

# THE ST. ANDREW MESSENGER

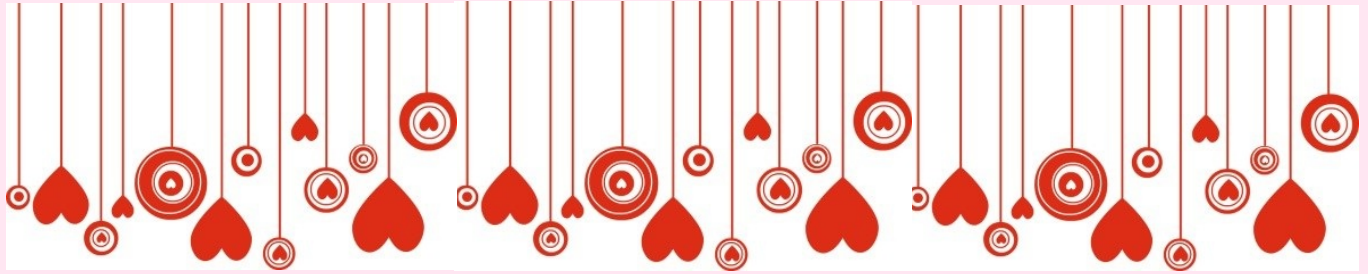
St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 908 Murfreesboro Road, Franklin, TN 37064



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

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## SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- \* HUNGER is an issue 365 days of the year.
- \* 1 in 6 Americans struggle with hunger.
- \* 48.8 million people.
- \* 16.2 million are children.

Nearly 100 million Americans are expected to tune in to watch the Super Bowl. Many of them will be hosting or attending parties with abundant food, friendship, and fellowship. At the same time, nearly 1 billion people will be hungry—some worrying about staying warm, finding shelter, and securing the next meal.

Please join us in remembering the hungry this Super Bowl—and bring food items or a monetary donation to go to GraceWorks Ministry.

**HELP FIGHT HUNGER!!**



## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth VALENTINE DINNER AND TALENT SHOW

**Saturday, February 10, 2018  
St. Andrew Lutheran Church ~ Pearson Hall  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

### **Ticket Prices on sale until February 4:**

\$12.00 for Adults

\$5.00 for children 4 -12 years old

Children under 3 years are free

Family maximum is \$34.00

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

Purchase your tickets on Sunday mornings or email [sandyvollmer@saintandrewchurch.com](mailto:sandyvollmer@saintandrewchurch.com) to reserve tickets.

Join us to fight hunger! Bring your Valentine or friend and come see how amazing, talented, and creative our youth are!

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8:30 a.m. Holy Communion

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Nursery available throughout the morning

### Congregational Council:

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

It has been a tradition at St. Andrew that our youth host an annual ♥♥Valentine♥♥ dinner and show. Our talented young people are up for continuing this tradition, and we hope that you are, too. **The date is February 10, 2018 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** As this newsletter goes to press, we are in the planning phase of the evening, which will include great fellowship with friends and family, a delicious dinner, and fabulous entertainment.

**Tickets will be sold on Sunday mornings** after worship for this fun family event. The ticket cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 4 – 12 years old. Children 3 & under are free with a family maximum of \$34.

One dollar of each ticket sold will go to ELCA World Hunger. Last year we were able to purchase a few goats from the ELCA good gifts catalog. Who knows? Maybe we can get a cow this year. That would be mooovelous! Bad joke... I know. But that is beside the point.



The youth are working hard to make this event fun and enjoyable for everyone, filling the evening with music and many other talents, including maybe a few corny jokes. The creativity and energy of these kid is amazing; we hope that you will come out and join us. Besides supporting the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, donations and funds raised from the Valentine dinner help support youth at faith-forming camps and retreats all year long. Camps this summer include Affirm, Lutherock, and also the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. **Hope to see you on February 10!**

Peace,  
Sandy Vollmer



## FROM THE PASTOR

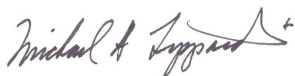
You probably have heard that this year, Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day and Easter arrives on April Fools Day. It seems strange (and perhaps even a bit like a bizarre joke) for those events to coincide, especially since this hasn't happened in seventy-three years: not since 1945, before the end of WW II. One time – I read about this online – there was a one hundred forty-one year gap. That was the span between 1725 and 1866 – from over fifty years before the Revolutionary War began to a year after the Civil War ended. The next time Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day and Easter on April Fools Day, we'll only have to wait until 2029.

But regardless of what is going on with this year's calendar, we do not anticipate these dates being in conflict at St. Andrew. The annual youth Valentine dinner and variety show will be on Saturday, February 10, and we will be observing our usual schedule on Ash Wednesday.

