

# ST. ANDREW'S Lutheran Church

January 2018

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## EPIPHANY

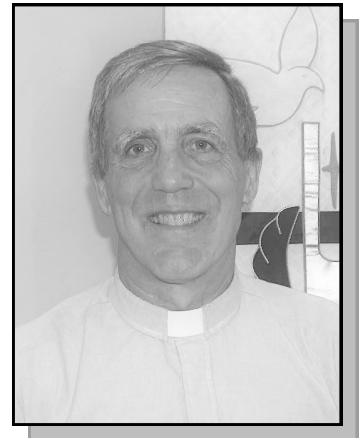
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6**

**6:00 P.M. DINNER IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**7:00 P.M. SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

# A Word from Pastor Trump

Epiphany means to “be revealed” as in, “I had an epiphany!” It is often a sudden realization. However, I often think that an epiphany can come upon a person more slowly. Maybe an epiphany comes about because someone spends enough time somewhere. For instance, what if you spend enough time looking at a beautiful setting in nature, you might eventually have an epiphany about beauty. Or, what if you spend enough time in WORSHIP that you have an epiphany about God? In fact, I think worship is supposed to help us open our eyes regarding God. What a shame if we come to worship each week, and leave each week, and our picture and understanding of God never changes. Doesn’t God seek to open our hearts and minds to new opportunities of seeing, and thinking, and loving? Of course, the feast of the Epiphany is the day we recognize that the “wise men” came to see Jesus. Now, were they wise before they came, or... rather, were they wise because they came? I like to think the latter.



Come and join us in worship all through this epiphany season. Come and grow, and learn, and see. Thank you to all of you who attend worship so faithfully, and who helped make the Advent and Christmas season here at St. Andrew’s a wonderful thing to experience together. I know it strengthened me. I know that I am “wiser” for it.

## Challenge Grant

As of November you were challenged to give “over and above” your regular giving, by a couple who promised to match your gifts up to \$10,000. You responded wonderfully. Over \$13,000 was given in response to this offer. Add to that the gift, and you will help close the deficit by \$23,000. Thank you very much. This will allow us to continue to offer all the ministries that your church provides. We will continue to be frugal and respectful of your gifts. Hopefully this is an encouragement moving forward. God provides. Always.

## Lenten Devotional

Once again this year we are asking the congregation to write devotions for our daily devotional booklet. This practice has proven to be one the congregation enjoys and those who choose to write have really enjoyed being a part of the process. The Holy Spirit stirs up faith in each of us when we choose to study the Word and respond. This year, Ash Wednesday is on February 14 so the devotional passages will be due on February 1. Please consider being a part of this even if you’ve never participated in the past. Please let Sandra Holland know if you are willing to write a devotional and she will assign you a verse.

## Birthday Blessings

Beth Mullins	1/1	Ella Grambow	1/14	Erin Daly	1/21	Susan Young	1/25
Nathan Mullins	1/6	Barb Teusink	1/14	Helmut Von Schweinitz	1/21	Thomas Cline	1/26
Bill Sease	1/6	Georgia Godfrey	1/16	Adam Lautenschlager	1/22	Stacey Bradley	1/28
John MacKenzie	1/7	Allen Semones	1/16	C. Joe Meador	1/22	Lisa Player	1/28
Robbie Derrick	1/8	Mariko Beckham	1/17	Ed Bruce	1/23	Claude Galarneau	1/29
David Fisher	1/8	Jessica Ray	1/17	Keenan Shealy	1/24		
Kaitlyn Berger	1/9	Darrin Player	1/18	Patsy South	1/24		
Pedro Robles	1/12	Micah Aebishcher	1/19	Jake Derrick	1/25		
Edna Wheeler	1/12	Jill Areheart	1/20	Whitney Goodson	1/25		

# We Pray For...

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## 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
- ✝ Joe Fricker, father of Melissa Ray

## Homebound

- ✝ Rosa Barrett
- ✝ 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

## 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

## Thank You.....

*Dear members of St. Andrew's,*

*I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to express my gratitude for your congregation. Having my parents move across the country during my senior year was hard. I was sad about them being so far away, and I was extremely worried about them moving alone and not finding a community to be a part of. I am eternally grateful that my parents found your church and that you welcomed them with open arms. It was a great relief to know my parents had settled into a community. I am excited to be moving to South Carolina and look forward to getting to know ya'll more. Thank you for your support.*

*— Nicole Watson*

*(daughter of Chris and Mary Watson)*

## Memorials

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In memory of Sherman Hinson by Robert and Dollie Lunsford.

In memory of Claude Metts by Robert and Dollie Lunsford.

In memory of Ursula Lamatsch by Robert and Dollie Lunsford.

In memory of Marjorie Henning (Kathie Nixon's mother) by Robert and Dollie Lunsford.

In memory of Susan Waites by Robert and Dollie Lunsford.

In memory of Mildred Slice by Robert and Dollie Lunsford.

