

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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HAPPY RETIREMENT, PASTOR LIPPARD! You will be missed...

SAVE THE DATE:

**Retirement Celebration
for
The Reverend
Dr. Michael A. Lippard
Sunday, February 16, 2020
12:15 p.m.**

Catered meal and party following
11:00 a.m. worship.

RSVP no later than February 10!
Sign up on Sundays on the sign-up
sheet, sign up on a yellow card
with name and number attending
and drop in the offering plate, or
email the office at
office@saintandrewchurch.com
with number of adults and
children.

To Pastor Lippard:

**You have served the Lord and St. Andrew
Lutheran Church for twelve years
with gladness – tirelessly, faithfully, and
with great compassion for your flock.**

**You have planted seeds of hope & love
in our lives and truly made a difference.
You have shown hospitality to all and
given encouragement to many.**

**Now, as the story which is your life
opens to its next chapter,
May the God of Grace richly bless
and watch over you,
May the God of Peace grant you peace
always
and May the God of Abundant Joy
shower you daily.**

*“I know what I am planning for you,” says the
Lord. ‘I have plans to give you hope and a good
future.’”*

~ Jeremiah 29:11

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Sunday Schedule

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion

9:50 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Nursery available throughout the morning

Congregational Council:

President	Doug Hale
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Secretary	Sue Cox
Treasurer	Allison Bussone
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Administration	Jolene Richardson
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Worship and Music	Jody Smith
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FROM OUR PASTOR

Parting Words

After his pastor was called to a new position, a parishioner once told me that his congregation where I had been serving now "belonged" to me. It was a notion intended to offer support, but it was an inaccurate statement. While I served there as pastor, I was not called there; in fact, I wasn't even a member. But that didn't seem to matter. I sensed the love of that parish from when my relationship with the people began about a dozen years before. But I had been on the payroll there for only about two years.

Now I find myself in a similar situation with St. Andrew: once again, over twelve years removed from when our relationship began - and I have been your pastor nearly the whole time. The years have flown by and it has been a joy to serve here. You are so grounded in the Gospel, rooted in supporting a full palette of opportunities for all ages to engage with God, one another, and the communities we serve.

Thank you for the gift of serving you as pastor, entrusting me with your joys, sorrows, cares, and concerns. Thank you for the gift of receiving me as priest, a steward of the mysteries of God. Thank you for the gift of welcoming me as preacher, a proclaimer of the good news in Christ.

The Holy Spirit is mightily present among the people of St. Andrew. You are alive with hospitality as you develop relationships with one another and many guests at worship. Small groups are important in your life together. It seems there is always something going on at St. Andrew - and often more than one thing at a time.

While I'll continue living in Franklin, don't expect to see me around St. Andrew, at least not for some time. You will be well cared for by Bishop Strickland, who will support you as you welcome an interim pastor and eventually a new senior pastor. In the meantime, our excellent staff will continue to serve you. Ultimately, you are not in the hands of any pastor or staff: you are in God's hands.

The only person to whom a congregation of the church "belongs" is Jesus! For the church is "built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone" (Ephesians 2:20). As St. Paul teaches us in Romans 12:5, we are members of Christ and members of one another. In whatever season we find ourselves, we always place our trust in Christ, the rock on which we stand.



Pastor Lippard+

FROM THE PASTOR EMERITUS

I really hate to break into any post-Christmas revelry that may be remaining in your house, but Lent is just around the corner. There, I've said it, Lent. Those who still look fondly on the last vestiges of Christmas are in for a rude awakening. I will grant you that it is hard to "let go" of Christmas. Perhaps that is why, as I write this letter, some of my neighbors still have their outdoor Christmas decorations on display. The calendar, however, brings us back to reality, reminding us that Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten Season, is on February 26. At that time, the joy-filled celebration of the Epiphany will give way to spiritual introspection as our focus turns from the cradle to the cross. For some, the forty day period of solemn preparation, not counting Sundays, is far too long. For them, the changes in liturgy, hymnody and the general mood of worship are unwelcome intruders in an upbeat faith. They would rather that the Church get on with the Resurrection and skip right over the events that preceded it. To do so, however, would be to lose the spiritual edge of what Easter is all about. We need to experience along with Jesus the Cross of Calvary before we can appreciate the emptiness of the tomb.

Throughout much of the season of Lent the Newcomer/Inquirer's Class will be meeting weekly in Pearson Hall, looking forward to that Sunday in early March when its members will join the faith family here at St. Andrew. Their diligence reminds us that we never know it all; that we are all still learning; that God continues the revelation beyond the Epiphany. Even old "dye in the wool" Lutherans in the class have been heard to say that they learned something new. That is the way it is as you walk with Jesus to the empty tomb and beyond. God is always opening up doors to faith and understanding. Stop by the class some Sunday morning and feel the Holy Spirit at work.

