



ST. ANDREW'S Lutheran Church

April 2024



EMBRACE THE MIRACLE OF EASTER AND JOIN US IN BEING EASTER PEOPLE!

Let's continue our Easter journey together, bound by love, compassion, and the spirit of resurrection.

Your presence matters. Your connection strengthens us. Join us as we embrace the joy of Easter and embark on a journey of faith, hope, and togetherness.

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PASTOR'S PAGE



Easter: It's not the finish line. All too often, we put effort into things around the church during Lent that makes Easter seem like the end point. We had our Lenten meals, worship, dramas, resurrection gardens, Lenten devotional book, Holy week worship, not to mention all the things you do on your own. Easter arrives with the joy of the empty tomb. The church is beautiful. The choir sings the anthem they have practiced for weeks. We sigh a deep sigh when worship is over because so much has gone into this journey to Easter. But we know so well, Easter is the beginning.

Easter is the beginning of our new lives in Christ. Easter is the victory of life over death that enables us to enter each day in hope knowing that nothing, no nothing, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Easter is our springboard into life.

So Easter continues in our worship, as we enter the Easter season and explore in God's word what the empty tomb means in our world and to each individual therein. During our Easter season we taste and see the reality of the power of his life over death and have our eyes opened to his presence with us.

So come and Easter with us. We are just getting going.

Peace,
PT

A NOTE FROM PT

I want to say thank you for all the cards, prayers and visits during my recent time recovering from my fall and surgery. It will be awhile before everything is back to normal, but I am back at work and glad to be so! It was so nice being the recipient of the goodness and kindness of this community.

We Gather



A Capital Funds Campaign for
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

We Gather and Celebrate

We are excited to be reaching the finish line for our We Gather Capital Campaign! Because of your prayers and generous gifts we have surpassed our original goal of \$500,000 by nearly \$100,000 and will have the funds to complete the projects. This is a testament of the Holy Spirit at work and illustrative of a faithful congregation that is committed to stewardship! Each and every gift from our oldest members to our youngest helps us care for the facilities entrusted to us.

We are now focusing on the finishing touches in the Narthex and newly renovated and handicap accessible restrooms. The furniture for the Narthex will be delivered in April and we'll have the pew cushions cleaned. Finally, the parking lots will be paved. We are looking forward to celebrating with everyone in the new Narthex space. Be on the lookout for details and make plans to gather with us.

Now let's find new ways to gather in our welcoming spaces to share in God's love and grace!

- Capital Campaign Steering Team

As of 2/29/24
\$ 224,508.67 Total in the fund
\$ 37,782.50 Remaining pledges expected by 12/31/2024
\$ 321,277.44 Total spent to date
\$ 583,568.61 Total amount we expect for the capital campaign by 12/31/2024
\$ 80,882.57 Kitchen
\$ 225,178.00 Springhill Costs for Narthex, Sanctuary, Gathering Area paint
\$ 5,220.00 Carpet/paint in back hallway near sacristy
\$ 68,740.00 Springhill and plumber's costs for bathroom renovations including permit
\$ 7,500.00 Estimated cost to remove asbestos in bathrooms
\$ 4,000.00 Estimated cost for removal of parlor walls
\$ 35,000.00 Furniture estimate
\$ 4,207.34 Organ and piano costs
\$ 2,500.00 Estimated cost for original AV hardware (not for sound booth)
\$ 5,617.95 Sound booth construction and equipment
\$ 27,145.00 Fees (Boudreaux, hazardous materials testing)
\$ 120,875.00 Parking lots
\$ 586,865.86 Total expected costs
\$ (3,297.25) Difference
\$ 7,310.00 Total gifts received in Feb 2024
\$ 2,345.00 Pledges received in Feb 2024
\$ 4,965.00 Extra gifts given in Feb 2024



Children and Families

CATERPILLAR PICKUP

If you ordered caterpillars, they will be ready to be picked up on Sunday, April 14. If they come in before then, Deacon Sandra will email those who ordered and let you know that you can come get them early. A few extra will be ordered in case someone forgets to order but still wants to get in on the fun!

LITTLE LUTHERAN FAMILY NIGHT

If you have children in 2nd grade or younger, you are part of the Little Lutherans group! Please join us on Sunday, April 14, 5:00-6:30 p.m. for supper and fellowship. It's a great time to let the children play while the adults get to know one another. If interested in learning more about this, please see Deacon Sandra.

LUTHER LEAGUE

Children in 3rd - 5th grade will be participating in the social ministry project at Christ Central on Saturday, April 13. Please join us at Christ Central (2401 Main Street in Columbia) for an opportunity to minister to folks in our community who are experiencing homelessness. Just show up at 10:30 to help serve and then clean up afterward. We'll also need folks to help transport the food from the church to the venue. Susan Beeler's chef team is preparing a wonderful meal. Any questions, call Beth Trump.