During the four Wednesdays after Ash Wednesday, we will share in "A Lenten Journey to the Easter Vigil." This comes from a resource our worship planners use, *Sundays and Seasons*. On each of these Wednesdays, an Old Testament reading appointed for the Easter Vigil will be our theme. As *Sundays and Seasons* observes, "Each reading offers a description of God, a metaphor of the resurrection, and a reference to baptism." So this will be a good way to prime the pump for Easter as we undergo our fast from baptism during Lent and reflect on baptism's significance in our life of faith. During these four midweek services, we will be using Evening Prayer or Vespers in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

Please join us for a simple meal of soup and sandwiches and for conversation any time between 5:30 and 6:40 p.m., beginning on Wednesday, February 21. Make a commitment to join us for midweek Lenten worship, which starts at 7:00 p.m.

A holy and blessed Lent to you all,



Pastor Lippard+

## WEDNESDAY SERVICES IN LENT *February 21, 28, and March 7, 14, 21*

**5:30 - 6:40 p.m.** - Dinner

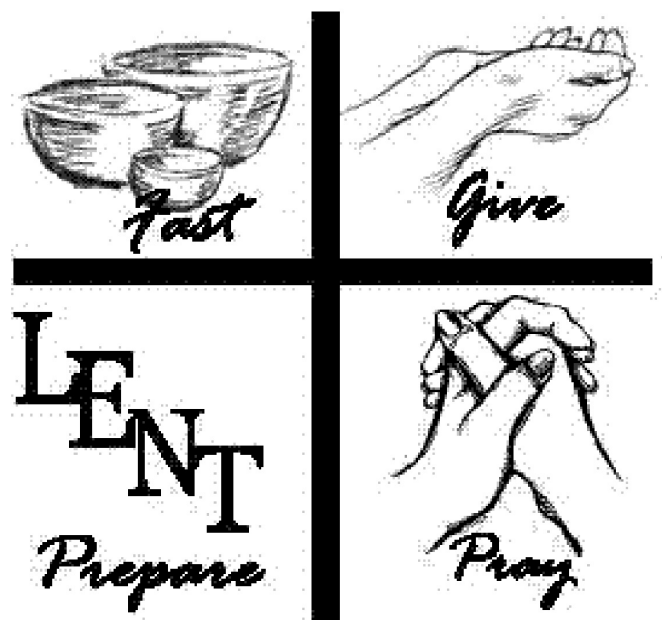
(RSVP to help manage food quantity)

**7:00 - 7:30 p.m.** - A Midweek Lenten Service series "A Lenten Journey to the Easter Vigil."

There will be a catered meal of soup and sandwiches each Wednesday before the service, and we invite you to come and share fellowship together. Please sign up on the sheets provided on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall or on a yellow card and drop it in the offering plate to let us know you are coming to dinner. This will help us know how much food to purchase and how many to set the tables for. Cost for the meals are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children, or \$20 for a family.

Worship begins at 7:00 p.m. and is approximately 20-25 minutes in length. Offerings on mid-week Wednesday services in Lent go to Lutheran Services in Tennessee (LST).

**Mark your calendars for March 21 -  
Healing Service with Holy Communion at  
Noon and 7:00 p.m.**



**FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

One of the “problems with the world today” that people bring up most frequently is how divided we are in terms of our opinions, beliefs, and experiences. But more than that: we can so easily insulate ourselves on our side of that divide. We can choose to read or hear only the news that supports our opinions; we can join online groups where everyone will tell us we are right; and we can choose to spend our time only with people who agree with us.

In these times Pastor Ron Bonner (Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Atlanta), borrowing from Martin Marty, talks about the importance of forming “heretical friendships” or friendships that are “outside our comfort zones.” By becoming friends with people who think or live differently than we do, we can question, explore new ideas, and challenge each other within a relationship of care and trust rather through the unbending and distant fights of internet comments. We can talk through things with someone who thinks differently, but also knows us as a whole person, not just a single opinion.

Participation in the life of the church is one of the few places where these heretical friendships are encouraged. Here we gather together not around our common viewpoints, but around our common need for the grace given to us through Jesus Christ. And so here we have the opportunity to challenge one another and learn from one another in that context of friendship and grace. I’m blessed to see it all the time: at the Navigators breakfast, where men openly disagree with one another and still end their time together with a warm, “See you on Sunday!”; in Bible studies where people share differing opinions; in unlikely friendships that start in worship and then carry on into homes and restaurants.

I am thankful for this place where God is at work to both comfort and challenge us, and for the way God works through not only our relationship with God, but also our relationships with each other, to change our lives and the life of the world.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Museum

## FROM THE PASTOR EMERITUS

People of a certain age and maybe also those discovering vinyl records for the first time will be familiar with the term, “broken record.” The words referred not to a sporting achievement but to a malfunction in the record surface which caused the phonograph needle to become stuck in one groove to the exclusion of all others. This resulted in one sound being repeated over and over again. It might have been the lyrics to a favorite pop tune or a note or two in a favorite symphony. The remedy was to lift the tone arm carefully from the record surface and reposition the needle so as to not do any further damage while at the same time mercifully moving the tune along.

