

ST. ANDREW'S Lutheran Church

May 2018

God's Spirit Covers the World

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured out on all nations. The disciples were understood in many languages. Quilts are a wonderful image because of their varied colors and patterns of the diversity of God's word and of the many peoples on whom the spirit was bestowed. The quilt will be our Pentecost image this year, and there will be some very creative, fun, exciting elements of worship, with a special guest choir along with our own at the 11:00 service.

We hope you JOIN US!

Sunday, May 20

A Word from Pastor Trump

Where Are You?

Here's a funny thing. On the first Easter a few people gathered and from there those who came together grew and grew. The opposite seems to have happened here. We had a nice crowd on Easter, but many people have been missing since then. Hopefully there are nice reasons like family commitments, trips and such. If there are any concerns I should know about, please contact me. If you are just being a little lazy, well, let's change that. Obviously I believe with all my heart that worship is central in our lives. It is where we hear a word of hope and promise, in a world of tweets and texts that often leave us confused and frustrated. We gather with people with whom we might not agree about many things, but with whom we share a love of God's gospel of reconciliation and grace. See you on Sunday.



FINANCIAL FACT: The church must operate when you are not here. Please make sure that you keep up your faithful giving even when you cannot attend worship. Without you, God's ministry in and through this place is simply not possible.

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
- n Rachel Potts, undergoing cancer treatments

Homebound

- ♣ Sarah Cook
- Martha Ferguson
- ♣ Lois Fulmer
- ₱ Pete Cox

Deepest Sympathy...

Our prayers are with the Wanek family, upon the death of Amanda Wanek.

Our prayers are with the Metze family, upon the death of Iva Metze.

Our prayers are with the Sease family, upon the death of Bill and Linda Sease.

Our prayers are with the Fulmer family, upon the death of Donald and Becky Fulmer.

Blessings!

Congratulations to Michael and James Ann Sheley upon the birth of their granddaughter, Millie Bowers Lynch, who was born on Easter Sunday.

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Hannah and Ally Montgomery! Hannah won first place at the S.C. State Meet in February in the 11-12 girls 50 breaststroke. She also earned 2nd in the 100 breaststroke and 3rd in the 200 breaststroke. Her relay team finished 2nd in the 200 medley and 200 freestyle relays.

A month later in March, Hannah won the 11-12 50 breaststroke at the Eastern Section Southern Zone Age Group at Georgia Tech in the 1996 Olympic pool. She finished 5th in the 100 breaststroke and 11th in the 200 breaststroke.

Ally was accepted to the S.C. Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities Summer Academy program for Drama for rising 10th graders.

Way to go, girls!!!

Thank You....

Dear friends in Christ,

Thank you for the prayers, cards, food, and kind words during Amanda's passing. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family to get us through this heartbreaking and difficult time. God bless you all.

Damien Wanek and children, and the entire Lucas family

Dear St. Andrew's church family,

I jumped up and down and squealed when Operation Inasmuch came to my house on April 14. Bert LaSalle came with an excavator, Tom Bane, Sybil Long, Chris and Mary Watson and their son, Noah. Their hearts were as big as Texas! The tree that fell in 2015 is now a memorial stump.

Thank you so much! Bernice Sims

To the members of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church,

Thank you very much for your support! I am a first-year student at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, and a recipient of funds from your endowment. I hope to be an ELCA pastor in a few years. Without your generous support, I certainly would not be able to attend seminary. So, it is with deep gratitude and much appreciation that I say again....THANK YOU!

Sincerely, Christopher Shealy

Honorariums and Memorials

In honor of Robert and Dollie Lunsford, by a friend.

In honor of Miller Shealy's 90th birthday, by Martha and Ben Miller, Molly and Susannah.

In memory of Corrine Crook, by Gloria and Ed Bruce.

In memory of Donald and Becky Fulmer, by Nancy K. Harman.

In memory of Charles Thompson, by Margie A. Miles.

In memory of Donald and Becky Fulmer, by Lib Hartman.

In memory of Iva Metze, by WELCA.

In memory of Bill and Linda Sease, by Claude and Barbara Galarneau.

