

ST. ANDREW'S

Lutheran Church

February 2018



BEGINS FEBRUARY 14

LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. JOHN 15:12

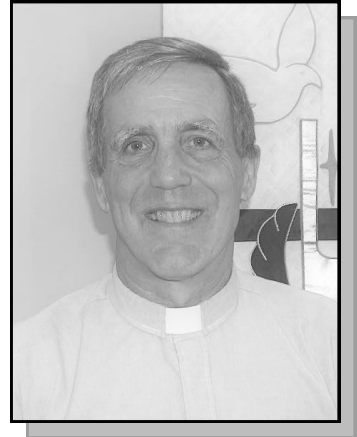


A Word from Pastor Trump

THANK YOU! (From Pastor Trump, speaking for all)

"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father" (James 1:17).

God is good, and gracious, and giving. So we confess, and so we hope to mimic. We give because God first gave to us. We give because we think God is doing good and gracious things in and through this community of grace. This December, your financial giving was so strong that, despite our deficit coming into that month, we ended the year with a "surplus." Are we rich? In spirit, of course. Your giving does several things, or says several things to me. It is an endorsement of the ministry in this place. It also says that we do have the financial means, in our midst, to continue, not increasing our ministry plan, but sustaining it and maybe even dreaming a little bit. Hopefully we will not have to catch up this year. If we can simply keep our financial giving steady and strong, it helps.



Once again, thank you for every gift, no matter how large or small. Thank you especially to those who were able to give above and beyond what was normal for them. Thanks to God, who has inspired and empowered all giving.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14, Noon and 7 p.m.

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

(Nursery is provided at 7 p.m.)

Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

February 21, 28, March 7, 14 and 21

- 6 p.m. Dinner (Suggested donation \$3/person, max \$10, children 2 and under are free)
 - 7 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer (*Nursery is provided*)
- Wednesdays at Noon at Westminster Presbyterian Church - Worship & Lunch

LOVE IN THE TIME OF LENT – Five Dramas presented Wednesday Evenings

This year's Lenten Dramas will revolve around the theme of love. After all, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which falls on Valentine's Day this year! However, we all know that God's love is very different from romantic love. How might God's love play out in a variety of situations? How might it challenge us? You know that the author of these plays usually has a few surprises up his sleeves. Come and see!

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
- ✝ 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
- ✝ Joe Fricker, father of Melissa Ray

Homebound

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

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
- ✝ William & Linda Sease, Lexington Medical Center

Members in Extended Care

- ✝ James Baldwin, Lowman Home
- ✝ Margie Shealy, Lowman Home
- ✝ Adrian Trexler, The Brian Center
- ✝ Madge Bartsch, Generations in Chapin, S.C.
- ✝ Rosa Barrett, Wildewood Downs

Deepest Sympathy....

Our prayers are with Judy Moir, upon the death of her sister, Martha Rochester.

Our prayers are with Jim Chapman, upon the death of his brother, Richard Chapman.

Our prayers are with Keith Marsh, upon the death of his father, Auburn Joe Marsh, on January 14.

Our prayers are with Greta Robinson, upon the death of her sister, Leona Ball, on Sunday, January 28.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mary DeHihns upon the birth of a great grandson, Walter James Yuhas, born Monday, January 8.

Congratulations to Kenny and Celita Hastie, upon the birth of a son, Foster Russell on Friday, January 26.

Congratulations to Amanda and Jack Gilmer, upon the birth of a daughter, Gillian Rose, born on January 26.