I sometimes think that my role in writing these monthly newsletter articles is to sound like that broken record of old. If you read these articles regularly you know what I mean: wear your name tag, welcome our visitors, and invite them for coffee and Sunday School. There are many variations of the same message, but they all amount to the same broken record: be welcoming to our Sunday visitors; make them feel at home.

Providing a visitor-friendly atmosphere cannot be taken for granted. It has to be worked at because many congregations do a miserable job at what should be second nature to the Christian community. At about the time I was ready to say “enough already” of these repetitious articles, I was rewarded with some positive feedback from one of our Inquirer Classes. To a person, those present complimented the congregation for being so welcoming. Many offered up the fact that they had never been greeted so warmly and enthusiastically as they were at St. Andrew! Maybe a broken record has some use after all. Maybe repetition is beneficial.

All I can say to the congregation is “Well done, good and faithful servant!” Keep up the good work. But before big heads get in the way, let’s agree that our task is joyfully ongoing. More visitors come our way in ever-increasing numbers and we must be ever vigilant in our welcoming.

Grace and Peace,

*Eric C. Pearson +*

Pastor Emeritus

## FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

### **Namaste**

I have an effervescent, energetic, and extremely curious five-year-old named Alex. For years, we nicknamed him "Trouble," as the boy has the talent for incidental destruction to any medium. That is why it was a surprising spiritual lesson I recently learned from my son.

Alex, Emilene, and I went to the Christmas caroling event at the church. We met at the church with other families, gathered in our Christmas attire, passed around bells and song sheets, and waited for other families to arrive before we carpoled to our first caroling destination.

During the wait, Alex observed the portraits of our pastors hanging in the lobby area. Pointing to the portraits, Alex stated quite matter-of-factly, "That is God." Not knowing whether he was pointing to Pastor Pearson or Pastor Lippard's portrait, I asked him which one and what he said. He walked right up to Pastor Lippard's portrait, pointed again, and said clearly, "He is God." So, in a first humorous reaction to his mistake, I tried to gently correct him. While laughing and sharing this odd statement with Pastor Museus, she said she couldn't wait for the day when he looked at a female pastor and said the same. I agreed, and then I turned to Emilene and Alex and said, "Alex, you know, you are right." I pointed to each portrait of the pastors lined in a row and said, "He is God," "She is God," and continued around the room to point to everyone explaining that each person was from God. I told him we all came from God—we were all a part of God—we are all God energy.

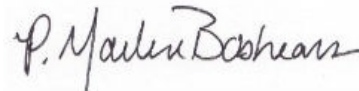
Alex may not have understood, but Emilene was listening. She asked me about it later. I kept thinking about Alex's simple, bold declaration. The term "namaste" comes to mind. Very poorly translated by the Western world, it means "I bow to you." Spiritually in the Hindu faith, it is explained to mean "I honor the divine within you," or "the God within me recognizes, honors, and bows to the God within you." It is a greeting of familiarity and respect in Sanskrit. It is a valediction upon leaving.

*Namaste* may directly translate as "to bow," "to you," but the origin of it is *na ma*—not mine, but to you. It is an equalizing and respectful term among people meaning "my soul comes from and is the same as

yours." It is an empathic term that represents putting aside one's ego to truly care about the good (the God) of another. We are brothers and sisters, we are one, we are of the same divine substance. We are all divine energies from God and can recognize and respect one another as such.

This small term is powerful, but we do not have a similar word in our language or culture. In fact, we have no modern equivalent in a simple greeting to share the truth Alex pointed to when he said, "He is God." We have the option to set aside our pride, set aside our differences, set aside our prejudices to boldly greet with the same truth and respect one another. We can recognize the good in another and honor that good rather than judging. As a parent, as a wife, as an attorney, as a leader, and as a friend, I need to recognize in every greeting to another's beautiful soul that I bow to honor them and their good because it's not about me. It's namaste to all.

In Christ's love,



P. Marlene Boshears  
St. Andrew Lutheran Church  
Council President



**Newsletter Deadline**  
*ALL articles and photographs for the*  
**MARCH 2018**  
*newsletter must be*  
*submitted to the*  
*Parish Administrator at*  
*office@saintandrewchurch.com*  
*The deadline for submissions is*  
**Friday, February 9, 2018**



## NURTURE COMMITTEE NEWS

### Your Little Engine

It is early January, it is around nine degrees outside, and I am settled in front of my computer to decide what to say in a February newsletter article. February? January has just begun and my brain has just finished focusing on taking the Christmas decorations down, carefully packing them away, and storing them for next year. Looking around the room I spy one small ornament on a shelf that obviously has been overlooked in my gathering. This ornament, a small train engine, piques my interest and suddenly seems to relate to what I want to write about: heart month! In the children's Little Golden Book, *The Little Engine That Could*, it was with a lot of encouragement and effort that the little engine was able to pull several box cars full of toys over a mountain to take gifts to children in the valley below. This story delivers a message to small children as it speaks to perseverance, endurance, strength, and effort that the engine made to get the toys delivered as well as the joy that the village people felt when the engine arrived on the other side of the mountain.

