

ST. ANDREW'S Lutheran Church

June 2018

Welcome Bishop Mbwilo



Join us June 10!

Bishop Mbwilo, of the South-West Diocese of Tanzania, where our sister parish is located, will be RIGHT HERE, on June 10th. Join him for a question and answer period during Sunday School. Find out about our church across the sea from one of its leaders. Then, after church there will be a reception in his honor. This truly is a special event for us. Please join us and celebrate the relationship we share in Christ.



Ramblings from Pastor Trump

There is a big difference between being “naïve” and being “cynical.” I am not naïve to the fact that if you are reading this article, you are in the minority. Nor am I naïve to the fact that one article will not change someone’s life just like that. Cynical is when someone gets upset and angry about such things, and says, “Why don’t they all read this?” The irony is that you end up saying such things to the very ones who are reading and the very ones who might be open to change. I am so thankful that here we seem to be avoiding cynicism even though this church struggles with many of the same things with which other “mainline denomination churches” wrestle. Statistics don’t lie, but they don’t always reveal the truth. Church attendance in America is not what it once was. People who are faithful to the church have more conflicts than they once did. Where once the church was quite literally the center of the village and there was only one church to go to, now there are many choices, and no one is the center. There is a growing distrust of institutions in general. However, I do strongly believe that there are those who long to use changes in our society as an excuse to disengage with the church. The same thing happened at the time of the Reformation. There were many who were less enthralled with the “new church” as they were eager to simply leave the “old church” and be free from all church. I think the challenge for us is to avoid cynicism and remain open to what God is doing in and through God’s people in the world, in the church catholic, and in this community we lovingly call “St. Andrew’s”. The best way to do that, I humbly suggest, is to simply begin with thanksgiving. Give thanks to God for all the blessings in our lives. Give thanks for a community where we can engage in real and meaningful discussions about faith and more. Give thanks for the care and concern shown to one another. Give thanks even for the challenges God puts before us. Rather than ask “who isn’t reading this,” give thanks for those who are. See you Sunday?



History of Lutherans in Tanzania

The Berlin III Missionary Society, also known as the Evangelical Missionary Society for East Africa (EMS), was the first to send Lutheran missionaries from Germany who planted the seed that eventually formed the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Their first missionary station was opened at Kigamboni in Dar es Salaam in 1887. The second team, Berlin I, was also from Germany. They entered Tanganyika from South Africa and settled in the Southern Highlands and opened their first missionary station in 1891 at Ipagika or Pipagika (Wangemannshöhe) in the area that later became ELCT Konde Diocese.

In 1890 Berlin III changed its role and became Bethel Mission and settled in Tanga where it established a mission station at Mbuyukenda. In 1910 the missionaries opened a mission station in Bukoba, Kagera Region while they were planning to go to Rwanda. The third mission society that worked in Tanzania was Leipzig Mission Society, again from Germany. This society entered the country in 1893 and opened its first station at Kidia, Old Moshi, in Kilimanjaro region.

This mission activity continued to bear fruit in spite of the interruptions of the Hehe/German War in 1891, the Majimaji war of 1905/6, the 1st World War 1914-1918 and later on the 2nd World War of 1939-1945. By 1938, there were seven churches in Tanganyika, as the country was known at that time. In 1938, the churches formed a federation known as the Federation of Lutheran Churches in Tanganyika.

On June 19, 1963, the seven Churches, under the umbrella of a federation, merged to become synods and dioceses of a single Church, known as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanganyika. The following year, when the union with Zanzibar produced a change of the national name to Tanzania, the Church was renamed the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

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 and Pat Blackwell
- † Maria and Joe Casey, parents of Joe Casey
- † Mark Henning, brother of Kathie Nixon
- † Stephen Finger, friend of Jan Bass
- † Sandra Ouzts, sister of Debra Ouzts
- † Deborah Bumgarner, mother of Alyson Shirer
- † Joe Fricker, father of Melissa Ray
- † Keith Ray, brother of Hank Ray
- † Michael Kelly, father of Brendon Kelly
- † Billy South, son of Patsy South
- † Sally Thompson, sister-in-law of Patsy South

Members in Extended Care

- † James Baldwin, Lowman Home
- † Margie Shealy, Lowman Home
- † Adrian Trexler, The Brian Center
- † Madge Bartsch, Generations in Chapin, S.C.
- † Marian Reeves, Generations in Chapin, S.C.

