



ST. ANDREW'S Lutheran Church

December 2017

Prepare the Way of the Lord!

The Season of Advent

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 - December 3, 10, 17 & 24

"Advent Day"

Sunday, December 3, 9:45 a.m.

Come join the festivities as we celebrate the beginning of the season of Advent.

Wednesday Evening Dinner & Worship

December 6, 13, & 20

5:30 p.m. Dinner, 6:15 p.m. Worship

Dinner and worship are both in the Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Pageant and Lunch

December 17

following 11:00 a.m. Worship

Join us in the Fellowship Hall as we present "Time Machine Christmas".

Christmas Eve, December 24

(4th Sunday in Advent 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.)

Service of Holy Communion and Candlelighting

5:00 p.m. Music, 5:30 p.m. Liturgy

Christmas Day

Service of Holy Communion, 10:00 a.m.

Epiphany

Saturday, January 6

6:00 p.m. Dinner in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m. Service of Holy Communion

Musings by Pastor Trump



GOD AT HIS COMPUTER

From Gary Larson, Far Side

I was wondering: Would this comic make a good Christmas card? I guess not, but it's funny. You might receive Christmas cards that might have messages about God that are questionable at best. Is God the type of God who would "smite" us, as this comic would indicate? I don't believe so. In our Disciples' Bible Study we have been struggling with the book of II Kings with its God-sanctioned violence. Would God command such action today? I know God would not. But on what basis might I say this? Because we confess God has been fully revealed in Jesus Christ, born in a manger in the dirty forgotten town of Bethlehem, under the harsh rule of Rome, a Jew who came to all people to proclaim the good news of God: Emmanuel. God with us. We are about to enter into Advent and Christmas. There will be a great variety of messages and images that our society and churches will offer about what Christmas means. Some of them are heart-warming and useful. Others less so. I know that as the beautiful hymn says, "Love came down at Christmas." If I could draw a Larson cartoon, I would draw God at "His" computer, pushing the word "love" with a manger and a baby about to drop on the world. Join us in worship this year, to give thanks.

You are being challenged!! And your gifts will be matched!!

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

An anonymous couple in the church has pledged to match up to \$10,000 as an "extra" gift to the church for every EXTRA GIFT that people give before the end of the year to Current and Benevolence. This is a great opportunity for you to help make up our present deficit. It will have to be done on a system of trust that your gifts are over and above what you usually give, or expected to give. Simply write on your check "2017 Challenge Gift." There will also be envelopes available in the narthex or you may give electronically. If you give electronically, please email Sharon Berger at sberger@salutheran.com who will make sure it is recorded as such.

Thank You!

Thanks to your generosity, St. Andrew's Lutheran was able to leverage \$5,100 for Lutheran Disaster Response to help our neighbors in Texas, Florida and the Caribbean begin to recover and rebuild after the devastating storms. This includes \$2,050 from the congregation, a \$500 match from the Social Ministry Committee and a \$2,550 match from Thrivent. Thank you again for your concern for our neighbors in need.

We Pray For...

Friends & Relatives

- ✝ Corbett Anderson, nephew of Amy Vickers and grandchild of Mike and Susan Beeler
- ✝ Tony Ayoub, brother of Mandy Glowacki
- ✝ Petra Blackwell, daughter of Steve & Pat Blackwell
- ✝ Maria & Joe Casey, parents of Joe Casey
- ✝ Richard Chapman, brother of Jim Chapman
- ✝ Jane Duvall, mother of Susie Derrick
- ✝ Mark Henning, brother of Kathie Nixon
- ✝ Stephen Finger, friend of Jan Bass
- ✝ Sandra Ouzts, sister of Debra Ouzts
- ✝ Deborah Bumgarner, mother of Alyson Shirer
- ✝ Grady Ray, father of Hal Ray
- ✝ Manning Bryant, neighbor of Sandra Holland
- ✝ Joe Fricker, father of Melissa Ray

Homebound

- ✝ Rosa Barrett ✝ Lois Fulmer
- ✝ Sarah Cook ✝ Iva Metze
- ✝ Martha Ferguson



Members with health concerns

- ✝ Mildred Boucher, undergoing cancer treatment
- ✝ Pete Cox, recovering at home
- ✝ Ruth Penney, recovering at home
- ✝ Marjorie Fulmer, undergoing cancer treatments
- ✝ Iva Metze, Hospice care

Members in Extended Care

- ✝ James Baldwin, Lowman Home
- ✝ Margie Shealy, Lowman Home
- ✝ Adrian Trexler, The Brian Center
- ✝ Madge Bartsch, Generations in Chapin, S.C.
- ✝ William & Linda Sease, Lexington Extended Care

Deepest Sympathy

Our prayers are with Barbara Galarneau upon the death of her sister, Fredna Bartles, on November 11.