Dorothy Meador	2/2
Stephen Metze	2/3
Jackie Darby	2/5
Sharon Guest	2/6
Shirley Swanson	2/6

Linwood Swittenberg	2/6
Edie Casey	2/7
Joshua Bruce	2/8
Glenda Derrick	2/11
Amanda Gilmer	2/11
Tom Henry	2/11
Chelsea Lynch	2/11
Elise Scott	2/13
Amanda Smith	2/13
John Slice	2/14
Hannah Luther	2/15
Lucy Scott	2/15
Dennis Lautenschlager	2/16
Emily Crapps	2/18

John Ray	2/18
Alyson Shirer	2/18
Bill Shortreed	2/21
Michael Berger	2/22
Ben Holland	2/22
Paige Cruse	2/23
Chloe Looney	2/24
Benjamin Von Schweinitz	2/24
David Amick	2/24
Danielle Lucas	2/25
Pressley Sanders	2/26
Vicky Henderson	2/26

Youth (7th - 12th graders)

Sunday, February 4

12:00 p.m. - lunch, confirmation and High School Discipleship (Youth Gathering Getting Ready Bible Study)

February 9-11

Winter Retreat to Lutheridge. Camp - It's not just for summers anymore. We get to stay in winterized cabins and do fun camp stuff as well as snow tube on Saturday. Don't miss this great time of fellowship and fun.

Sunday, February 18

9:45 am - Confirmation

Sunday, February 25

Lunch and God's Work Our Hands. Be ready to do something for someone in need. Waiting on the Holy Spirit to let us know what the need will be closer to the time!



Luther League (3rd - 6th graders)

Sunday, February 18 - Come Jump with us at HiWire!

Luther League will head out to HiWire at Plex Irmo on Sunday, February 18.

We will have a quick lunch after church and then hit the road.

Please bring \$15 and don't forget to print and sign a waiver (www.plexhiwire.com).

Let us know if you can join us by emailing jessicadaly2@me.com.

Little Lutherans (babies - 2nd graders and their families)

Come join us at the Columbia Marionette Theater at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 3 for a GIANT time! The theater is putting on a Jack and the Giants puppet show, featuring some of its largest puppets. But don't worry, these giants aren't mean, they are sweet and caring! Tickets are \$5 at the door. Please plan to meet at 10:45 so we can sit together. Please call/text Deb Varco with questions at 803-546-7016.



Ladies Book Club

Date: Friday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Host: Beth Trump

Address: 525 Woodrow Street

If you are interested in being a part of this group or would like more information, please contact Jenny Land at (803) 741-7641.

Groups



Agape Circle will meet Wednesday, February 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor.

Living Water Circle will meet Thursday, February 1, at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room.

Come enjoy the inspiration and fellowship of friends!

Camp Kinard Retreat—February 9-10

The registration deadline has passed, but there could possibly still be room. Contact Agnes Folk at (843) 662-1210.

Many thanks for all who made the Epiphany Meal possible! Many thanks to all who helped with Family Promise laundry!!

Altar Guild

Thank you to all who helped remove the Christmas decorations from the sanctuary!



The YOUNG AT HEART will meet on Thursday, February 15, at noon in the fellowship hall. Please bring a covered dish to share. Come have a good time! If you have any questions, please call Mary DeHihns at 731-1253.



In the Meantime

In the Meantime is a monthly get together to simply talk about matters of faith and life. This month we will be meeting again at THE FLYING SAUCER on Sunday, February 18, at 5:30 p.m.



COMMUNITY
Lenten Services

These services are wonderful for those who cannot get out in the evening, and simply for those who want to worship with neighbors from other churches in our community. They begin on Wednesday, February 21, at noon, at WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. There is a small donation for lunch that is provided. This year's theme for lunch will also be LOVE, but with different leaders every week.

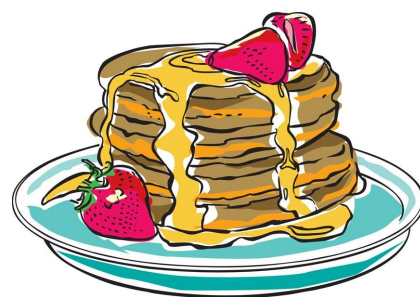


The Souper Bowl of Caring utilizes Super Bowl weekend in America to mobilize young people to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities.

We will be collecting a special offering after both services on February 4 to benefit Harvest Hope. Please consider donating to help those who are hungry in our community.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

The Lutheran Men be will hosting the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on **February 13**, at 6:00 p.m. All Lutheran Men willing to help with the dinner can meet at the Fellowship Hall anytime after 3 p.m. Please join us for pancakes and sausage as we celebrate Fat Tuesday and prepare for the season of Lent.