ELEMENTARY MUSIC

Calling all 1st-5th graders! Join Paige for music on select Sundays this Spring! We will explore lots of different types of music and instruments and prepare some music for worship!

Important Dates:

- April 14: Rehearsal 11:45-12:30
- April 28: Rehearsal 11:45-12:30
- May 5: Rehearsal 11:45-12:30
- May 12: Children's Music in 10:30 Worship

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS

JUNE 16-20, 2024

GOD'S NEW CREATION

This year we will be using the ELCA World Hunger VBS curriculum that's all about ending hunger in a fun and creative way. They're teaming up with farmers around the world to make a big difference, and they want kids to get excited about it! We're going to learn all about farming around the world and we're not just talking about boring old farming stuff. Nope, we're talking about animals! Think chickens, goats, pigs—oh my! These animals aren't just cute (although they totally are), they're also helping families get yummy food like eggs and milk, and even some cash for important stuff. And get this: ELCA World Hunger is helping farmers use cows to get loans! Yep, you heard that right—cows as loan collateral. How awesome is that? But wait, there's more! They've even got catchy tunes to jam out to while we learn about all this cool stuff. So who's ready to join the fun and help make the world a better place?

[REGISTER HERE](#)



**In March,
Luther League
and Youth Group
had a great
time at the
trampoline park!**

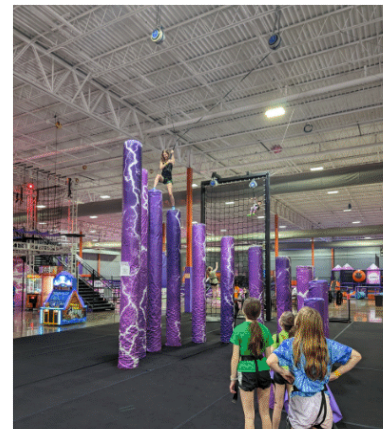




TABLE TALKS WITH PT

When: Sunday, April 21 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall

All 6th-12th graders and their adults are invited to an evening filled with fascinating discussions and delicious food. It's not just any dinner gathering; it's an opportunity for both youth and adults to delve into thought-provoking conversations about a topic that has intrigued humanity for centuries: Angels and Demons.

Join us as we explore the realms of the supernatural through the lens of the Bible. Together, we'll uncover what Scripture reveals about angels and demons and how these spiritual beings shape our lives and beliefs.

RSVP [here](#) by April 14.



Confirmation Class meets twice a month to prepare 7th-9th graders to affirm their baptisms into the Christian faith.

Upcoming Youth Group Dates:

April 13: Serve Meal at Christ Central

April 21: Table Talks with PT

May 26: Last Day of Sunday School for the Year

May 26: End of Year Youth Group

June 12-16: Spark'Dwell Mission Trip in Winston-Salem

July 16-21: ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans

FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES



Lutheran Women will be meeting on April 3, 2024. We will be traveling to the Seminary for worship and a tour. Please meet at the church at 9:30 to be prepared to leave at 9:45. Worship is at 10:30 followed by a tour. We will do lunch together for those interested in doing so after the tour.



Lutheran Men will meet in the Fellowship Hall on April 9th at 6:30. Buz Kloot will be learning from Steve Slice how to do Steve's world renowned fish and chicken strip fry. You don't want to miss the fun and fellowship.



Young at Heart will gather for lunch at Blue Marlin on April 18. Please watch the weekly e-news and bulletin inserts for the time to gather to carpool to the restaurant.



Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.
Join Pastor Trump and many others as they examine the texts for upcoming Sundays.



Our wonderful Bible study resumes starting April 8th! We meet on Monday at 11:00 a.m. and Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. both in the Conference Room. The Wednesday session is also available via ZOOM at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88529105196> You can come once just to check it out. We are a friendly group, and you are not expected to be a Bible expert to join. We are dealing with the book of Matthew.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Opportunity to Serve Others!

Please join us at Christ Central (2401 Main Street in Columbia) on Saturday, April 13th for an opportunity to minister to folks in our community who are experiencing homelessness. Just show up at 10:30 a.m. to help serve and then clean up afterward. We'll also need folks to help transport the food from the church to the venue. Susan Beeler's chef team is preparing a wonderful meal. Any questions, call Beth Trump.

Thank you!

Walter's Worship and Dinner

We had a wonderful time at Walter's Residential Care on March 24. Gospel was read, communion was shared, and a wonderful meal was served. Thanks to all who helped make this meaningful ministry possible. Join us next time!