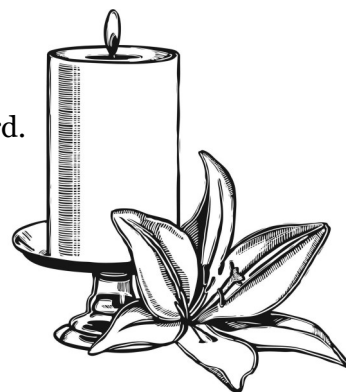
In memory of Alice Thompson by Robert and Dollie Lunsford.

In memory of Lorene Fulmer by Robert and Dollie Lunsford.

In memory of Sherman Hinson by Jill Hinson.

In memory of Bobby Richardson by Richard and Lisa Lail.

In memory of Fredna Bartles (sister of Barbara Galarneau) by Sharon Berger.



# Youth

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## 7<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE YOUTH

**Sunday, January 7**

12 p.m. - Ensemble Rehearsal

4:30-7:00pm - High School Discipleship (Youth Gathering Bible Study)  
and Confirmation Class at the church plus dinner.

**Sunday, January, 14**

Noon- lunch and then youth help set up Family Promise rooms.

**Sunday, January 21**

9:30 a.m. - Confirmation during Sunday School

Noon-2:30 p.m. - Bowling at Anchor Lanes on Lake Murray Blvd. Bring money for lunch and \$12 to Bowl.  
Don't forget to wear or bring socks.



# Protect My Ministry

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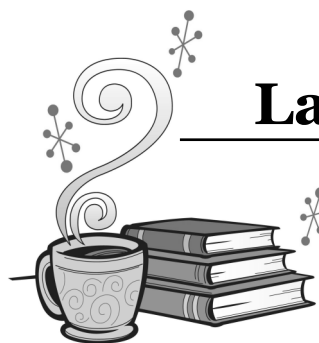
The Children's Ministry Team is dedicated to doing the best we can to keep all children and youth safe at church. Because of this, anyone who has not completed the background check and completed the assessment after watching the training video will not be able to continue working with children and youth beginning January 1, 2018. As soon as these things are completed, you can get right back in there serving. If you have any questions, please contact our Office Manager, Lina Gann to get information about getting started in this process. Thank you all for helping us keep our kids safe.

# Angel Tree

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We would like to thank everyone who participated in the "Angel Tree" project for Edward E. Taylor Elementary School. Your generosity is so much appreciated & each of you surely brighten a child's Christmas. Thanks again to all.

Lessia Lynch & Jolene Stalzer



## Ladies Book Club

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**Date:** Friday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m.

**Host:** Susie Derrick

If you are interested in being a part of this group or would like more information, please contact Barbara Teusink at (803) 240-9046.



## In the Meantime

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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, January 28, at 5:30 p.m.

## Groups

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**Agape Circle** will meet Wednesday, January 3 at 10:00 a.m.

**Living Water Circle** will meet Thursday, January 4 at 11:00 a.m.

**A BIG THANK YOU to all who participated so generously in our  
WELCA Christmas Project for the Welcome House!**

### **Epiphany Dinner**

Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The Lutheran Men and WELCA are providing the meat, bread, and beverages.

If you can, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Worship will follow at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## Lutheran Men

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*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.*

The Lutheran Men will have their monthly meeting and supper on January 9 at 6:00 p.m. Steve Slice is hosting the dinner. Please join us for faith and fellowship.

## Family Promise

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Family Promise is a one-week shelter for families who are temporarily experiencing homelessness. Host churches provide the families with an evening meal, sleeping space and a common area where they can relax together.

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church will be hosting Family Promise the week of **January 14 – January 21 , 2018**. You may sign up online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090448adaf2ca7f85-family1> or sign up on the board in the Narthex for volunteer opportunities for the week, or contact Steve Slice at 803-957-8371 or [SPSlice@yahoo.com](mailto:SPSlice@yahoo.com).



The Young at Heart will be going to Shealy's on January 18. Please meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please call Mary DeHihns at 731-1253.

## Kairos Volunteers Needed

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This is a plea for someone to step up and say, "Here am I; send me!" The call in scripture is to go over to Macedonia and share the good news that God loves each one of his children. The call with Kairos is to go to Broad River Correctional Institute for the Spring Kairos Retreat.

The first team meeting for the April 25-29, 2018 retreat at Broad River will be January 6 at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Lexington.

I hope to attend this retreat. I am deeply concerned that St. Andrew's have another participant to continue our involvement in this very important ministry. Call me, Charles Dawkins at 356-4687 or Lee Breuer at 497-7055.



# Advent Day



We kicked off the season of Advent with a morning of crafts to take home, to decorate the church, and to give to others. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this day a huge success.



## Lights at the Zoo





# Christmas Pageant

The “Time Machine Christmas” Pageant was so much fun. The children did an amazing job and Pastor Trump’s writing was as creative as ever.



## Christmas Caroling



## Lutheran Men’s Christmas Dinner



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# Education

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## **Discipleship Bible Study with Pastor Trump**

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

***Wednesdays in January at 5:30 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 Bible Study**

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

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# Sunday School

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## **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.