Our February messages about hearts are similar to the story of the little engine. Valentine's Day tugs at our heart strings and our dollars with our efforts to put our best foot forward to make those significant in our lives feel loved and appreciated. Just as Valentine's Day is about love, choosing a lifestyle geared toward good health and prevention is also about love. It is the little engines, our hearts, that are often stressed the most when we do not fulfill our bodies' expectations of a healthy lifestyle. This magnificent little engine beats on average 115,200 times a day to carry us over the mountains or wherever we want to go, that is if we are physically fit to do so as the Little Engine was able to do.

Last February the title of my newsletter article was, "How is Your Heart?" During the past year what have you done to make sure that your heart/little engine is working at its best? How is your heart/little engine?

1. Are you aware of what you eat each day? Have you avoided chips, desserts and other nutrient low foods in favor of super foods such as berries, nuts, beans, fruits and vegetables that provide antioxidants, Omega-3 fats, vitamin and minerals and boasts to your immune system?
2. Is your body weight where it should be? Long term extra weight on your body can cause a multitude of heart and other body system problems.
3. Have you had your flu shot this year? If not, it is not too late to get your flu shot as the flu can hang around until May. The Center for

Disease Control and Prevention states that if you do get the flu you are more likely to recover faster if you have had a flu shot.

4. Are you getting enough sleep? According to a 2015 sleep study, individuals who sleep fewer than six hours a night are four times more likely to develop a cold than people who get seven hours or more.
5. Have you made regular physical activity part of your lifestyle? A general rule is to aim for at least 30 minutes of physical activity every day. Even brief bouts of activity offer health benefits. Strength training and aerobic activity both benefit your heart by controlling weight, reducing the risk of heart disease, cancer, type 2 diabetes, and improving mental health and mood.
6. Is life causing you to feel stressed? Daily stress can cause us to overeat, eat the wrong foods, lose sleep, gain weight and ultimately lead to illness including heart disease.
7. Do you follow the health guidelines for annual preventative health services? There is an ongoing debate regarding the need to see a physician annually for a physical exam. As this debate goes on, being proactive regarding your own health can help to keep your engine fine tuned.
8. Have you found a place to volunteer? There are multiple ways to volunteer at St. Andrew and in the community. We think of volunteering as helping others but it also can add mental and physical benefits for the volunteer. Volunteering activities get us moving and thinking at the same time by adding physical activity, increasing brain function and reducing stress. Volunteering can provide a sense of purpose and fulfillment and help to decrease the risk of depression.

Your heart/little engine has the potential for being a very efficient pump. Is your engine efficient or is there room for improvement in using perseverance, endurance and strength during Heart Month? By all means, give your little engine the opportunity to say, "I Thought I Could," and function at its best so that it can carry you over the mountain in 2018 and beyond!

Connie Pearson, Chair  
Health Ministries Team ♥♥♥

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**FEBRUARY WELCA  
Tuesday, February 20**

**♥ THE COTTONS: MUSIC GUESTS! ♥**

All women of the church are invited for fellowship and to meet on **Tuesday, February 20**, as Marilyn (Marnie) and Gene Cotton present a musical program at WELCA. Marnie and Gene have lived in Franklin since 1979, and in Nashville before that. Gene's music career brought them to Tennessee. He has been singing for most of his adult life, and Marnie joined a singing group after college. It was their singing careers that brought them together. Marnie is a teacher (and sister of Meredith Frantz), and Gene a singer and song-writer. They will share some of their life experiences and songs with us. We meet in the fellowship hall for a potluck at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program at 7:00 p.m. For more information or if you need a sitter or ride, please contact Beth Smith at 615-479-3566.

**Save the Date: March 10**

Please mark your calendars for the annual WELCA Spring Cluster meeting on Saturday, March 10 at Memorial Lutheran Church, 1211 Riverside Drive, Nashville. This is a great time to worship, fellowship, and Bible study with our sister Lutherans in middle Tennessee. More details coming soon!

**PLEASE BRING SOAP!**

The third Sunday of each month, please bring full size bars of SOAP to church for Lutheran World Relief! Place in the brown bin in the administration entry. Or you may donate funds; make checks to St. Andrew WELCA. Thanks!