Join other Family Promise of the Midlands supporters for a fun-filled evening celebrating another year of ministry to families AND the success of our 2024 campaign to raise \$150,000

[Buy individual tickets \(\\$125\) or tables for 10 \(\\$1,000\) now!](#)

This event has sold out every year, so why wait?

- Listen to incredible live music by Xan Dubose & Trey Francis.
- Take an in-person look at the silent auction items before the auction closes at 8:30 p.m.
- Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres by Southern Way Catering. Food, beer, wine, and soft drinks are all included in the ticket price.
- Drive right up to the door and let Southern Valet park your car at no charge (tips appreciated!).
- Gather with other Family Promise of the Midlands supporters to hear updates on the organization's work and plans for the future.
- Wear your favorite festive party attire— and don't forget your dancing shoes!



WELCOME HOUSE RENOVATION UPDATE

The bathroom renovation is completed with all new plumbing, fixtures, subfloor and tile along with new drain and sewer lines. The interior has been completely painted as well as several areas of the exterior. Lutheran Services Carolinas is contributing \$7,000 and St. Andrew's \$8,000 to the roof replacement which has been completed. Water damage to the second bathroom because of the roof leaks is being repaired along with additional plumbing leaks. LSC still has a pending grant request for window replacement. St. Andrew's Lutheran has also applied for a grant toward this effort.

LSC, along with Second Saturday - a non-profit service ministry focused on repairing homes for the disadvantaged - was approved for a Team Depot grant of \$12,000 to assist with materials for our Second Saturday volunteer work day event on May 11th. St. Andrew's members are invited to sign up to assist the LSC, Second Saturday and Team Depot crews. More information will be advertised as the event gets closer.

St. Andrew's has a Welcome House fund dedicated toward long-term maintenance of the home, which is used as transitional housing for refugees fleeing persecution through the US refugee program. Any questions, contact Beth or Pastor Trump.

YOUNG AT HEART VISITS THE CAYCE HISTORICAL MUSEUM



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

March 14, 2024

Minutes were approved. Devotions were led by Jason Bradley.

We Gather Capital Campaign Update was presented. The work is almost complete. As of this meeting we were an expected \$3297.25 away from the total costs.

The President’s report was received. The Mutual Ministry Team interviewed a candidate for the Office Administrator position, made an offer, but we were turned down.

The Pastor’s Report was received. Pastor reported that he will be slowed down for a little while due to his surgery.

The Deacon’s Report was received.

The Finance Report was received. (See notes in this newsletter).

The Social Ministry Team reported many activities including work with HB Rhame, gifts to the Free Medical Clinic, Cooperative Ministry, Resurrections Ministry, and the Washington Methodist Soup Kitchen. Upcoming events include Walter’s, Easter Week food bags for HB Rhame, and a meal prepared for Christ Central Homeless Ministry.

Children’s Ministry reported on their family night on March 3rd that was well attended with plans to continue this event. On Easter Sunday they will coordinate the Easter Egg hunt.

Youth Ministry offered a recap of events in February, and upcoming events in March, April and May (see article).

The Worship Team asked that the windows in the narthex be cleaned, and this was approved.

New Business: Council discussed the need for a new roof at the Welcome House, and who should be contacted if the security alarm goes off at night, during Pastor Trump’s inability to drive. Beth Mullins agreed to be the contact.

Prayers were shared before adjournment.



FINANCE

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Statement of Income and Expense February of Fiscal Year 2024 Fund: 01 - General		
	February Actual	2024 YTD Actual
Current and Benevolence Giving	\$ 40,116.14	\$ 78,392.45
Expenses	\$ 44,319.30	\$ 83,353.86
Expenses under (over) Giving	\$ (4,203.16)	\$ (4,961.41)
Current and Benevolence Giving	\$ 40,116.14	\$ 78,392.45
Budget	\$ 42,296.83	\$ 85,393.66
Giving (under) over Budget	\$ (2,180.69)	\$ (7,001.21)

Holy Week finances? Holy week has just passed. We have had the cross and the empty tomb. It is interesting to recall the times money came up as a topic during Holy Week. Jesus overturned the tables of the money changers because the worship seemed shallow and meaningless. Judas received 30 pieces of silver to betray his master. The soldiers gambled beneath the cross.

Money can indeed be used for purposes contrary to God's ways. During Holy Week your gifts worked to FURTHER God's mission. Your gifts enabled us to have worship Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Easter. Your gifts provided the food at the table in worship, as well as food on Easter morning as we gathered together. Your gifts brought food and worship to the people of Walter's Adult Facility. All this took place helping to make Holy Week very holy indeed.