At St. Andrew, all are welcome.

Eric C. Pearson†
Pastor Emeritus

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Communications

In January, Southeastern Synod Bishop Kevin Strickland visited us; just a few months before, one of the assistants to the bishop, Pastor Karen Boda, was here with us for Consecration Sunday. As these guests have visited, bringing us news from the synod and the wider church, people have been asking: How can we know what's going on in the synod and the ELCA all the time?

Well, friends, here's a simple guide for keeping in touch with fellow Lutherans near and far:

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Website: www.saintandrewchurch.com
Facebook: St. Andrew Lutheran Church
Instagram: [standrewfranklin](https://www.instagram.com/standrewfranklin)

Local Lutherans

Facebook: ELCA Lutherans of Middle TN

ELCA Southeastern Synod

Website: www.elca-ses.org
Email Newsletter: sign up on elca-ses.org (see column on right)
Facebook: Southeastern Synod ELCA
Southeastern Synod Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

ELCA Southeastern Synod Young Adult and Youth Ministry

Twitter: [@SESynod](https://twitter.com/SESynod)
Instagram: [sesynod](https://www.instagram.com/sesynod)
Sesyouth (for youth ministry news and photos)

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Website: www.elca.org
Facebook: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Twitter: [@ELCA](https://twitter.com/ELCA)
Instagram: [ELCA](https://www.instagram.com/ELCA)

+There are accounts on these platforms for many of the ELCA's specific ministries.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Museus Dabay



SAVE THE DATE

Special Called Congregation Meeting

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 23, 2020

**Following late service
approximately at 12:15 p.m.**

Agenda details coming soon.

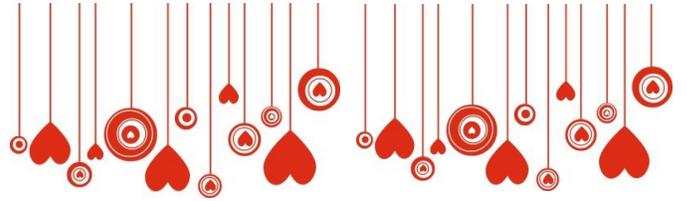
FROM THE DIRECTOR FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

I want to thank this congregation for all of the support that you have given me through hugs, words of encouragement and cards after my mother passed away over the Christmas holiday. My mother had been sick for a long time, about 12 years, with Alzheimer's. Those of us that have had a loved one or someone special in our lives affected by this disease know how difficult it is to see them deteriorate over time. Sometimes it feels like a relief to know that this person is no longer suffering. But this does not make the loss any easier. Please know how truly grateful and thankful I am for this community of friends in my life and the life of my family as well.

You may have heard by now that I have submitted my letter of resignation to the congregation of St. Andrew as the Director for Youth and Children's Ministries. This is something that I have been praying about for over a year and, yes, I will admit that the passing of my mother has impacted my decision. This is not a decision that I have taken lightly. I cherish the time that I have been serving with this ministry for the past 7 years since I was hired on May 1, 2013. I do still feel very connected to the church, to the youth and children of the church, to the families of St. Andrew, and to the ministry. My family and I don't plan on leaving St. Andrew. I do feel, though, that it is time for me to step down in order to allow this ministry to continue to grow and prosper with someone who can bring in some fresh ideas along with fresh energy. I plan to fulfill my commitment in this position until the end of the school year in May.

Thank you all for the friendship that we share and the trust that you have placed in me to lead these children and youth.

Peace,
Sandy Vollmer
DYCM



Annual Youth VALENTINE DINNER AND Variety SHOW

Saturday, February 8, 2020
St. Andrew Church ~ Pearson Hall
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Ticket Prices on sale until February 2:

\$12.00 for Adults
\$5.00 for children 4 -12 years old
Children under 3 years are free
Family maximum is \$34.00

Purchase your tickets on Sunday mornings or email sandyvollmer@saintandrewchurch.com to reserve tickets.

Donations and funds raised go towards scholarships and fees to the many camps and youth events that our youth participate in. A big event coming up in June/July of 2021 is the National Youth gathering in Minneapolis, MN.

The youth are working hard to make this a great and memorable event for you and your family. Join us to fight hunger! Bring your Valentine or friend and come see how amazing, talented, and creative our youth are!

We hope to see you on February 8!