**FEBRUARY 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>February 12</b>	Quilting 9:30 a.m.
<b>February 18</b>	<b>SOAP SUNDAY</b>
<b>February 20</b>	Potluck & Program 6:30 p.m.
<b>February 26</b>	Quilting 9:30 a.m.
<b>March 10</b>	Spring Cluster at Memorial Lutheran Church in Nashville

**QUILT-A-THON FUN!**

Despite the snow and ice that made its way to Middle Tennessee for the Quilt-A-Thon, 12 brave ladies showed up to help make 26 quilts to go to Lutheran World Relief! Thanks to all who participated in the fun while providing warmth, comfort, and shelter within the folds of a beautiful quilt to someone in need soon!



**NEEDED!**

**Flat twin, double, queen or king sized sheets** for quilt backs. These can be clean, good used, or new! Place your donations in the brown bin in the administration entry, marked WELCA Quilts. Many thanks for your help!



## AROUND THE PARISH



### **Births:**

**Henry James Sherrod**, son of Jayme and Amanda Sherrod, was born on January 8, 2018 at 10:51 a.m. Henry weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20.5" long. Proud grandparents are **Jorja and John Trocino**. Congratulations to all!

### **Caroling Fun:**

Thank you to everyone, young and old, who took time out of busy Christmas schedules to come and carol with us. The smiles and tears on the faces of those to whom we sang made our time so very special! I think we all received much more than we gave; thank you so, so much.

Meredith Frantz  
Fellowship Chair



All ages had fun caroling to our friends at Southern Care, The Fountains, and Brookdale in December. Mark your calendars NOW to go summer caroling in June!

### **From the Staff:**

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

### **Thanks from WAVES:**

Dear Friends at St. Andrew,

We are sincerely appreciative of your generosity through the Angel Tree Program. The adults supported by Waves were truly touched by your thoughtfulness. We are so thankful to have friends like you in our community.

We wish you all a wonderful New Year.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Emily Layton

Development and Community Relations, Waves



### **SLY SERVES AT GRACEWORKS!**

On January 15, MLK Day, SLY youth from St. Andrew helped fill 400 Fuel Bags. The Fuel Bags were put to good use following the days of school closings. Thanks, St. Andrew Lutheran Youth!





## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### CHURCH BRIDGE FUN!

St. Andrew Church Bridge Group welcomes and invites all interested bridge players to join them on the second Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the host's home for fellowship and challenging bridge hands. This is a fun group to play and socialize with. Feel free to join us and if interested, contact Elaine Moore for more information at 615-771-2724.

### SASSY FOR FEBRUARY 1

#### ***Magic in February!***

James Hargrave has been doing magic for over 25 years. As a student at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, he worked at a church where the children's minister was a professional magician. The two became good friends, and James learned magic. James served as the children's minister at a large church in St. Louis, Missouri, where he began performing magic for a variety of audiences. He now works as an editor for children's Bible study materials at Lifeway Christian Resources in Nashville. James has performed magic all across the United States, as well as in Canada and in South America. This past summer, he and his friend performed together in the North American Championship of Magic.

All St. Andrew congregants, 55+ or retired, are invited to attend SASSY (St. Andrew Seniors Staying Young). **Don't forget the date, Thursday, February 1 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Andrew for lunch and magic!**



**SASSY meet in December to hear Richard Starkey and enjoy a Christmas luncheon. All 55+ are welcome to come to SASSY the first Thursday of each month at St. Andrew! Join us in February.**

## NASHVILLE CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT AT ST. ANDREW! ***Mark Your Calendars!!***

**Who:** The Nashville Touring Children's Choir  
*Madeline Bridges, James Wells, &  
Josh Wright*  
*Touring Choir Conductors*  
*Kyle Hankins, Accompanist*

**What:** This Concert is open to the public and at no cost

**When:** February 11 from 3:00-4:00 PM



The choir functions in cooperation with Belmont University in Nashville, TN, and is a part of the Belmont Academy. The Touring Choir, which will present the concert at Saint Andrew, aims to serve as an ambassador of goodwill, performing frequently throughout Nashville and Middle Tennessee with groups such as The Nashville Opera, The Nashville Symphony, Middle Tennessee Choral Society, and recording artists Joe Diffie, Reba McEntire, Michael W. Smith, and Jennifer Nettles. Destinations for the Touring Choir have included San Antonio, Toronto, St. Louis, New York City, Boston, San Francisco, St. Louis, Chicago and New Orleans, where they sang at the New Orleans Jazz Festival. The choir was chosen to sing in Charleston, SC, in May of 2011 for the Piccolo Spoleto Music Festival, and also participated (with the Nashville Ballet, Nashville Symphony, and Nashville Symphony Chorus) in several performances of Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* and Mendelssohn's *Midsummer Night's Dream*. They were again featured in *Carmina Burana* at Tennessee Performing Arts Center in April 2016. The Touring Choir has been selected numerous times to appear on the nationally televised and acclaimed *Christmas at Belmont* broadcast on PBS, most recently in December of 2017.

You will not want to miss the opportunity to hear this exceptional youth choir!