In memory of Iva Metze, by Claude and Barbara Galarneau.



Youth (7th - 12th graders)



Sunday, May 6

12:00 p.m.— Lunch and Family Promise set- up. 1:30-3:00 p.m. — Confirmation Class 5:00-7:00 p.m.—High School Youth Gathering Bible Study

Sunday May 20

11:00 a.m.— Quilt Sunday for High School seniors 12:00 p.m.— Lunch and Nurf war games



Mark your calendars!

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



Ladies Book Club

Date: Friday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in being a part of this group or would like more information, please contact Jenny

Land at (803) 741-4641.

Backpack Update

We will be packing backpacks for E.E. Taylor on Sunday, May 6, 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 or call 803-727-6962 or email paigewalrath@yahoo.com

New Landscaping

Have you noticed the "new look" of the circle in the front of the church? Landscaping was given by the women of St. Andrew's (WELCA) to the glory of God.

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Groups



Agape Circle will meet Wednesday, May 2, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Living Water Circle will meet Thursday, May 3, at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room. Come join us for fun and fellowship!

A big thank you to the Agape and Living Water Circles for a rewarding Inasmuch Project on April 9. Teachers and staff at E.E. Taylor Elementary School each received a box lunch, funded by circle participants, and a hand-signed note of appreciation.

Our 2018 Convention Project is for Lutheran Services Carolinas-Love One Another Campaign. A box for donations will be placed in the Gathering Area for all who would like to help. A list of items being collected will be on the box. Items will be delivered to the Convention, to be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, on June 8-9.

The Convention Global Project is to collect monetary donations for our sister synod in Tanzania to buy and replace furnishings for girls' dormitories damaged by fire. All checks should be made out to WELCA.

A LOOK AHEAD

The joint meeting of both circles will be on Thursday, June 7, at 11:00 a.m. Details will follow.

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.

Last Month at Lutheran Men....

Claude Galarneau cooked phenomenal Chicken Pot pies; Tom Henry shared his faith journey; Charles Dawkins led the group through a Bible Study; the group discussed Inasmuch, our upcoming retreat plans, and plans for the 4th Annual Night Out at the Ballpark. We told jokes, busted some chops, and said some prayers!

Please join us on May 15, 2018 @ 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall for dinner. Miller and Trent Shealy are cooking and 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!

Join us for the Lutheran Men Retreat - May 4 & 5, 2018 This retreat is open for ALL men at St. Andrew's.

On May the Fourth (Be With You), the Lutheran Men are going to Camp Kinard for a Men's Retreat. The Retreat will begin at 5:00 p.m. and end by noon on Saturday. We will even have a fun activity after the retreat as well. Even if you do not regularly attend Lutheran Men meetings, you are MORE than welcomed to attend.

This retreat is for all men in the congregation of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. Please contact Darrick Williams at (803) 237-0013 or

John McKenzie at (803) 288-3895 for information or questions.

Education

Discipleship Bible Study with Pastor Trump

Wednesdays 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! We are just now starting the book of ACTS. This is a wonderful opportunity to dig deeper into scripture. You will be asked to read about five chapters a week. That requires oh, about the time it takes to watch a sitcom.

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 starting 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.

SOME FACTS ABOUT BIBLE STUDY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

- When you come to a class you are not making a forever commitment. Yes, we will follow up with you when you miss, but it is okay to come for one topic and not another.
- You may miss a class. Everyone does.
- You do not have to talk. You may be asked to, politely, but not forced to.
- You will not look "dumb." One of the most amazing things people say is: "I don't want to come to Bible study because I don't know enough about the Bible." Huh???
- You will get to know people. They will get to know you.
- You will not get all the answers for life. However, you will join others in exploring the questions.
- Jesus was a teacher. Teaching is important. His disciples were students.



The YOUNG AT HEART will meet on Thursday, May 17, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish to share. Bingo and other silliness abounds! Come have a good time! If you have any questions, please call Mary DeHihns at 731-1253.

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Council Highlights

Opening

Tom Henry called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The devotion was led by Melissa Ray. Minutes of the March 2018 meeting were approved.