Threat Assessment Training Seminar



32 congregants (23 men and 9 women) attended the Threat Assessment seminar on Saturday, January 11 with Michael Mann as our trainer. Although this seminar sounds very worrisome, the approach to watching over the flock is one that works well with our mission of welcoming all at St. Andrew and keeping true to our statement: In Christ, We Worship, Love, Grow, Serve and Send.

A few items from the training:

Prevention vs. Response!

- Identifying and assessment starts before anyone enters the church from the parking lot; from the outside in - before anything happens.
- Knowing what a normal Sunday is and looking for abnormalities, early detection and delaying issues. We all have eyes and ears to help in this process.
- Speaking to adversaries before they set foot in the church. This is done in a welcoming, non threatening way. Most times this deters anything from being planned or happening from the adversary.
- Understanding and knowing of any potential issues to watch. This is where congregants should let the office or pastors know if there is an issue to be aware of.

Obviously there was much more information given but the take away is that we all should be aware of anything that doesn't look or seem right. If you see something, say something!

One good piece of news: although we have heard of recent church violence, there has been no increase in church violence in 25 years.

Safety Teams are forming and putting a plan in place. If you have medical skills and/or want to be part of the team, please contact Jolene Richardson or Joe York.

FELLOWSHIP

St. Andrew Seniors Staying Young (SASSY)

SASSY starts the new year off on Thursday, February 6, with a presentation from Gretchen Funk, Chief Program Officer at FiftyForward, Nashville. FiftyForward's mission is to support, champion and enhance life for those 50 and over in Middle Tennessee. Gretchen is responsible for a team of social service professionals and oversees seven learning centers, volunteer programs and the provision of supportive services at FiftyForward. She is a graduate of Notre Dame and has a Master of social work from Hunter College. Hors d'oeuvres and trivia at 11:30; lunch at noon; program to follow. Please sign up by the poster on Sundays or drop a yellow card in the offering plate to let us know you are coming!

St. Andrew Bridge Players Needed!

The St. Andrew Bridge Group meets the second Thursday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We meet at different homes, bring our



lunches, and have a great time! We are looking for more bridge players. If you're interested, please contact Meredith Frantz at 615-974-0457 to play or for more information. We play for FUN!

Health Ministries - Prayer Shawl

Thank you to the prayer shawl group (Jody Smith, Barbara Lichtenberger, Jutta Museus, Kim Olszewski, Martha Kowalke, Pastor Katherine, Peggy Bowker and Sue Cox) for their hard work in 2019! Your big hearts and busy hands are warming many people's lives!

"2019 was a busy year for our group. Our prayer shawls went across the U.S. and helped so many in the Franklin/Nashville area. Our busy hands made 110 prayer shawls! In addition to those that were ill, prayer shawls were donated to area nursing homes and assisted living facilities. 20 prayer shawls were donated to hospice units."

If you knit or crotchet and would like to be part of the prayer shawl ministry, please contact Jody Smith at smithdrjk@gmail.com or 314-313-7852.

HEALTH MINISTRIES ~

♥ Your Little Engine ♥

It is early January and I have 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 that obviously has been overlooked in my gathering. This ornament, a small train engine, piques my interest and suddenly seems to relate to my thoughts of a February Heart Month article. 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 simple message to small children and perhaps even to adults as it speaks of 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 our little engines, our hearts, that are often stressed the most when we do not fulfill our body's expectations of a healthy lifestyle. This magnificent little engine beats on average 115,200 times a day to carry us through and over the mountains of life as the Little Engine was physically able to do.

In the past, my February newsletter article has been titled "How is Your Heart?" Seriously, how is your heart/little engine? Are you doing what you need to do to make sure that your heart/little engine is working at its best? If you have not thought about the health of your heart/little engine recently, here are some questions for you to consider:

1. Do you carefully consider what you eat each day? Do you routinely avoid eating 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, vitamins, minerals and boosts to your immune system?
2. Is your weight/body mass index (BMI) 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 made regular physical activity part of your lifestyle? A most current guideline recommends adults getting at least 150 minutes of moderate - intensity physical activity or 75 minutes of vigorous - intensity physical activity or an equivalent

- combination each week. 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.
4. Is life causing you to feel stressed? Daily stress can cause us to overeat, eat the wrong foods, lose sleep, gain weight, have high blood pressure, and ultimately lead to a variety of illnesses including heart disease and cancer.
 5. 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.
 6. Do you follow the health guidelines for annual preventative health services? There is an ongoing debate regarding who needs to see a physician annually for a physical exam. As this debate goes on, being proactive regarding your own health can help you to keep your engine fine tuned.
 7. Have you had your flu vaccine this year? If not, it is not too late to get your flu vaccine! The Center for Disease Control and Prevention states that if you do contract the flu you are more likely to recover faster if you have had a flu shot.
 8. Do you participate in God's Work, Our Hands! through a favorite volunteer activity at St. Andrew or in the community? We think of volunteering as helping others but it also can add mental and physical benefits for the volunteer. Volunteer activities have the potential for getting us moving and thinking at the same time by adding physical activity, increasing brain function, and reducing stress. It can also 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, strength or effort 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 through and over the mountain in 2020 and beyond!