Members with health concerns

- † Marjorie Fulmer, undergoing cancer treatments
- † Rachel Potts, undergoing cancer treatments

Homebound

- † Sarah Cook
- † Martha Ferguson
- † Lois Fulmer
- † Pete Cox



Deepest Sympathy

Our prayers are with the Teusink family, upon the death of Barb's mother, Judy Jungers, on May 11.

Thank You Notes...

We have received thank you notes from InAsMuch and E. E. Taylor, to name a few. All notes are posted on the bulletin board in the gathering area if you would like to stop by and read them.

Memorials...

In memory of Iva Metze, by the Living Water Circle.
 In memory of Alice Tompson, by Margie Miles.
 In memory of Donald and Becky Fulmer, by Miller Shealy, Sr.
 In memory of Bill and Linda Sease, by Miller Shealy, Sr.
 In memory of Iva Metze, by Miller Shealy, Sr.



Birthday Blessings

Brittany Lucas	6/1	Abigail Gates	6/8	Edward Amodio	6/22
Dana Robinson	6/2	August Potts	6/8	Donna Ray	6/25
Bernice Sims	6/2	Frances Sims	6/9	R. Chip Brazell	6/26
Becca Kelly	6/3	Susie Derrick	6/10	Bert LaSalle	6/27
Jonohn Taylor	6/3	Karen Scott	6/11	Chris Watson	6/27
Jamie Lucas	6/4	Bailey Derrick	6/14	Kaitlin Huffstetler	6/28
J. Martin Breuer	6/6	Edward Fulmer	6/14	Tom Bane	6/30
Martha Ferguson	6/6	Bill South	6/14	Janet Coleman	6/30
Theresa Henry	6/6	Audrey Free	6/16		
Robert Lunsford	6/6	Elena Thomasson	6/20		
Renee Tokunaga-Mulvihill	6/6	Ron Althoff	6/22		
Beth Trump	6/6	David Shaw	6/22		

Cemetery Committee

The Cemetery Committee needs new members to help it with administering the church's cemetery, which is located at 407 St. Andrews Road. At present, it has only 4 members.

The Committee's responsibilities include:

- Maintaining the cemetery grounds (mostly through a paid landscaper);
- Helping church members to select and mark plots for their burial planning;
- Verifying that persons are active or non-active church members or are non-members with family ties that qualify for burial in cemetery;
- Prior to a funeral, locating the specific grave where the deceased is to be buried, marking the grave's boundaries, and giving written permission to the funeral company to open the grave; and
- Directing parking for graveside services.

It is helpful for a Committee member to have a flexible schedule because burials and funerals arise on short notice. Such tasks as marking graves and directing parking must often be done on weekdays during regular business hours.

If you would like to serve St. Andrew's Lutheran in this way, please contact the Cemetery Committee chair, Bobbie Bell, at (803) 360-5115 or bbell58617@aol.com.

“One Year to Live” — *by Charles Dawkins*

Lutheran Men of South Carolina are sponsoring the spiritual retreat “One Year to Live” again September 21–23 at Tracy's Camp in Pinewood, S.C. I have a brochure if anyone would be interested in seeing it. The cost is \$150.00 for the retreat.

Call Pastor Dawkins at 803-356-4687 for more information.

Congratulations to Our Graduates!



Zach Bane graduated from Clemson University in December with a Bachelors degree in Accounting. He will be attending Clemson Graduate School seeking a Masters in Accounting and CPA.

Brittany Lucas graduated with a B.S. degree in Science and Biology from Presbyterian College and will attend grad school at USC in the fall pursuing a masters in Special Education.

Benjamin Slice graduated from Clemson University with a B.S. in Environmental and Natural Resources.

Groups



The **Joint Meeting** of both circles will be held at Oceanview Restaurant on Knox Abbot Drive on Thursday, June 7 at 11:00 a.m.

This meeting is very important! It will be delicious, interesting and fun!