Guest Presentation

Janet Boatwright, representing Lutheran Services Carolinas, gave a presentation on LSC's three-year campaign, "Love One Another," to raise funds for LSC's foster care, disaster response, refugee and veterans' services as well as supported living services for those with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. LSC is asking individual congregations to commit to five- to six-week fund-raising campaigns in support of this effort. St. Andrew's has been identified by LSC as a congregation capable of raising up to \$12,599 over a three-year period based on church membership and attendance, which amounts to approximately \$25 per year per active family/individual member. Pastor Trump reminded the group that Council just last month voted to share Lent and Christmas offerings with LSC for the next three years, which could mean that we already would be contributing half of the requested three-year total. Council approved a motion to make a non-binding commitment to raise \$12,599 for LSC over the next three years (to include Lent and Christmas offerings already pledged) with Beth Mullins as our congregation's campaign leader.

Reports

- Pastor Trump's report was accepted as distributed. He asked Council members to read Part 2 of Mark Tidsworth's book *Shift* for discussion at the May meeting.
- Sandra Holland's report was accepted as distributed. She encouraged all to participate in Inasmuch projects throughout April as able.

Finance

• Tom Henry noted the lack of improvement in the church's financial status over the past month and suggested that Council work on (1) educating members of the congregation of the different ways to give (including instructions for contributing online), (2) reminding members that, while other commitments may take them away from worship on certain Sundays, it is helpful not to lapse in weekly giving, and (3) emphasizing to members that for St. Andrew's to meet budgeted expenses it is necessary to receive an income of \$40,000 per month. Tom has drafted a letter that is being reviewed by the Stewardship Committee and Pastor Trump and will be mailed to the congregation in the coming weeks.

Cemetery Committee

• Claire Birdsong emphasized the information in her written report (see Agenda) that additional people are needed to be part of the Cemetery Committee because there are now only three active members available weekdays to help with funeral preparation and logistics. Layne Birdsong is drafting a request for assistance to be published in the congregational newsletter.

Communications

Paul Osmundson reported that the Communications Team has investigated and will be launching an online version
of the church directory that can be viewed using a smart-phone application OR can be printed for members' use. The
computer app will cost \$6.50 per month and would come out of the office expenses cost center. This type of
technology will allow the directory to be updated in real time and will be easily accessible to members who have
downloaded the app. Information about these plans will be included in the next monthly newsletter.

New Business

• Council approved a motion to (1) increase monthly compensation for a musical ensemble leader to \$250 (a \$50/month increase) and (2) to offer the position for the coming year to Matt Canniff-Kesecker, an LTSS seminarian who will be returning from internship this summer and who could begin work at St. Andrew's at the beginning of August, should he accept the opportunity.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 17, at 7 p.m.

New Church Pictorial Directory

It's time again to publish a new church pictorial directory and we'd like to repeat the process used for the last one by having members send in their favorite family photo for inclusion. Many of you were spotted smiling for cameras by the flowered Easter cross earlier this month. It would be so easy get those pictures off your phones and into the directory by emailing officemgr@salutheran.com!

An even easier means would be to have your family's photo taken by one of the Communications Team after worship services during the month of May. We'll be in the narthex and gathering area ready to capture you in your Sunday best.

We want all of our members to be included and will be making visits to our shut-ins so they too can continue to be recognized as a beautiful part of our community. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with this service, please let Beth Mullins or Paul Osmundson know.

Graduating Seniors Receiving Quilts May 20

The following seniors will be receiving handmade quilts from WELCA on May 20.

Micah Aebischer will graduate from Brookland-Cayce High School and will attend Clemson University in the fall.

Donna Birdsong will graduate from Irmo High School and will attend USC Honors in the fall. **Matthew Hawkins** will graduate from Dutch Fork High School and will attend USC in the fall.

Lindy Player will graduate from Spring Hills High School and will attend Anderson University in the fall.

John Slice will graduate from River Bluff High School and will attend USC in the fall.

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Emily Tener will graduate from Dutch Fork High School and will attend Midlands Tech in the fall.