Cornelia Pearson, RN, MN, Chair
Health Ministries Team

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**WELCA - "Wednesdays with Carol"
Tuesday, February 18 - 6:30 p.m.
Please Join Us!**

Susan Shannon first met Carol 15-1/2 years ago on a Wednesday afternoon in August, 2004. Thus began a journey, "Wednesdays with Carol." Join us on Tuesday, February 18th for the rest of the story and to hear about the important ministry that made it all possible.

We begin at 6:30 p.m. with a pot-luck meal, short business meeting, and program to follow. Please bring a covered dish to share, if you are able. Our program begins about 7:00 p.m.

Plan to come and bring a friend! If you need a ride or a babysitter, please contact Beth Smith at 615-479-3566.

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE
How you can help!**

St. Andrew is actively collecting the aluminum pop tabs to donate to Ronald McDonald House. Please consider helping us out! Collecting pop tabs is a great way to teach kids about philanthropy and the importance of recycling while raising funds to help children and their families at the same time. Some of the RMHC Chapters raise thousands of dollars with their pop tab collections - up to \$30,000. For more information check out this link: <https://www.rmhc.org>. You can place your collected tabs from beer, soda, seltzer, water, carbonated water, etc. in the brown bin located in the administrative narthex. Thanks!



SOAP FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF!

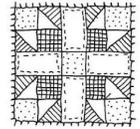
The **third Sunday of each month** is **SOAP** Sunday at St. Andrew! Please consider bringing full size bars of soap or making a financial donation to the ministry.

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 DAYS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF ~ February 10 and 24

We begin at the church at 9:30 a.m. (set-up is at 9:15 a.m.) and we finish by 11:30 a.m. Please join us on these dates for fun, fellowship, knot tying, and all around good work!!



**MICKI FENGLER
QUILT-A-THON**

WELCA would like to honor one of our former quilters who made a big impact on our ministry in many ways. Micki Fengler passed away this year after a long illness. She was an avid quilter and a big supporter of the WELCA Quilt ministry. In her memory, we want to recognize her by naming our quilt-a-thon events after her.

The winter Quilt-A-Thon will be held on **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 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 TOTAL GIFT UPDATE

Thank you once again for your generosity during the season of our Lord's birth. You have impacted many by your generous donations to our chosen ministries.

Mercy Community Health

43 Kroger gift cards totaling \$1,075
12 Walmart gift cards totaling \$285

Inspiritus Caring Closet

23 deodorant tubes
18 bottles of dish soap
12 tubs of laundry detergent
18 bottles household spray cleaner (409 type)
24 bottles of toilet bowl cleaner
16 packages of feminine products
8 large packages of toilet paper
14 bottles of shampoo/conditioner
1 container of Wet Ones