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

*by Gordon Neufeld, Gabor Maté*

Beginning January 14, Trent and Joyce Shealy will host this Sunday School class for 4 weeks to present a DVD and discussion on a book called *Hold On to Your Kids*. This could be of interest to parents of children of all ages, and those involved in the Christian education of our children and youth. You will not need to read the book ahead of time.

*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.

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# Lutheran Men Annual Blood Drive

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**Our goal is to save 100 lives...**Every donation saves 3 lives! We need at least 34 donors. Please consider donating blood to the American Red Cross when the Lutheran Men host the annual blood drive on January 28, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Donating blood will take thirty minutes to an hour. If you are an experienced donor, you can register with the Red Cross app or online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Or you can email, text or call Joe Casey at [josephwilliamcasey@gmail.com](mailto:josephwilliamcasey@gmail.com) or 803-556-8263 to set up an appointment if you are a new donor. Walk-ins are welcome!



# Council Highlights

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Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by Richard Shirer. Time was taken for everyone to introduce themselves, since the new council members were also present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Finance reports were received (see article). The “challenge grant” went very well with \$13,000 given “over and above” regular giving. The Pastor’s and Deacon’s reports were received as written. There were no other reports from Teams. Elections were held, and “team assignments” were made (see below). The council decided to have its January retreat on the last weekend in January, and to discuss “security issues” and a possible task force at the January meeting. Paul Osmundson agreed to be the contact person for the Karen Baptist Church. Council closed with prayer concerns.

**President:** Tom Henry  
**Vice President:** Tom Bane  
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**Assistant Treasurer:** Jason Godfrey  
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**Property Team:** Tom Bane

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**Stewardship Team:** Deborah Slice  
**Finance Team:** Phillip Jenkins  
**Christian Education Team:** Melissa Ray  
**Mutual Ministry Team:** Tom Henry  
**Social Ministry Team:** Beth Mullins  
**Youth Team:** Susie Derrick  
**Fellowship Team:** Mari Frye  
**Communication Team:** Paul Osmundson

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## 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](mailto:treasurer@salutheran.com) and your reimbursement will be sent to you. Registration information can be found online at [www.novusway.com](http://www.novusway.com).

**Music Week at Lutheridge** will be held July 8<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup> 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.)*

# Finance

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					Statement of Income and Expense														
					November of Fiscal Year 2017														
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## 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

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## January 7

**Counters:** Mary Ann Jacobs & Dot Meador  
**Greeters:** 8:30 Lib Hartman  
11:00 Shirley Sanders  
**Flowers:** Mary Lynn Tolleson  
**Reader:** 8:30 Becca Kelly, 11:00 Steve Slice  
**Communion Assistant:** 8:30 Theresa Henry  
11:00 Pat DuBose  
**Lay Assistant:** Greer Hendricks  
**Acolyte:** Luke Bradley  
**Crucifer:** John Slice  
**Nursery:** Godfrey  
**Council Collections:** Sybil Long, Joe Casey,  
Claire Birdsong

## January 14

**Counters:** Pat Dubose & Anita Murphy  
**Greeters:** 8:30 Christine Metts  
11:00 Shirley Swanson  
**Flowers:** TBD  
**Reader:** 8:30 Tom Henry, 11:00 Kristine Thompson  
**Communion Assistant:** 8:30 Sharon Berger  
11:00 Buddy Lewis  
**Lay Assistant:** Sarah Potts  
**Acolyte:** Joshua Bruce  
**Crucifer:** Emily Tener  
**Nursery:** Lucas  
**Council Collections:** Sybil Long, Joe Casey,  
Claire Birdsong

## January 21

**Counters:** Bobbie Bell & Kathie Nixon  
**Greeters:** 8:30 Flo Onley  
11:00 Shirley Sanders  
**Flowers:** Robert & Dollie Lunsford  
**Reader:** 8:30 Sheila Goins, 11:00 Ron Walrath  
**Communion Assistant:** 8:30 Mary DeHihns  
11:00 Mandy Glowacki  
**Lay Assistant:** Donna Ray  
**Acolyte:** Thomas Daly  
**Crucifer:** Nathan Mullins  
**Nursery:** Cochrane  
**Council Collections:** Sybil Long, Joe Casey,  
Claire Birdsong

## January 28

**Counters:** Sharon Berger & Barbara Weaver  
**Greeters:** 8:30 Teresa Ratliff  
11:00 Barbara Galarneau, Jean Lail  
**Flowers:** TBD  
**Reader:** 8:30 Theresa Henry, 11:00 Brian Teusink  
**Communion Assistant:** 8:30 Hal Ray  
11:00 John Mackenzie  
**Lay Assistant:** Sheila Goins  
**Acolyte:** Jake Derrick  
**Crucifer:** Alyssa Gagliano  
**Nursery:** Land  
**Council Collections:** Sybil Long, Joe Casey,  
Claire Birdsong

## February 4

**Counters:** Mary Ann Jacobs & Dot Meador  
**Flowers:** TBD  
**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  
**Council Collections:** Phillip Jenkins, Melissa Ray,  
Susie Derrick

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