meg Graves | Jeff & Tina Hill |
| Shirley Swan | Dan & Brenda Farrell |
| Wayne & Marilyn Kruse | Lee & Pat Harms |
| Wayne & Jeanette Higbe | Eleanor Branigan |
| Jimmy & Susan Shannoon | |
| James & Macon Jamieson | |
| John & Edna Atwell | |
| Bernie & Kim Olszewski | |
| David & Rita Buttermore | |
| Darrin & Brenda Culver | |

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

All articles and photographs for the **FEBRUARY 2020** newsletter must be submitted to the Parish Administrator at office@saintandrewchurch.com The **DEADLINE** for submissions is **Monday, January 13, 2020**

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