Total of 134 items

**♥ THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND AND ♥
GENEROUS HEARTS!**

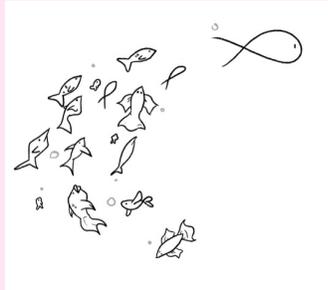
AROUND THE PARISH

Celebrating First Communion

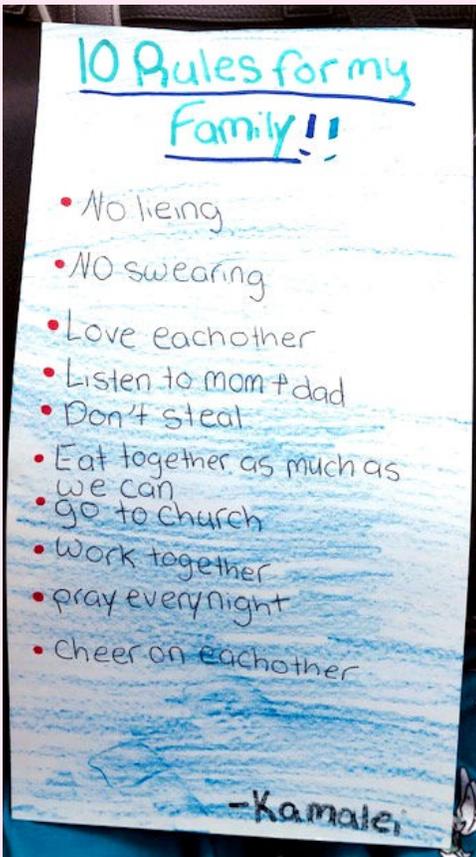
We celebrate with these children who completed First Communion training on January 5 with Pastor Museus Dabay and took their First Communion at the 8:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, January 12: **Danielle Aprea, Ryan Aprea, Mitike Byrum, Harper Dei, Ella Grace Derwenskus, Will Derwenskus, Riley Dorman, Emily Frevert, and Ashton Patton.**



Corinna Vollmer, age 15, created the clip art for the youth Sunday worship bulletin. Corinna has always loved being creative, drawing, painting or building something. She was excited to share her gift as an artist with the congregation for youth Sunday. Corinna has recently submitted a watercolor painting to the Scholastic Art contest offered through her art class at Independence High School where she is a freshman. Corinna was awarded a Silver Key for her artwork submission and will have it on display soon at Cheekwood. A BIG congratulations to Corinna!



Congratulations to Mike and Tiffany Alday who are celebrating 25 years with their company, Alday Communications, now Alday Public Relations. Mike and Tiffany have the oldest public relations firm in Williamson County and have maintained a great client base and success with this business for 25 years. For more information, visit www.aldaypr.com. Happy anniversary!



Kamalei's "House Rules" from Sunday School in January! These rules can apply to all of us and these are great "refrigerator rules!"

CIC Class in January



Companions in Christ Sunday School class enjoying Sunday morning fellowship together in Pearson Hall.

In Memoriam:

Jennifer Franks Mueller, a resident of Cape Coral, FL, joined the Church Triumphant on January 4, 2020. She was born in Nashville, TN on October 3, 1956 and is preceded in death by her father, J. N. Franks, Jr. She is survived by Ted Mueller of Cape Coral, FL; her daughters, Sarah Williford (Dan) Crisp of Old Lyme, CT and Rebecca Williford (Fred) Montross of Houston, TX; and grandchildren, Adelle and Danny Crisp and Graham Montross. She is further survived by her mother, Jane Crockett Franks of Franklin, TN and her siblings, Leesa (Jimmy) Felker, Brenda (Doug) Hale, J.N. (Marcia) Franks III, Mary Lane (Walter) Everett, John (Peggy) Franks, Jimmy (Rhonda) Franks, Nina (David) Dyer, Kristen (Dan) Lucas, Shannon Woods, Holly (Roger) Johnson and Justin (Wylie) Franks, and her many nieces and nephews.



Jennifer was a graduate of the University of Tennessee and the Nashville School of Law. She practiced law in Columbia and Franklin, TN before moving to Florida in 1999 when she married the love of her life, Ted Mueller. She was quick-witted, loved to read, loved shelling on the beaches of Sanibel Island, FL and adored her family, who will all miss her dearly.

A Celebration of Life Service conducted by The Rev. Dr. Michael A. Lippard was held on January 18 at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Franklin, TN, where Jennifer was a charter member. Memorials can be made to the Memorial Garden at St. Andrew Lutheran Church.

Thank you, Bishop Kevin Strickland!

On January 12, the Baptism of Our Lord, Bishop Kevin Strickland of the Southeastern Synod preached at St. Andrew for both worship services, led a Q & A discussion in Pearson Hall for Adult Sunday School, and met with our church council at lunchtime. Later that afternoon, he presided at the ordination of one of our area clergy at Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you, Bishop Strickland, for being with us at St. Andrew and for the great sermon message!



A Sincere Thank You!

Dear St. Andrew Church family,

We would like to thank you for the generous and thoughtful monetary gifts presented to us at Christmastime. Your warm thoughts and cards were all very much appreciated! Many thanks for our shared ministry together and God's blessings to all in the New Year.

*In appreciation and in Christian love,
The Staff at St. Andrew*

*Pr. Lippard, Pr. Museus Dabay, Pr. Pearson,
Jolene Richardson, Darryl Miller, Sandy Vollmer,
Susan Springer, Brian Russell, Katherine Mansouri,
Amber Barker, Heather Woodlee, & Joe York*



Remembering our baptism at worship!