Thanks for a great WELCA Sunday on May 20.

The quilts were amazing, Patsy South was honored, and delightful refreshments were enjoyed in the Parlor.

Thanks to the Agape Circle and the Living Water Circle for the wonderful variety of treats provided for our enjoyment, in honor of our graduates.

(Special thanks to those individuals who noted our attempts to cooperate with the recycling program by placing your empty cups, plates and napkins in the designated spots. This was our first time to try this.)

SC Synod Convention is almost here--June 8-9. We will be well represented by Mary Ann Jacobs, Patsy South, Sharon Berger and Virginia Franklin. Thank you for your help with donated items for the Convention, There is still time to donate. Items will be delivered on June 8.



Young at Heart

The YOUNG AT HEART will meet on Thursday, June 21, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will have quiche and salad. Please bring a covered dish to share. If you have any questions, please call Mary DeHihns at 731-1253.

Lutheran Men in Mission

The Mission of the Men at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church is to find community among one another, support one another along our journeys of Faith, and to share our resources, talents, and abilities in the mission of our congregation.

In Case You Missed Last Month....

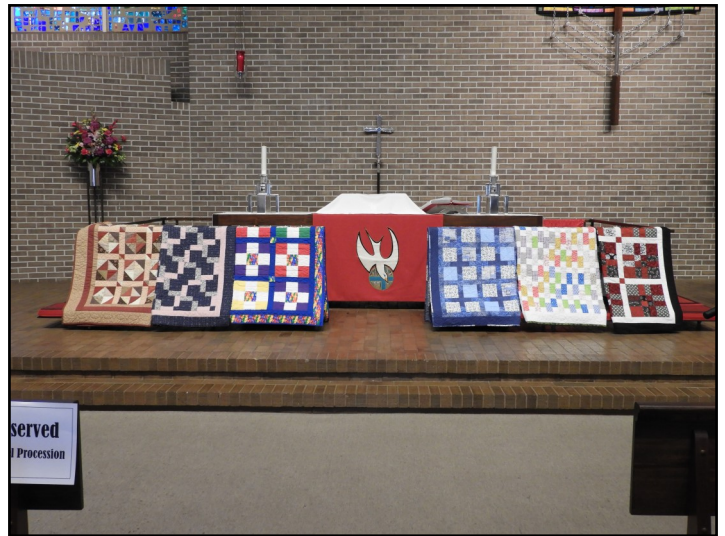
Miller and Trent Shealy hosted our dinner and cooked steaks, rice, sweet potatoes, and apple pie. Shawn Skillman shared his Faith Journey. We studied 1 Kings Chapter 12 "A Kingdom Divided." We had some really great conversation and shared our interpretations of the story. We discussed our upcoming Lutheran Men event and talked about the retreat we had in April. We told some jokes, busted some chops, and said some prayers!

Join Us on June 12!

Please join us on June 12, 2018 @ 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall for dinner. We are doing a Bible study with our Lutheran Men Builders Bible. First time coming to Lutheran Men? Let us buy you dinner. Please contact Joe Casey @ 803-556-8263 for any questions or concerns.

Come see the great things the Lutheran Men are doing each month!

Pentecost Sunday...



The graduating high school seniors received quilts from the **WELCA** quilting group on May 20. The ladies of the quilting group worked all year on these beautiful creations for our students and the quilts will serve as a reminder that the students are always wrapped in God's love and the love of their church family.



Patsy South was honored by the ladies of WELCA and Kaylee Schodowski was confirmed.



Youth (7th - 12th graders)



Sunday, June 3

12:00 p.m. - Water Wagon to Finley park and then out to lunch.
Bring lunch money.

Tuesday, June 12 - Carowinds

Please let Sandra Holland know by June 4 if you plan to join us so she can buy the tickets online before we go. The cost is \$45 per person. It may work out that the price drops if we can find other discounts or if we have enough for a group rate. We will meet at the church to leave at 8:30 a.m. and will return to the church at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to bring swimsuit, towel, sunscreen and money for lunch in the park.

June 17 - 22 - WOW in Knoxville, TN.

June 27 - July 1 - ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, TX.