Thank you for the ways you give to proclaim in worship and service that indeed, He is risen.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 1 Rebecca Hardee

April 3 Westin Brown

April 4 Erin Johnson

April 4 Jarrod Taylor

April 7 Bailey Lucas

April 8 Greta Robinson

April 9 Al Hardee

April 10 Shane Casey

April 12 Whanna Bouknight

April 12 J. David Crapps

April 12 Avery Gibbons

April 13 Nina Skillman

April 14 Abigail Connaker

April 17 Patrick Gagliano

April 17 Carter Godfrey

April 17 Lynne LaSalle

April 19 Henry Gehlken

April 23 Carole Semones

April 27 Maddie Derrick

April 28 Miller Shealy

April 29 Lena Breuer

April 30 Sandra Holland

PRAYERS AND MEMORIALS

IN OUR PRAYERS

Aaron Brown, Lexington Hospital

Jada Mitchell, cancer treatments

Lorri Gibbons, recovering from surgery

HOMEBOUND

Doris Oldham

Joe Meador

June Steadman

Robbie Wright

Sarah Cook

Sharon Guest

Shirley Sanders

MEMBERS IN EXTENDED CARE

Adrian Trexler, The Brian Center

Betty Dawkins, Presbyterian Home

Christine Metts, Westminster Memory Care

Miller Shealy, Wellmore

Mitch Mayer, Lexington Extended Care

Vern Free, Generations, Chapin

FRIENDS & RELATIVES

Nancy Hulon, daughter of Jean Lail

Katie, Tom and Theresa Henry's niece

Corbett Anderson, nephew of Amy Vikers and grandchild of Mike and Susan Beeler

Stephen Finger, friend of Jan Bass

Sandra Ouzts, sister of Debra Ouzts

Ed Canon, cousin of Pastor Trump

Ernie Davis, friend of Lee Bowling

Jimmy Asbill, son of Shirley Swanson

Bonnie Seibert, cousin of Jada Mitchell

Frances Dyches, sister of Bobbie Bell

Edna Wheeler's granddaughter

Davis Bowling, son of Judy and Lee Bowling

MEMORIALS

In memory of Letitia "Tish" Brown, given by John and Jamie Brown; Zach, Reganne, and Riley Livingston

In memory of Dr. John W. Brown, given by John and Jamie Brown; Zach, Reganne, and Riley Livingston

In memory of Virginia Franklin to the We Gather Fund, given by St. Andrew's WELCA

Moving forward, we will keep your prayer requests for friends and relatives in the newsletter for 2 months unless otherwise informed by you. After 8 weeks the request will be removed from publications. Please let the office know if you'd like your request extended beyond 8 weeks or removed early.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

April 7

Lay Assistant: Beth Mullins

8:30 Service

Reader: Mary DeHihns

Ushers: Robert Luther, Paul Osmundson

10:30 Service

Reader: Beth Trump

Communion Assistant: Paige Gibbons

Crucifer: Michaela McCutcheon

Acolyte: Shane Casey

Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Steve Metze, Justin Varco

Grounds: Mullins, Godfrey

Council Collections: Cathi Cooper, Brian Teusink, Debra Ouzts

Recycling: Anna Berger

Altar Guild:

Counters: Bobbie Bell, Sharon Berger

Flowers:

April 14

Assisting Minister: Deacon Sandra Holland

8:30 Service

Reader: Hal Ray

Ushers: Layne Birdsong

10:30 Service

Reader: Paige Gibbons

Communion Assistant: Ron Walrath

Crucifer: Shane Egan

Acolyte: Calvin Hastie

Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Paul Osmundson

Grounds: Birdsong, Varco

Council Collections: Cathi Cooper, Brian Teusink, Debra Ouzts

Recycling: Anna Berger

Altar Guild:

Counters: Sharon Berger, Mary Ann Jacobs

Flowers: Mullins

April 21

Lay Assistant: Pat Gagliano

8:30 Service

Reader: Curtis Amick

Ushers: Mari Frye, Brian Haley

10:30 Service

Reader: Jay Folk

Communion Assistant: Brian Teusink

Crucifer: John Driggers

Acolyte: Keith Peterson

Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Curtis Amick

Grounds: Galli

Council Collections: Cathi Cooper, Brian Teusink, Debra Ouzts

Recycling: Anna Berger

Altar Guild:

Counters: Bobbie Bell, Susan Beeler

Flowers: Connakers

April 28

Lay Assistant: Rick Gibbons

8:30 Service

Reader: Tom Henry

Ushers: Layne Birdsong

10:30 Service

Reader: Brian Teusink

Communion Assistant: Deacon Sandra Holland

Crucifer: Evie Casey

Acolyte: Whitten Canniff-Kuhn

Ushers: Mari Frye, Brian Haley

Grounds: Amick, Bass

Council Collections: Cathi Cooper, Brian Teusink, Debra Ouzts

Recycling: Anna Berger

Altar Guild: Beth Mullins

Counters: Sharon Berger, Barbara Weaver

Flowers: Osmundson



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