Our prayers are with Amy Vickers upon the death of her dad, Trip Anderson, on November 5.

Our prayers are with Anna Berger upon the death of her grandmother, Ruth Risinger.

Thank You

My deep appreciation to my friends at St. Andrew's for their kind expressions of sympathy in the loss of my dear sister, Fredna.

Sincerely,
Barbara Galarneau

Birthday Blessings

Chris Daly	12/1	Ben Slice	12/11	Donna Birdsong	12/19
Kimberly Von Schweinitz	12/1	Rylee Gates	12/12	Ginny Aebischer	12/20
Dawna Grosse	12/2	Kristine Thompson	12/12	Maliyah Beckham	12/21
Keith Wolfe	12/2	Joseph Ray	12/14	Chris Land	12/22
Zach Bane	12/4	Andrew Von Schweinitz	12/14	Barbara Galarneau	12/23
Kasarah Boiter	12/4	Dollie Lunsford	12/15	Susan Hentz	12/24
Sandra Ringer	12/5	Linda Sease	12/16	Pat Blackwell	12/26
Elizabeth Hartman	12/6	Emma Smith	12/16	Abigail Amodio	12/27
Amy Vickers	12/9	Hannah Smith	12/17	Ruth Lackstrom	12/28
Mary Ann Jacobs	12/10	Eric Young	12/17	B. Edward DuBose	12/31



Youth

December 3

9:45 am - Advent Day in Fellowship Hall

12:00 p.m. – Ensemble Rehearsal

4:00 p.m. – Confirmation and supper at the church

4:00 p.m. – High School Discipleship (Youth Gathering Bible Study) at church with supper (We will also pack care packages for college students on this day so please bring items to include in the care packages).



December 10

9:45 a.m. – Confirmation during Sunday School

December 17

Noon – Christmas Pageant and Lunch. Youth help to set up for lunch during Sunday School, help serve the meal and clean up.

Luther League Christmas Caroling following the pageant.

5:30-8:00 p.m. – Youth Christmas Party at church and lights at the zoo. Bring \$11 or zoo membership card if you have one and bring a wrapped gift (\$5 or less) to exchange.

December 21

Noon-2 p.m. – Mall Adventure with Pastor Trump. Bring money for lunch at the mall and meet at the food court of Columbiana Centre to begin our adventure.

College Connect Dinner

Thursday, December 21, college students will gather with friends for a service project and dinner. Sandra Holland will be contacting everyone with details.

Faith Formation Corner

In June of 2018, 10 youth and 2 adults from St. Andrew's will be going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. 30,000 Lutheran youth come together every three years to learn about the church, grow in faith, serve the community and worship. It's a pretty awesome experience and I'm so grateful to the people of St. Andrew's for supporting this ministry again this time around. Layne Birdsong and I will be taking 10 high school girls to this event next summer. In preparation for the event, we meet every month to do a Bible study with the group. In November, our study surrounded the idea of community and how community is important in our lives. We also learned some things about the ELCA, what we believe and how we are similar and different from other denominations. Look here for more information on our journey towards the youth gathering, and thank you again on behalf of the youth who are participating in this adventure!

Sandra Holland, Deacon

Groups



The Agape Circle will meet on Wednesday, December 6, at 11:00 a.m. at Delucca's Italian Grill, 1720 Sunset Drive, West Columbia. Call 920-2179 for further information.

The Living Water Circle will meet on Thursday, December 7, at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room. Following the program, led by Shirley Swanson, and the business meeting, we anticipate a joyful lunch together.



WELCA Christmas Project

Bed linens and bath linens for our St. Andrew's (Refugee) Welcome House

Everyone is invited to participate!