Adults: \$4 **Children under 12:** \$2
Children under 3: Free **Family Maximum:** \$10

The Lutheran Men in Mission are dedicated to the support of mission congregations and most importantly to helping members build a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ by connecting with other men of all ages and by providing opportunities to make a difference in the lives of others through friendship and service.

Family Promise



Thank you to everyone that helped out with Family Promise. It was such an incredible week. We hosted three families, and it was the first time these families have been in the Family Promise program.



3rd Annual Family Promise Gala - "Night of Promise"

Saturday, February 10, at Stone River from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For tickets and more information call 803-832-4765 or go to familypromisemidlands.org to support this fundraising event benefitting the Family Promise Ministry.

Backpack Update

We will be packing backpacks for E.E. Taylor on Sunday, February 4, immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please stop by the narthex and help pack for our 65 children. If you have any questions or would like to help, please text, call 803-727-6962 or email paigewalrath@yahoo.com



Operation Inasmuch coming soon - Inasmuch is a national movement designed to give church communities the opportunity to serve. Last April St. Andrew's had a tremendous response and many projects were accomplished. This year the Social Ministry team, in partnership with other groups around the church, will sponsor projects and opportunities to serve our community in a variety of ways throughout April. Stay tuned in the weeks ahead. If you have a suggestion for new service opportunities, please see someone on our team.

Get Inspired!



Faith Development through Summer Camp—for ALL ages!

It's hard to believe, but soon it will be time to make decisions about your summer plans for 2018! As you're planning summer activities, we hope you'll consider **a week of church camp at Lutheridge or Lutherock.**

The people of St. Andrew's place high priority on Christian Education opportunities for all ages. Our church family is proud to offer financial incentive to every child who wants to attend a week of summer camp at Lutheridge or Lutherock. If your child would like to go to Lutheridge or Lutherock this summer, please register and pay the fees yourself through their website or by mail. The scholarship amount will be 1/2 the cost of the camp up to \$200. Once you have registered and paid the fees, either drop a copy of your receipt into the finance box outside the office door or email it to treasurer@salutheran.com and your reimbursement will be sent to you. Registration information can be found online at www.novusway.com.

Music Week at Lutheridge will be held July 8 through 14 this year. There are programs for rising second graders through adult. Pre-elementary children can bunk with their parents and attend "Kidzcamp." Music Week features all of the usual activities of Christian camp, plus opportunities for singing, drumming, and more. Middle and high schoolers are encouraged to bring their band or orchestra instruments and play in "Orchaband" and also have the option of playing handbells. *In addition to the financial assistance for children and youth, our church is offering a financial incentive for adults who would like to attend music week as adult participants. Please talk with Judy Venturella, Jenny Walrath or Nicholas Shumate.*

(Payment Information: camp fees are based on a 4 tier-scale, depending on how quickly you register and submit your payment. Payments are being received now through May 15, but the early bird gets the reduced rates. If you intend to register for camp please register as soon as possible to lock in the lowest rates.)

Education

Discipleship Bible Study with Pastor Trump

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

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. (5:00 p.m. during Lent) 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 Bible Study

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

Sunday School

DISCOVERING ISLAM - a consideration of Islam.

Led by Pastor Trump, this class will be offered during the Sunday School hour, at 9:45 a.m. We are using several curricula and a video to help us with this important, and often difficult, topic.

ALL ARE INVITED!

February 4 and 11 - Hold on to Your Child video and discussion led by Trent and Joyce Shealy.

Genesis Class (resumes on February 18) 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.

Property Committee Opportunities

Handyman Services

Can you change a light bulb? Fix a leaking faucet? We have a service opportunity for you! A facility this size will always have a little things that need attention for which we'd rather not spend money bringing in a professional. If you can help, even for only a few hours every month or so, please contact Sybil Long: slong55555@aol.com or 803-772-7404.