## NEWS FROM TRINITY/HOPE

### Haiti Mission Trip - A Real Life Changer

By Keith Logan, Executive Director

Whether we're young or old, we can all look back over the years and see certain events or experiences that changed our lives forever. Of course, events like my wedding day and the birth of our children top my personal list, but for me, my first mission trip to Haiti with Trinity HOPE was almost as influential. It certainly changed my life forever. Like many overly-blessed Americans going on a short-term mission trip, I thought I was going there to impact the children we saw in a massive way. However, God had different plans and used the children in Haiti to touch my life far more than I could have ever touched theirs. Seeing firsthand how God used Trinity HOPE to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through feeding programs in Christian schools, and how this noon meal was feeding the kids both physically and spiritually, re-calibrated my life. I knew I had to get more involved and I wanted that trip be the beginning of my journey and not the end. Now 35+ trips later, I still feel different every time I come back from Haiti. Each trip reminds me how all of God's children are beautiful and created in His image; how the church, as the body of Christ, is called to make a difference in the world, and how our culture in the United States can so easily cause me to get my priorities out of balance. Every trip continues to re-calibrate my life and helps me to shift my attention less on myself and more on helping others in the name of Jesus Christ.

Trinity HOPE is now beginning to coordinate our spring mission trips. If you're interested in a potential life-changing experience and would like to learn more about one of these trips, please get in touch with us via email at [admin@trinityhope.org](mailto:admin@trinityhope.org), or call us at 615-394-4950.

2 December 2017

Dear Sponsor,

*May the peace and grace of God be given to you from Jesus Christ.*

*I take this opportunity to write to thank you, and I have no words to express my gratitude. For several years, it is thanks to your help that allows me to resist with the children who are very hungry. I ask the parents of all students to pray constantly for you so that God will bless you, keep you, and give you health. Thank you, dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, and Merry Christmas 2017.*

*May God bless you every day,  
Joseph Materiel Chery  
Acquier School, Les Cayes, Haiti*

## CHRISTMAS BASKET THANKS!

Approximately 40 St. Andrew volunteers packed and delivered Christmas Food Boxes for 38 local families on December 16. Thank you to all who supported this outreach project. **A very special thank you to our coordinators for the Christmas baskets, Wayne and Jeanette Higbe!**



**Thanks to all volunteers who helped with Christmas baskets in December!**

## KEEP THE KROGER REWARDS COMING



**Please....if you have not done so, please take the time to re-enroll for the 2018 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 his or her Kroger plus card on an annual basis. Please visit [Kroger.com](http://Kroger.com) to re-enroll your card. Log in using your e-mail and password and scroll to find St Andrew Lutheran Church, or use our number, which is 59564. If you have never signed up for the Kroger Community Rewards program, you may do so at <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>

## ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN YOUTH



### CONFIRMATION CAMP LUTHEROCK July 8-14, 2018 LET'S GET OUT THERE!

7th and 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation students and families, keep your calendar open for **July 8 –**

**14, 2018.** 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, 2017. 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/>

### 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 on Sundays in Lent. Feel free to stop by, purchase a chick and help **FIGHT HUNGER AROUND THE WORLD.**

### VBS IS COMING! SAVE THE DATE June 4 - 8, 2017

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 contact Jen Roberts, Faith Formation committee chair at [jenroberts96@gmail.com](mailto:jenroberts96@gmail.com) or the Director for Youth & Children's Ministries, Sandy Vollmer, [sandyvollmer@saintandrewchurch.com](mailto:sandyvollmer@saintandrewchurch.com). We will need many volunteers for a successful week of VBS!

### GET INSPIRED OUTSIDE

February 2018 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](http://www.novusway.com) and see what programs are going on this summer at Lutherock, Lutheridge, Luther Springs, and Lutheranch. Our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be going to Lutherock July 8 – 14, 2018 for Confirmation camp. If any youth who has completed 6<sup>th</sup> 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!

#### **Weather Alert & Events!**

***Please keep in mind that if the weather is questionable, youth activities might be cancelled. Safety is our top priority. We will do our best to communicate any cancellations through e-mail, the church Facebook page, and by cell or telephone.***

### AFFIRM 2018

AFFIRM will be at **The University of West Alabama in Livingston from June 10 – 15** (a week earlier this year because of the Youth Gathering schedule).

AFFIRM is a week-long youth event for those who have completed the 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 soon be open online at

<http://www.sesyouth.org/>. **When you register, please let Sandy Vollmer know so that she can organize all of paperwork and transportation!**

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 for further information.