Our Welcome House needs sheets sets in twin, full, and queen sizes, twin flat and fitted sheets, with pillowcase, full flat and fitted sheets, with pillowcases, queen flat and fitted sheets, with pillowcases

Needed are new (or very gently used) bath towels, hand towels, and wash cloths

A collection box will be placed in the gathering area for your convenience.

Thank you for your generous help!

**Thank you to all who provided and delivered the
USC Campus Ministry Meal on November 12!**

Committee of 100



On November 9, the "Committee of 100" annual banquet for the Midlands District Lutheran men was held at St. Andrew's with 57 in attendance. Chef Steve Slice prepared the delicious meal for the gathering.

Perhaps there are some who wonder what this program is about. Actually, "Committee of 100" was started right here in South Carolina by Lutheran Men in Lexington County many years ago. Donors are asked to commit to \$100.00 a year to a fund to help new mission groups in the Synod as they try to organize. The fund has loans and gift plans and other Synodical groups have followed the South Carolina Lutheran Men in this very helpful outreach.

You may call Ron Althoff or Charles Dawkins for more information.



Come One, Come All! ***Sunday, December 17***

Christmas Pageant and Lunch *(Immediately following 11:00 a.m. Worship)*

Join us in the Fellowship Hall as we present "Time Machine Christmas"

Christmas Caroling *(Immediately following the Christmas pageant)*

This event is sponsored by Luther League, but all are welcome! After enjoying our annual Christmas pageant in the church Fellowship Hall, we will gather and depart to share Christmas joy with some of our homebound members. After caroling, we'll return to the church for hot chocolate and be wrapped up by 3:45 p.m. Please plan to join us! QUESTIONS? Contact Jenny Walrath. Please let Jenny or the church office know if you are coming so that we can provide sufficient transportation.

Advent Happenings

Last year our first "**Nativity Festivity**" was a big success, so we plan to make tables available again in the gathering area and narthex to display your favorite nativity scenes. We'll have information cards with each set for your favorite memory, where the scene came from, and/or why you love it. Tables will be set up for the displays by December 10. Just grab a space for your scene and decorate as you like.

This year St. Andrew's will also take part in Reformation Lutheran's "**Sights and Sounds of Nativity**" on Sunday, December 3 from 3:30 to 7:00. Last year there were over 200 nativity scenes on display along with Stations of the Crèche, musical performances, refreshments, and a Christmas carol sing-along beginning at 6:30. You can participate in many ways, not only by visiting our sister church – located off Broad River Road at 1118 Union Street in the Earlewood neighborhood – but also by displaying one or more of your own nativities, acting as a docent, volunteering in the children's room, providing refreshments, or offering your musical talent as a part of the "sounds" portion of the event. Coordinator is Dot Jeffcoat, 803-772-4357 or dotjeffcoat@aol.com.



For more information about either of these see Beth Trump, 803-603-5252 or btrump6659@gmail.com.

Tables of Grace

Tables of Grace was a huge success in that it accomplished the goal of getting people of the church together for fellowship! People who didn't know each other had an opportunity to spend an evening together over a meal. We will be doing this again in 2018 so watch for sign-ups soon. Thank you to Jay and Tracy Folk for coordinating this new ministry.



Fall Youth Retreat

Fall Youth Retreat was at Camp Kinard this year. It was a great time of getting away. No phones were allowed on the retreat, and it made for a relaxing time of renewing relationships with each other. The Bible verse we focused on was Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God..." In our busy and hectic lives it's a treat to be able to step away for a while to be still (and be active) and know that God walks with us.



Lutheran Men Congregational Annual Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 - 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

The meal will be catered by Carrabba's Italian Grill. The menu includes lasagna, chicken marsala, pasta pomodoro, salad & bread (and pizza for kids). Please obtain your tickets in advance from any of the Lutheran Men members so an accurate count can be supplied to the caterer by Sunday, December 10.

Prices will be \$10.00 per adult Children under 13 \$5.00 Under 3 is Free!

Family max of \$30.00

Santa Claus will make an appearance and there will be a chair for families to take pictures with Santa Claus. For any questions or concerns, please contact Joe Casey @ 803-556-8263 or josephwilliamcasey@gmail.com.

Education

Discipleship Bible Study with Pastor Trump

Now there are TWO opportunities to dive deeply into God's word.

Wednesdays in December at 5:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

This class, led by Pastor Trump, is not for Bible "scholars." It's simply for those who want to learn more about the biblical story and deepen their faith. You are asked to read about two chapters of the Bible a week. You can miss a week. You can start now!