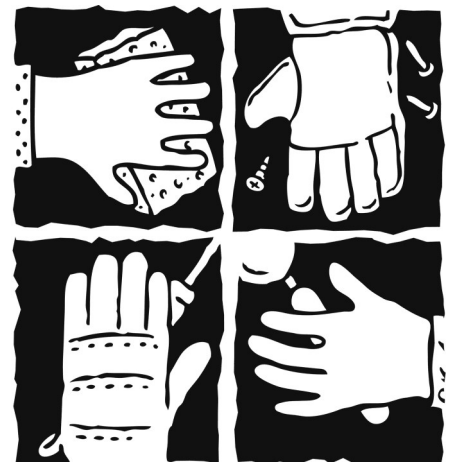
Grounds Crew

We've been very fortunate to have a solid core of volunteers to care for our grounds. But, we are always looking for more! If you are willing and able to mow, trim and pick up trash, even one time during the year, please contact Tom Bane: bane.thomasa@gmail.com or 803-391-1368.

Calling all Chainsaws!

The Bradford Pear trees, located in front of the Educational wing, are failing. **On Saturday, February 10 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**, we are bringing them down!

Please contact Tom Bane: bane.thomasa@gmail.com or 803-391-1368 to let him know you will be there.



Council Highlights

Tom Henry called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Devotions were led by Sybil Long. The minutes of the December 2017 meeting were approved. Reports were received from Pastor Trump and Deacon Holland, as well as Finance (see article). Sybil reported on the progress on the narthex project and the meeting with the interior designer, Drayton Campbell. Witness and Fellowship raised the issue of the upkeep of the “pew cards.” It was agreed that this should fall under Worship. Pastor Trump will once again contact the prison chaplain about a meal this April. Claire Birdsong agreed to secure a CPR instructor for staff/member training, and a Thrivent grant request will be submitted to subsidize associated costs.

Children’s Ministry continues to work with staff on ensuring all members who work with children/youth complete training mandated by the church’s Child Protection Policy. Kelly Williams has agreed to serve as nursery director, taking the place of Susie Derrick.

Social Ministry Beth Mullins reported that the Social Ministry Team has proposed expanding the annual April Inasmuch day of service to an entire month of service, with each team heading up outreach project(s).

New Business:

- Council discussed plans for the Council retreat to be held January 26-27.
- Council approved a request for church van use by the Scholastic Soccer Program for Refugees. The group will have access to the van weekly for transportation of children in the program to/from soccer, and monthly for transportation to/from therapeutic art classes.
- Council discussed a need for a special “task force” to help Pastor Trump explore options for the continuing care of the homeless man who often finds shelter on the rear steps of the adult Sunday school wing. Tom Henry said he will talk with the church’s insurance agent about potential liability issues. There was much discussion of past and current efforts to help this man find appropriate support services, and the need for a care plan moving forward.
- Tom Henry is putting together an ad hoc team to assess church safety and security needs, develop and implement recommendations, and provide associated training. He will report on his progress at the February meeting.
- Council voted to accept into the membership of St. Andrew’s the Schodowski family: Amy, Francis, Kaylee, George, and Makenna.

Opportunities for Music Lovers

This is a great time for anyone to sing with the choir that might not be able to make a long-term commitment to sing year-round, but would like to sing during Lent and Easter. The choir will be holding a 'mini-retreat' day rehearsal on Saturday, February 10, which would give new members a chance to jump in and get caught up on Easter music.

If this is a short-term ministry that might work for you, please contact Nicholas Shumate at nshumate@salutheran.com or (803) 448-7361, or Jenny Walrath at jwalrath@salutheran.com or 803-553-4994. The Adult Choir is open to any member high school age through adult, and we can always use more voices to help proclaim the Good News!