### 2018 UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!

**February 4 Super Bowl of Caring** at both services benefitting **GraceWorks Ministries**

**February 4** 5:00-8:00 p.m - STAKK and SLY Super Bowl Party at the Vollmers home 

**February 9** Valentine rehearsal & set-up, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Pizza, too!

**February 10 - ♥ VALENTINE DINNER & SHOW ♥**  
4:30 p.m. Youth Set-up  
6:00-8:00 p.m. Dinner/Talent Show

**February 25** Acolyte Training 4:00-5:00 p.m.  
SLY - 5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Summer Camp Registrations are OPEN!**



## FAITH FORMATION AT ST. ANDREW



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

### MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

#### ***The Gospel of Luke***

**7:00 p.m. - Pearson Hall**

The Monday Night Bible study with Pastor Museus continues studying The Gospel of Luke with the help of N.T. Wright. Everyone is welcome to show up anytime to read and discuss Luke - no need to read the N.T. Wright book! It is easy to jump into the conversation at any point.

**There is NO Bible study on Monday, February 5!**

### WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study, which meets from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., will study "Reformation Roots." This is a 12-part DVD series which covers "From Night to Dawn: the Stage is set for the Reformation" to "The Catholic Reformation: Reaction and Renewal." If you want to know more about the Reformation or why we have so many Protestant denominations, come to Wednesday Morning Bible Study and bring your popcorn. If babysitting is needed, please call 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 ~ For Men

The Bookmen meet weekly on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. at Puckett's Restaurant in downtown Franklin. All men are invited whenever you can attend for fellowship, food, 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 Museus.

#### **Newcomer/Inquirer's Class**

A new series of Newcomer/Inquirers' classes will **begin on Sunday, February 4 during the 9:50 a.m.** Sunday School hour. All who are interested in learning more about St. Andrew or membership are invited to attend. The classes meet in Pearson Hall through the double glass doors next to the coffee pot. Time will be spent looking at the Lutheran Church with its rich history, doctrine, and theology, while exploring the ministries of St. Andrew Lutheran Church and their many opportunities for service. Here's a chance to make some new friends. 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 off the fellowship hall in Room 124 at 9:50 a.m. Join us as we discuss varied topics!

#### **Active Parenting Class**

Please join the Active Parenting Sunday School class for discussion and fellowship on Sunday mornings. We meet Sunday, February 4 and 18 in Room 126/127 in the fellowship hall. Email Claire Harris at harris.r.claire@gmail.com or Jen Roberts at jenroberts96@gmail.com for more information on the class. All are welcome!

### MANY THANKS!

- ★ To all of our **Sunday school teachers, volunteers, and to our parents.** Your support in ministry is so 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!
- ★ **To all who participated and helped with the Christmas Eve Tableau at 3:00 p.m.**
- ★ **For all who helped with the Christmas Eve luminaries.**
- ★ **To Roger Meyerhoff** for helping with the use of his flatbed truck.

## Please Remember in Your Prayers

### FOR HEALTH & HEALING

Vic & Sue Hundt	Susanna Armstrong	Ann Moeck
Ron Lau	Bill & Lynn Robinson	Edwin Myers
Judith Anderson	Sharron McFarland	Don Carlenius
Jimmy Felker	Chad Butler	Judy Gande
Keegan Medina	Julie Shaub	Joan Lillie

The Derry family  
Kay Bell, cousin of Mike & Jolene Richardson  
Dorothy Soapes, grandmother-in-law of Holly Hanberry  
The Weimar family, friends of the Serslands  
Baby Caroline & parents, friends of LaRue McIntyre  
Brandon Kwiatkowski, friend of the Comiths & Stiles  
Brittany Marso Miller, relative of Jeff Moseley  
The Mike Smith family  
Mara Halweg, friend of Bill & LaRue McIntyre  
The Ward family  
The Frost family  
Patty Smith, friend of Cindy Hale  
Kim Gambil, friend of Alice Chapman  
The Gande & Griffio families  
Currey Williams, daughter-in-law of Kaye Williams  
Lynnea Ragsag, sister of Jorja Trocino  
The Hench family  
Jere Jeter, father of Paul Jeter  
Homayoun Kabir, son-in-law of Judy Mowery  
Scott Bowker, son of Charlie & Peggy Bowker  
Smith Benson, father of James Benson  
Sharon Stovall, friend of Jolene Richardson  
Amy Bachman, niece of Carol Edwards  
Joan & Ed Daugherty, sister & brother-in-law of the Combiths  
Rosanna Nykanen, friend of Anne Fottrell  
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  
Laran Philpott, friend of the congregation  
Dolores Bateman, sister of Libbie Quinn  
Bob Holloway, husband of Linda Holloway  
Liam Daniel Baumann, nephew of Juli-Kay Baumann  
Lanier Schreiner, daughter-in-law of the Schreiners  
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  
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:

Bill Frost, husband of Peggy Frost  
Evan Derry, son of Tony & Kelly Derry  
Joshua McAlister, friend of Anne Fotrell & Amy Vehec

### 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.*

Ian King, step-grandson of Marty & Al Dieterle  
Diane Slaten, friend of Beth Smith  
Barbi Miller, niece of Mike & Jody Smith  
Jay Tully, son of Jim & Becky Tully  
Andy Richardson, nephew of Mike & Jolene Richardson  
Jacob Moxley, great nephew of Jim & Pat Pitt  
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.***