Retired and Restless

Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School

Connections Class with Pastor Trump

A variety of topics on faith and life. Join us at any time.

Genesis Class looks at the lessons for each Sunday and engages in wonderful conversation.

Sojourners Class is a wonderful group of talkative folks who use the Augsburg Fortress Bible series.

Hold on to Your Kids: Why Parents Need to Matter More Than Peers

by Gordon Neufeld, Gabor Maté

In January, we will host a Sunday School class for 4 weeks to present a DVD and discussion on a book we have recently been introduced to that we have found very enlightening. We are by no means experts, but want the opportunity to share this with you and engage in discussion together. This could be of interest to parents of children of all ages, and those involved in the Christian education of our children and youth. Stay tuned for more information. You will not need to read the book ahead of time. --Trent and Joyce Shealy

International authority on child development Gordon Neufeld, Ph.D., joins forces with bestselling author Gabor Maté, M.D., to tackle one of the most disturbing trends of our time: Children today looking to their peers for direction—their values, identity, and codes of behavior. This "peer orientation" undermines family cohesion, interferes with healthy development, and fosters a hostile and sexualized youth culture. Children end up becoming overly conformist, desensitized, and alienated, and being "cool" matters more to them than anything else.

Hold On to Your Kids explains the causes of this crucial breakdown of parental influence—and demonstrates ways to "reattach" to sons and daughters, encourage appropriate peer attachments, establish the proper hierarchy in the home, make kids feel safe and understood, and earn back your children's loyalty and love. This updated edition also specifically addresses the unprecedented parenting challenges posed by the rise of digital devices and social media. By helping to reawaken instincts innate to us all, Neufeld and Maté will empower parents to be what nature intended: a true source of contact, security, and warmth for their children.

Council Highlights

Devotions were led by Jan Breuer Bass. Minutes from the previous meeting and the congregational meeting were approved. The financial report was accepted. It was noted that October was a good month of giving, in part due to the fact that there were five Sundays. After taking into account the \$10,000 spent for painting and cleaning, the church is presently approximately \$20,000 in the red. There has been a fairly good response to the \$10,000 challenge grant that has yet to be reported in the financials. The Pastor's and Deacon's reports were accepted as written. Property reported on the work with the interior designer regarding the narthex. Pastor Trump led a discussion on the changing environment of confirmation and the reality of expectations as families and youth are further stretched and committed than ever. Pastor Trump and Sandra reported on the "armed intruder workshop" they attended, and Richard Shirer shared a video from his workplace training regarding the same. A task force will be established to discuss what are things that can be done in the church to strengthen safety. Finally the council completed its discussion of the book THE AGILE CHURCH. This month's chapter concerned the need of the church to encourage innovation throughout the church, while holding onto those treasures and traditions that are critical to our identity as a people of God. The meeting concluded with prayer.

Memorials



In memory of Claude Metts by Emily Crapps.

In memory of Claude Metts by J. David Crapps.

In memory of Bill Buff by Dorothy Buff.

In memory of Alice Thompson by Margie Miles.

SALC Adult Christmas Party

Friday, December 15, 7:00 p.m.

Come join us for tasty food, great fellowship, and a really good time of celebrating the Christmas Season. This year's party is hosted by Jay and Tracy Folk at their home on 166 Holly Ridge Lane, Columbia, SC 29169. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. For more information or directions, contact Jay or Tracy Folk.



Backpack Update

I hope everyone had a blessed and safe Thanksgiving with family and friends! During this season of thanks-giving and giving, one way we can give back is by giving of our time towards the Backpack Program. Please join us on Sunday, December 10 after the 11:00 worship service to pack a few weeks of food for our friends at EE Taylor Elementary. As always, many hands make for light work! Please also remember to wait until the end of the service to begin packing so as not to disturb those who are worshipping.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Backpack ministry. It is especially important in these cold months that our students can count on us for food to keep them nourished and fed. This happens because of your generosity! - Paige Gates