Finance

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church									
Statement of Income and Expense									
December of Fiscal Year 2017									
Fund: 01 - General									
				December	2017 YTD				
				Actual	Actual				
Current and Benevolence Giving				\$ 90,491.34	\$ 505,033.74				
Expenses				\$ 39,963.24	\$ 481,199.51				
Expenses under (over) Giving				\$ 50,528.10	\$ 23,834.23				
Current and Benevolence Giving				\$ 90,491.34	\$ 505,033.74				
Budget				\$ 38,370.23	\$ 477,940.23				
Giving (under) over Budget				\$ 52,121.11	\$ 27,093.51				
Debt Retirement Fund Balance as of 1/1/2017				\$ 20,280.36					
Funds received in 2017				\$ 46,730.08					
Thrivent Principal Payments in 2017				\$ (40,916.04)					
Thrivent Interest Payments in 2017				\$ (7,347.96)					
Current Debt Retirement Fund Balance				<u>\$ 18,746.44</u>					
Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance as of 1/1/17				192,098.17					
Principal Payments in 2017				(40,916.04)					
Current Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance				<u>151,182.13</u>					
The principal and interest payments on the Thrivent loan are paid from									
the Debt Retirement Fund and are not part of the Budget									

Offering Envelopes

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

February 4

Counters: Mary Ann Jacobs & Dot Meador

Greeters: 8:30 Lib Hartman
11:00 Cathy Jordan

Reader: 8:30 Hal Ray, 11:00 Youth

Communion Assistant: 8:30 Sharon Berger
11:00 Youth

Lay Assistant: Ron Walrath

Acolyte: Carter Godfrey

Crucifer: Christa LaSalle

Nursery: Sarah Holland

Grounds: (February 3) John Mackenzie, Bryan Potts

Council Collections: Phillip Jenkins, Melissa Ray,
Susie Derrick

February 11

Counters: Pat Dubose & Anita Murphy

Greeters: 8:30 Christine Metts
11:00 Chris & Jenny Land

Flowers: Lynch

Reader: 8:30 Sharon Berger, 11:00 Beth Trump

Communion Assistant: 8:30 Sharon Berger
11:00 Deborah Slice

Lay Assistant: Jay Folk

Acolyte: Jake Semones

Crucifer: Maliyah Scott

Nursery: Birdsong

Grounds: (February 10) Tom Bane/Tree Removal

Council Collections: Phillip Jenkins, Melissa Ray,
Susie Derrick

February 18

Counters: Bobbie Bell & Kathie Nixon

Greeters: 8:30 Teresa Ratliff
11:00 Judy Moir

Flowers: TBD

Reader: 8:30 Mary DeHihns, 11:00 Steve Slice

Communion Assistant: 8:30 Lula Wilson
11:00 Whanna Bouknight

Lay Assistant: Beth Mullins

Acolyte: Ben Godfrey

Crucifer: Caroline Shirer

Nursery: Johnson/Skillman

Grounds: (February 17) Jason Godfrey, Dave Shaw

Council Collections: Phillip Jenkins, Melissa Ray,
Susie Derrick

February 25

Counters: Sharon Berger & Barbara Weaver

Greeters: 8:30 Tom & Theresa Henry
11:00 Shirley Swanson

Flowers: TBD

Reader: 8:30 Becca Kelly, 11:00 Bob Venturella

Communion Assistant: 8:30 Tom Bane
11:00 Kristine Thompson

Lay Assistant: Sarah Potts

Acolyte: William Cochrane

Crucifer: Will Shirer

Nursery: LaSalle

Grounds: (February 24) Beth Mullins, Jason Godfrey

Council Collections: Phillip Jenkins, Melissa Ray,
Susie Derrick

March 4

Counters: Mary Ann Jacobs & Dot Meador

Greeters: 8:30 Sandra Ringer
11:00 Shirley Sanders

Flowers: Land

Reader: 8:30 Tom Henry, 11:00 Carole Amick

Communion Assistant: 8:30 Theresa Henry
11:00 Beth Trump

Lay Assistant: Ruth Lackstrom

Acolyte: Sam Roma

Crucifer: George Schodowski

Nursery: Bradley

Grounds: (March 3) Steve Slice, Robert Luther

Council Collections: Deborah Slice, Tom Henry,
Paul Osmundson



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