Vacation Bible School 2018

July 22 - July 26

If you would like to volunteer to help,
please email Sandra Holland at
sholland@salutheran.com or Susie Derrick
at robbieandsusie@aol.com



***We rejoice with the
following who will be
baptized on June 3:***

Gillian Gilmer (parents,
Amanda and Jack Gilmer)

Foster Hastie (parents, Celita
and Kenny Hastie)

Grant Erd

Faith is Seeing For Me

A contemporary worship service, led by Keenan Shealy

Don't miss it! June 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Keenan Shealy is organizing and leading a contemporary worship service at our church on June 13 at 6:30 p.m. You and your families are invited to attend. Keenan would like to use this as an opportunity to share her journey and her story with you and give you the experience of the contemporary worship that she loves! Keenan and her parents, Joyce and Trent, would love to see you there!

Finance

					St. Andrew's Lutheran Church														
					Statement of Income and Expense														
					April of Fiscal Year 2018														
					Fund: 01 - General														

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.

Education

Discipleship Bible Study with Pastor Trump **Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.**

Bible study continues through June. You can join us at any time. We are considering the book of ACTS. This book is filled with wonderful stories and great insights into the church then and now. Join us!

Retired and Restless Bible Study **Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.**

At these studies we examine the lessons for the upcoming Sunday. This is for ANYONE who can join us.

Adult Sunday School

Connections Class will be continuing a seven week series titled SEVEN STORIES. Most of us struggle with the violence in scripture. The introduction from this book states: “The course of study provided here shows how Jesus’ teaching and practice of nonviolence are rooted in the deepest and most dynamic levels of the Old Testament, and ultimately are nothing less than the full revelation of the Biblical God and God’s plan for us. Divine nonviolence is the core of the Bible’s journey of revelation, from Eden to the New Jerusalem.” For those who are interested in learning more about the approach you may Google “Girard” or “Girardian”.

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.

Beloved Ministries — *by Charles Dawkins*

Three members of St. Andrew’s attended the quarterly meeting of our district Lutheran Men at Living Springs on May 7. The program introduced a new ministry to us: “BELOVED MINISTRIES.” This non-denominational outreach is to offer Sunday School to handicapped children (autism, epilepsy, Tourette’s syndrome, and other handicaps). The ministry is offered once a month and information can be found on Facebook (Beloved Ministries). Volunteers, money gifts, and food for the meetings are needed. Your sharing this information with needy families would be a blessing. Pastor Mikki Gay of the South Carolina Synod serves on the board. The greatest expense for the ministry is the state requirement for a licensed therapist to attend the monthly gatherings. — *by Charles Dawkins*

Regrets — *by Charles Dawkins*

How disturbing it was that the riots and deaths at Lee Correctional Institute occurred. This put the South Carolina system on lock-down and brought the cancellation of the spring Kairos retreat at Broad River.

Some of you had already shared cookies for the planned retreat. Thank you for your faithfulness! Those cookies were shared with our Welcome House guests and with Transitions in Columbia.

The chaplains’ office at Broad River has urged the Kairos team to plan for the retreat this fall.

Council Highlights

Tom Henry, President, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The devotion was led by Deborah Slice. The minutes were approved and the agenda set with new business. Reports were accepted from Pastor Trump and Deacon Sandra Holland. Tom Henry spoke toward the Finance Report. He noted that giving was more than actual and budgeted expenses in April (which included Easter Sunday) but that we are still behind for the year. An appeal letter will be mailed out May 18, communicating the importance of continuing generous giving practices during the summer/vacation months and encouraging the use of online giving.

Sybil Long shared an inspiring and encouraging story of members during Operation InAsMuch and through the Property Team helping members in need, which results in the strengthening of connections and relationships.

Council approved a motion to approve the confirmation of Kaylee Schodowski.

Council approved a motion to welcome Kris and Stacey Joannes as new members of the St. Andrew's Lutheran Church congregation.

Council approved a motion to move the August 16, 2018, Congregational Council meeting date to August 23.