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

From Trinity/HOPE

Dear Members of St. Andrew,

If I had the opportunity to visit the family of a child from your Haitian school tonight and could tell them just one thing, I believe I would give them a hug and share the words of Joshua 1:9: "be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

As you may have heard, things in Haiti are tremendously difficult right now, maybe the worst they've been for several generations. It's sad and it's scary. The political unrest, with ongoing efforts to oust the current president, is causing widespread shutdowns of businesses, street markets, and even some hospitals and schools. The people of Haiti are demanding change, desiring a new government that cares about the people and will operate without corruption. Those changes do not happen overnight and rarely come without some civil unrest. But we trust and know that God is present throughout Haiti and pray he will lead the people to a place where they seek his wisdom and direction above all else.

Especially now, the food you are helping provide the children at your school is such an important blessing. Although some urban schools are still unable to operate daily for the safety of the children, we know this is a top priority for the parents and communities. As these children begin going back to school again, the parents receive a great sense of relief knowing their children will be fed a nutritious meal and realizing the limited food they have at home can now be stretched a little further. The food at school is also a reminder that Jesus loves them, and the body of Christ has not abandoned them. THANK YOU for your continued support!

These children are truly the future of Haiti and we are blessed to partner with you as we feed these kids together, bringing them a HOPE for a brighter tomorrow.

Please pray with us that the people of Haiti feel the presence of God through these words: "The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble." (Psalm 9:9) We put our trust in him alone!

Serving Christ together,
Keith Logan
Trinity HOPE



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY to Benefit GraceWorks Ministries! Sunday, February 2

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 fighting hunger this Super Bowl-and give a donation after worship on Super Bowl Sunday. **Cash donations and non-perishable food donations will be collected after each worship service on Sunday, February 2.** These donations will stay in our community and be delivered to GraceWorks Ministries.



GRACEWORKS VOLUNTEER DAY

The GraceWorks Thrift Store volunteer workday for St. Andrew is scheduled for Saturday, February 22 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Typically we tag and hang clothing. Accommodations are available for those who can't stand up for the 3 hour period. If you are a new volunteer at GraceWorks, you will need to register on their website so that when you show up to work, all you need to do is sign-in. Please go to www.graceworksministries.net to register. For questions about this ministry, contact Marilyn Kruse at mkruse2203@gmail.com.

ST. PAUL'S BREAKFAST REQUEST!

New or gently used high chairs are needed for St. Paul's breakfast ministry! If you have one of these you can donate, please email Laura McElroy at lmcelroy80@comcast.net. Thanks!

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

Get Inspired!



GET INSPIRED OUTSIDE THIS SUMMER AT CAMP!

February 2020 is Camp Month, a time to discover awesome faith-forming camp ministry. Children, youth, and families are invited to discover the ministries offered at Novus Way camps in North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. There are many summer camps to choose from. For more information, please visit www.novusway.com and see what programs are going on this summer at Lutherock, Lutheridge, Luther Springs, and Lutheranch.

AFFIRM 2020 - "CHOOSEN"

Registration for Affirm will open soon at <https://www.sesyouth.org>. Affirm is scheduled for Sunday, June 14 - Friday, June 19, 2020 at the University of West Alabama in Livingston, Alabama. The cost of the camp and more information will be available soon.

BISHOP'S SCHOOL

During the week of Affirm at the same time and place, Bishop's School will be available for high school students who have completed the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. The cost is \$450. Register at <https://www.sesyouth.org>.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!

- Feb. 7, 2020: Rehearsal for Youth Valentine Dinner and Variety Show
- Feb. 8, 2020: ♥♥♥♥♥ Youth Valentine Dinner and Variety Show ♥♥♥♥♥
- Feb. 9, 2020: SLY 7th - 12th grade youth 5:00 - 7:00 PM
- Feb. 23: ELCA Deanery Youth Event. Times TBD - Watch for email information soon!

ELCA MIDDLE TN YOUTH EVENT FOR YOUTH 5th - 12th Grades Mark your calendar for an AWESOME YOUTH EVENT!

WHEN: Sunday, February 23, meet at St. Andrew at 12:30 for lunch.

WHERE: We will drive to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 525 Sneed Rd W, Nashville, TN 37221

WHO: 5th - 12th graders from all of the ELCA churches in middle Tennessee

WHAT: An **AWESOME** youth event to get together with friends, have fellowship, dig into scripture, play games, and sing great music together

WHY: Why not? Because this is a great opportunity to see friends from All TN or AFFIRM, and make new friends.

- Bring a good, fun attitude and a Bible.
- Parent pick-up is at St. Andrew by 5:30 p.m.
- Dinner is not provided at this event, only lunch at St. Andrew before we leave.