# Congratulations!

## February Birthdays:

February 1	Harvey Blenkle LeAnn Blenkle Carole Wegner
February 2	Sue Brown Melissa Coleman Caitlin Rogers
February 5	Krystin Lemmon Libbie Quinn Blair Rlmkus
February 7	Tim Donegan Wes Geuther
February 8	Garrick Berberich
February 9	Kirk Bednar Cora Jane Klug Linda Strickland
February 10	Marty Dieterle Makenzie Mizell
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 B.J. Johnson
February 17	Kathleen Shaw Jerry Blanchard Joni Donegan Vicki Levy Joe York
February 18	Rylan Klug Jeff Schreiner
February 19	Anders Kwarciak
February 20	John Michael Alday Angie Casey Alex Nethercutt
February 21	Joseph Lukens Philip Lukens Stephanie Randa
February 22	Tarra Feasel Connie Gemeny Michael Hummer Cooper Lemmon Mac Sweazey
February 23	Laura Crispell Jaron Snoeyanbas
February 24	Alice Chapman Nancy Kroeger Tate Morris
February 25	Anita Freund Lee Harms Demetrios Koutsoukos

February 26

David Cox  
Dugger Harris  
Laura McElroy  
Julie Shaub  
Allie Butler  
Breckin Cox  
John Helfrich

February 27

February 28

## February Anniversaries:

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

## We Say "Happy Birthday, Jesus!"





St. Andrew Lutheran Church				
January 1 to December 31, 2017				
Designated Fund	Beg Balance January 1	Deposits	Payments	End Balance December 31
Benevolence:	30.00			30.00
Disaster Relief	1,125.00	4,635.00	5,670.00	90.00
World Hunger	90.00	3,060.00	3,300.00	(150.00)
God's Global Barnyard		454.86	357.68	97.18
Memorials - General	1,335.94	1,465.00	1,412.80	1,388.14
Columbarium	32,543.26	6,000.00	4,060.00	34,483.26
Meditation Garden	5,354.49	1,260.00		6,614.49
Debt Reduction/Organ	430.00	36,177.20	30,601.11	6,006.09
Youth Fund	13,796.52	5,962.36	4,451.97	15,306.91
Capital Replacement Reserve	38,557.96			38,557.96
Wedding Deposits	800.00	650.00	1,450.00	
Misc. Designated	1,977.91	25,954.45	25,770.40	2,161.96
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>\$ 96,011.08</b>	<b>\$ 84,968.87</b>	<b>\$ 49,853.56</b>	<b>\$ 104,585.99</b>
<b>Financial Update</b>	<b>DEC. Budget</b>	<b>DEC. Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	75,008.00	135,963.58	836,400.00	994,849.43
<b>Total Expenses</b>	79,358.00	97,920.52	919,850.00	904,894.81
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	(4,350.00)	38,043.06	(83,450.00)	89,954.62
<b>Mortgages</b>	<b>Beg Balance</b>	<b>Principle Payments</b>	<b>End Balance</b>	
Mortgage #1	2,325,317.90	92,002.36	2,233,315.54	
<b>Cash Balances</b>				
<b>Checking</b>	<b>Savings</b>			
139,293.70	407,198.93			

## MEMORIALS & TRIBUTES

In memory of **Bill & Gladys King**, given by Judith Anderson, to the general fund.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please find your 2018 offering envelopes in your mailboxes at church located outside Pearson Hall. If you currently do not have envelopes and would like them, contact [office@saintandrewchurch.com](mailto:office@saintandrewchurch.com) for a box.

Offering envelopes are for all methods of giving, even those who participate in electronic giving. Your envelope box contains envelopes for special services and needs, while automated giving does not. Use your envelope to mark these special donations.

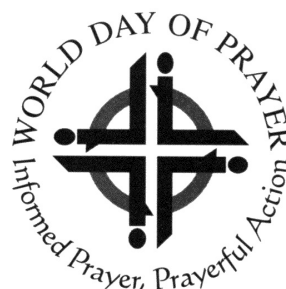
Our tellers appreciate congregants using their assigned envelopes to track special offerings and services to ensure proper tracking of funds! Thank you for your faithfulness in giving.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

### Friday, March 2

A worship service for the World Day of Prayer will be hosted by the Church Women of Franklin and Williamson County at 1:00 p.m. on March 2 at St. Philip Catholic Church in downtown Franklin. This year's service was written by women in Suriname. The focus is on Genesis 1, the story of creation, with the theme, "All God's Creation is Very Good!"

Please save the date and worship with us. You may bring a finger food to share during the fellowship time after the service. Questions? Call Meredith Frantz at 615-974-0457.



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## Ash Wednesday

Imposition of Ashes ~ Holy Communion

February 14, 2018

NOON and 7:00 PM SERVICES