Council approved a motion to invite Mitzi Schafer, regional gift planner with the ELCA Foundation, to the September 2018 Council meeting to talk about resources and services the foundation offers related to financial education and planned giving. Ms. Schafer would be given the 6-7 p.m. hour to present information and answer questions about available services. Council approved the motion and Sandra will extend the invitation.

Pastor Trump led a discussion of Part 2 of the book Shift by Mark Tidsworth and closed the meeting with prayer.



4th Annual Night Out At the Ballpark

hosted by the Lutheran Men

Please join the Lutheran Men for the Fourth Annual "Night Out at the Ballpark" on Friday, June 29, 2018, to see the Columbia Fireflies at Spirit Communications Park. The game begins at 7:05 p.m. and there will be fireworks after the game. The ballpark is family friendly, so bring everyone! We have reserved a group of tickets along the third base line and tickets are \$10 apiece (The seats are also near the Kids Zone). Parking is \$3 and many of our seats will be in the shade. Each ticket will come with a FREE food voucher courtesy of the Lutheran Men! We look forward to growing in Faith and Fellowship with you. Please see Joe Casey for tickets or questions.

Ministry Reminders

June 3

Counters: Mary Ann Jacobs, Dot Meador

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Bernice Sims

11:00 a.m. Buddy Lewis

Reader: 8:30 a.m. Sharon Berger

11:00 a.m. Steve Slice

Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Lula Wilson

11:00 a.m. John Mackenzie

Lay Assistant: Sarah Potts

Acolyte: Sam Roma

Crucifer: Caroline Shirer

Nursery: Amanda Smith

Grounds: (June 2) Jay Folk, Ron Walrath

Council Collections: Melissa Ray, Susie Derrick,
Phillip Jenkins

Recycling: Jay and Tracy Folk

June 10

Counters: Pat Dubose, Anita Murphy

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Tom & Theresa Henry

11:00 a.m. Cathy Jordan

Reader: 8:30 a.m. Tom Henry

11:00 a.m. Kristine Thompson

Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Theresa Henry

11:00 a.m. Deborah Slice

Lay Assistant: Phillip Jenkins

Acolyte: Gracie Daly

Crucifer: Will Shirer

Nursery: Whanna Bouknight

Grounds: (June 9) Tom Bane

Council Collections: Melissa Ray, Susie Derrick,
Phillip Jenkins

Recycling: Beth Mullins

June 17

Counters: Bobbie Bell, Susan Beeler

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Lib Hartman

11:00 a.m. Chris & Jenny Land

Reader: 8:30 a.m. Theresa Henry

11:00 a.m. Ron Walrath

Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Tom Henry

11:00 a.m. Steve Slice

Lay Assistant: Judy Venturella

Acolyte: Makenna Schodowski

Crucifer: George Schodowski

Nursery: Sarah Holland

Grounds: (June 16) Beth Mullins, Jason Godfrey

Council Collections: Melissa Ray, Susie Derrick,
Phillip Jenkins

Recycling: Whanna Bouknight

June 24

Counters: Sharon Berger, Barbara Weaver

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Mary DeHihns

11:00 a.m. Mary Ann Jacobs

Reader: 8:30 a.m. Hal Ray

11:00 a.m. Brian Teusink

Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Sharon Berger

11:00 a.m. Kristine Thompson

Lay Assistant: Beth Mullins

Acolyte: Rebecca LaSalle

Crucifer: Kaylee Schodowski

Nursery: Claire and Layne Birdsong

Grounds: (June 23) Steve Slice, Robert Luther

Council Collections: Melissa Ray, Susie Derrick,
Phillip Jenkins

Recycling: Josh & Paulene Cruse

July 1

Counters: Mary Ann Jacobs, Dot Meador

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Linwood and Carolyn Swittenberg

11:00 a.m. Judy Moir

Reader: 8:30 a.m. Sharon Berger

11:00 a.m. Cody Jones

Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Hal Ray

11:00 a.m. Pat Dubose

Lay Assistant: Kasarah Boiter

Acolyte: Michael Berger

Crucifer: Eric Young

Nursery: Erin Johnson and Shawn Skillman

Grounds: (June 30) TBD

Council Collections: Tom Henry, Paul Osmundson,
Deborah Slice

Recycling: Chris and Jessica Daly

Don't Forget

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