If you want to help drive, please contact Sandy Vollmer at sandyvollmer@saintandrewchurch.com Sign up on the sheet on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

Youth Sunday - Practice Makes Perfect!

Thanks for leading worship on January 26! Great job, youth!



FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES AT ST. ANDREW

SUNDAY SCHOOL

EVERY SUNDAY

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



MANY THANKS!

Thank you to all 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!

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 has begun and it is not too late to join in!** We meet during the 9:50 a.m. Sunday School hour in Pearson Hall - through the double glass doors next to the coffee pot. Speak to Emeritus Pastor Eric Pearson on Sunday for more information.

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, February 2 & 23**. The class is held in Room 126/127 in the fellowship hall. 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

We continue 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.

There is no Bible Study on February 3.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Ephesians, Life Change Bible Study by NavPress

The Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study continue with their study, the book of Ephesians. "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."

Women of all ages, please join us on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 in Pearson Hall.

Babysitting can be provided with prior notice to the church.

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.

SOUTHEASTERN SYNOD ASSEMBLY

June 5-7, 2020 at Chattanooga Convention Center

Each year members of the Southeastern Synod gather together to hear updates on ministries from around the synod, the ELCA, and the world; to vote on church business; and to worship and fellowship together. The assembly is made up of all pastors and deacons as well as voting members from each congregation. If you're interested in serving as one of St. Andrew's voting members, please contact Pastor Katherine. More information can be found online at www.elca-ses.org; 2018 ELCA Southeastern Synod Assembly.

CONGRATULATIONS!

February Birthdays:

- February 1 LeAnn Blenkle
Carole Wegner
- February 2 Sue Brown
Melissa Coleman
Caitlin Rogers
Nathan Schwab
- February 5 Krystin Lemmon
Libbie Quinn
- February 6 Kamalei Schwab
Tom Vincent
- February 7 Carter Dei
Tim Donegan
Wes Geuther
Tom Netolicky
- February 9 Kirk Bednar
Cora Klug
Linda Strickland
- February 10 Marty Dieterle
- February 11 Edison Fisher
- February 12 Kendra Cox
Ai Yamada
- February 13 Rita Baker
Jeanette Higbe
Beth Paton
Earl Scott
Susan Stewart
- February 14 Lea Adams
- February 15 Elijah Walters
- February 16 Mike Alday
Frank Davis
- February 17 Jerry Blanchard
Joni Donegan
Vicki Levy
Joe York
- February 18 Rylan Klug
- February 19 Andy Kwarciak
- February 20 John Michael Alday
Angie Casey
- February 21 Joseph Lukens
Philip Lukens
- February 22 Gay Baumann
Tarra Feasel
Connie Gemeny
Cooper Lemmon
Mac Sweazey
- February 23 Laura Crispell
- February 24 Alice Chapman
- February 25 Anita Freund
Lee Harms
- February 25 Demetrios Koutsoukos
- February 26 David Cox
Dugger Harris
Laura McElroy
Julie Shaub
- February 27 Allie Butler
- February 28 Breckin Cox
John Helfrich

February Anniversaries:

- February 2 John & Carol Robertson
 - February 11 Larry & Sue Eltoft
 - February 24 Frank & Cindy Hale
 - February 26 Barry & Melissa Brackebusch
- **Please let us know if your birthday or anniversary is missing! Email your special date information to office@saintandrewchurch.com.***

TABLE TALK: WHEN PEOPLE WE LOVE DON'T WANT TO GO TO CHURCH

Sunday, February 9 ~ 3:00 p.m.
The Home of Allison and Marc Bussone (Westhaven)

These are questions just about everybody wonders about: Why don't my kids - my siblings - my spouse go to church? Is there something I can do to encourage them? Should I let them be?

Let's get together to share wisdom, pray, and wonder - and enjoy some fellowship time! Bring your own beverage of choice - and maybe a little extra to go around. The Bussones will provide snacks.