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church									
Statement of Income and Expense									
October of Fiscal Year 2017									
Fund: 01 - General									
					October	2017 YTD			
					Actual	Actual			
Current and Benevolence Giving					\$ 43,788.31	\$ 366,653.59			
Expenses					\$ 35,781.13	\$ 402,370.59			
Expenses under (over) Giving					<u>\$ 8,007.18</u>	<u>\$ (35,717.00)</u>			
Current and Benevolence Giving					\$ 43,788.31	\$ 366,653.59			
Budget					\$ 38,370.00	\$ 400,800.00			
Giving (under) over Budget					<u>\$ 5,418.31</u>	<u>\$ (34,146.41)</u>			
Debt Retirement Fund Balance as of 1/1/2017					\$ 20,280.36				
Funds received in 2017					\$ 38,025.54				
Thrivent Principal Payments in 2017					\$ (36,466.57)				
Thrivent Interest Payments in 2017					\$ (6,253.43)				
Current Debt Retirement Fund Balance					<u>\$ 15,585.90</u>				
Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance as of 1/1/17					192,098.17				
Principal Payments in 2017					(36,466.57)				
Current Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance					<u>155,631.60</u>				
The principal and interest payments on the Thrivent loan are paid from the Debt Retirement Fund and are not part of the Budget									

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If you give your offering to St. Andrew's regularly by using the online access and are still receiving offering envelopes, please let us know if you'd like to save the church some money by canceling your envelopes. Please contact the church office with this request.

Ministry Reminders

December 3

Counters: Mary Ann Jacobs & Dot Meador
Greeters: 8:30 Sandra Ringer
11:00 Shirley Sanders
Flowers: Paul Osmundson
Reader: 8:30 Becca Kelly, 11:00 Mandy Glowacki
Communion Assistant: 8:30 Mary DeHihns
11:00 Bob Venturella
Lay Assistant: Judy Venturella
Acolyte: Sam Roma
Crucifer: Kaitlyn Berger
Nursery: Frye
Grounds: (Dec. 2) John Trump & Hal Ray
Council Collections: Tom Bane, Ruth Lackstrom,
Deborah Slice

December 10

Counters: Pat Dubose & Anita Murphy
Greeters: 8:30 Sharon Berger
11:00 Barbara Galarneau/Jean Lail
Flowers: Tonya Lucas
Reader: 8:30 Tom Henry, 11:00 Youth
Communion Assistant: 8:30 Sheila Goins
11:00 Youth
Lay Assistant: Sandra Holland
Acolyte: Gracie Daly
Crucifer: Erin Daly
Nursery: Grambow
Grounds: (Dec. 9) Advent/Christmas Clean-up
Council Collections: Tom Bane, Ruth Lackstrom,
Deborah Slice

December 17

Counters: Bobbie Bell & Kathie Nixon
Greeters: 8:30 Lula Wilson
11:00 Patsy South
Flowers: Robert Lunsford
Reader: 8:30 Theresa Henry, 11:00 Buddy Lewis
Communion Assistant: 8:30 Sharon Berger
11:00 Judy Venturella
Lay Assistant: Sheila Goins
Acolyte: Makenna Schodowski
Crucifer: Bailey Derrick
Nursery: Varco
Grounds: (Dec. 16) Shawn Skillman
Council Collections: Tom Bane, Ruth Lackstrom,
Deborah Slice

December 24

Counters: Sharon Berger & Barbara Weaver
Greeters: 8:30 Mary DeHihns
11:00 Cathy Jordan
Flowers: Mike and James Ann Sheley
Reader: 8:30 Hal Ray, 11:00 Kara Montgomery
Communion Assistant: 8:30 Elizabeth Selkinghaus
11:00 Tom Bane
Lay Assistant: Kasarah Boiter
Acolyte: Rebecca LaSalle
Crucifer: Peyton Player
Nursery: Williams
Grounds: (Dec. 24) Take the day off
Council Collections: Tom Bane, Ruth Lackstrom,
Deborah Slice

December 31

Counters: Joe & Dot Meador
Greeters: 8:30 Tom and Theresa Henry
11:00 Mary Ann Jacobs
Reader: 8:30 Mary DeHihns, 11:00 Deborah Slice
Communion Assistant: 8:30 Tom Bane
11:00 Anna Berger
Lay Assistant: TBD
Acolyte: Michael Berger
Crucifer: Lindy Player
Nursery: Casey
Grounds: (Dec. 30) Tom Bane
Council Collections: Tom Bane, Ruth Lackstrom,
Deborah Slice

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