Please sign up on the bulletin board near the fellowship hall or by email to Pastor Museus Dabay at pastormuseus@saintandrewchurch.com.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES IN LENT

March 4, 11, 18, 25, & April 1

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

(RSVP to help manage food quantity)

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. - A Midweek Lenten Service

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 \$25 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 The Table Church in Nashville led by Pr. Dawn Bennett.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

FOR HEALTH & HEALING

Lisa Blanchard	Jerry Blanchard	Fred Bess
Jeanne Parr	Jessica Jennette	Marj Fottrell
Roberta Edwards	Lee Baer	Sue Carr
Liz Combiths	Lowell Patterson	Peggy Downey
Fred Bess	Marty Dieterle	Beth Gross
Meg Graves	Mike Pavlos	

Janet Carty, friend of Susan Pavlos
 Patty Young, friend of Marty Dieterle
 Jolie Ruekerts, friend of Shelly Dei
 John Putnam, friend of Tim Quinn
 Mike, cousin of Dwight & Karen Bonifacius
 Carol Glasgow, friend of Diane Dalius, Paula Kelling & Jeanette Higbe
 Jim Blair, brother of Fran Helfrich
 Laura Rogers, friend of Anne Fottrell
 Reggie Comtois, friend of John Helfrich
 Sue Culver & family, friend of Shirley Swan
 Barbara Meier, friend of Jolene & Mike Richardson
 Jani Carey, sister of Jeff Hill
 The Narancich family
 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
 Kari Adams, friend of Dwight & Karen Bonifacius
 Chris Coy, niece of Carol & Bruce Wegner
 Jeff Williams, son-in-law of Cliff & Wanda McIntyre
 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:

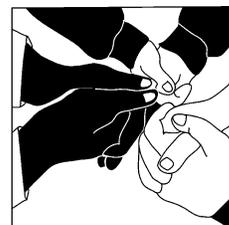
Michael Culver, friend of Shirley Swan
 Terry Osborne, friend of Laura Rogers
 Mary Kay Hughes, aunt of Jim Curtis
 Sharon Ziegler, friend of Beth Smith
 Pam Turchan, mother of Sandy Vollmer
 Helen Hayn, sister of Carolyn McGregor; aunt of Beth Wainner
 Crystal Morrison, friend of Ken Cockerham
 Wayne Gary, friend of Ken Cockerham
 Jennifer Franks Mueller, daughter of Jane Franks
 Jack Robertson, father of John Robertson

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 December 31, 2019				
Financial Update	DEC. Actual	DEC. MSP	YTD Actual	YTD MSP
Total Revenue	120,908.95	85,634.94	980,394.46	847,123.00
Total Expenses	106,053.05	85,106.25	951,100.17	976,677.00
Surplus (Deficit)	14,855.90	528.69	29,294.29	(129,554.00)
Mortgage				
	Beg Balance	Principal Payments	End Balance	
Mortgage	2,128,320.06	112,665.19	2,015,654.87	
Cash Balances				
Checking	Savings			
129,115.21	\$422,725.37			

MEMORIALS & TRIBUTES:

In Memory of Jennifer Franks Mueller to the Meditation Garden by:
 Don & Ann Beard
 James G. Martin III
 Jeff & Helen Moseley
 Wayne & Jeanette Higbe
 Wayne & Marilyn Kruse
 Pr. Lippard & Pr. Springer
 Ken & Gretchen Reynolds
 Robert Owen
 Ron Huff

In Memory of Jennifer Franks Mueller to General Memorials by Nancy Simkins

In Memory of Jennifer Franks Mueller to the Building Fund by Bill & Evelyn Luetzow

In Memory of Pam Turchan, mother of Sandy Vollmer to the Building Fund by:
 Bill & Evelyn Luetzow
 Wayne & Marilyn Kruse

In Memory of Pam Turchan, mother of Sandy Vollmer to the General Fund by:
 Nancy Simpkins
 Jimmy & Susan Shannon

In Memory of Pam Turchan, mother of Sandy Vollmer to the Pipe Organ by
 Pr. Lippard & Pr. Springer

In Memory of Micki Fengler to the WELCA Quilting Fund by Doug & Martha Ellwood

FROM OUR FINANCE CHAIR

St. Andrew is blessed! In 2019, contributions and other income for the year totaled \$983,000. This was \$136,000 MORE than our MSP! Our staff and committees were able to maintain spending levels \$25,000 LOWER than our MSP. Overall this gave us a surplus of \$32,000 for the year -- more than closing the \$130,000 deficit in our MSP!

In addition, \$42,000 was donated toward reduction of the mortgage on our building/organ.

Thank you St. Andrew congregation for your generous giving and faithful stewardship of our ministries and mission.

Respectfully submitted,
 Dwight Bonifacious

YEAR-END 2019 STATEMENTS

2019 contributions statements were mailed in January. If you did not receive one or have any questions, please contact Jolene Richardson, Parish Administrator at office@saintandrewchurch.com.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

All articles and photographs for the **MARCH 2020** newsletter must be submitted to the Parish Administrator at office@saintandrewchurch.com. The **DEADLINE** for submissions is **Friday, February 7, 2020**

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