Volunteers Needed for Food Bank

Virginia Wingard UMC is looking for volunteers to go each week to pick up food from Harvest Hope and Walmart on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Volunteers are also needed to work the food pantry on Tuesday through Thursday from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

If you feel led to help in some way, please contact Scott Smoak at (803) 315-9087 or email him at swsmoak@umcsc.org.

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Reagan Bouknight	5/11
M. Ryan Coleman	5/11
Kevin Althoff	5/12
Madge Bartsch	5/12
Jessica Land	5/14
Amy Thomasson	5/14
Damian Wanek	5/14
Zoey Patel	5/16
Brian Teusink	5/16
Caroline Varco	5/16
Sean Glowacki	5/18
George Metts	5/19
Joel Lucas	5/20
Sara von Schweinitz	5/20

Linda Althoff	5/21
Benjamin Godfrey	5/21
David Hanford	5/21
Lois Fulmer	5/23
Sarah Potts	5/24
Brenda Paschal	5/25
Joanne Taylor	5/26
Jason Bradley	5/27
Brendon Kelly	5/27
Jeanne Thompson	5/28
Sarah Sloan	5/31
Bob Venturella	5/31

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Welcome New Members!



Grant and Andrea Erd

Andrea is a professional oboist and band teacher. Grant is an elementary art teacher who also plays the drums. They were high school sweethearts, and have been married for almost 2 years. They have two goofy dog daughters.

Cody and Meredith Jones

Cody is a music teacher at Jackson Creek Elementary School and Meredith is a 4th grade teacher at Forest Lake Elementary. They love the outdoors, reading and traveling. Both are former church musicians.





John Bass, Jr.

John looks forward to building relationships at St. Andrew's that will deepen his relationship with God, family and friends. His wife, Jan, has been a member of St. Andrew's for many years. His hobbies include hiking, camping, riding his motorcycle, walking outdoors and family.

David, McKenna (Hughes) and Connor Bare

David joins us after marrying our own McKenna Hughes, who grew up here at St. Andrew's! They both love softball and spending time with their beautiful son, Connor.





Grace Day

Grace is a graduate student at USC and is looking forward to getting to know the community at St. Andrew's. Her hobbies include cooking, running and watching hockey (go Columbus Blue Jackets!)



Jada Mitchell

Jada came to St. Andrew's with Darrick and Kelly Williams and their kids. Jada is originally from Indiana, but has lived in Columbia over 10 years. She works in Human Resources and has found our church family to be very welcoming!

Finance

		St. And	rew's Lutheran	Church	
		Stateme	nt of Income and	Expense	
		Ma	rch of Fiscal Year 20	018	
			Fund: 01 - General	ı	
			March	2018 YTD	
			Actual	Actual	
	Current and Be	nevolence Giving	\$ 36,400.93	\$ 102,164.51	
		Expenses	\$ 48,052.30	\$ 122,798.96	
	Expenses ur	nder (over) Giving	\$ (11,651.37)	\$ (20,634.45)	
	Current and Ba	nevolence Giving	\$ 36,400.93	\$102,164.51	
	Current and be	-	\$ 48,854.12		
	Civing (up	Budget		\$ 128,562.36	
	Giving (un	der) over Budget	\$ (12,453.19)	\$ (26,397.85)	
Funds received in 2018 Thrivent Principal Payments in 2018		\$ 10,290.36 \$ (6,733.47)			
Thrivent Interest Payments in 2018			\$ (1,582.53)		
Curre	ent Debt Retireme	nt Fund Balance	\$ 20,716.87		
Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance as of 1/1/18		151,182.13			
Principal Payments in 2018		(6,733.47)			
Current (Outstanding Thrive	nt Loan Balance	144,448.66		
	The principal	d interest naves	o on the Thirty I	on are not from	
		d interest payment			
	the Deb	t 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.

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Ministry Reminders

Counters: Mary Ann Jacobs, Dot Meador

Flowers: Land

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Teresa Ratliff

11:00 a.m. Shirley Swason Reader: 8:30 a.m. Theresa Henry

11:00 a.m. Kara Montgomery

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

11:00 a.m. Pat DuBose

Lay Assistant: Sandra Holland

Acolyte: Carter Godfrey Crucifer: Nathan Mullins **Nursery:** Carol Cochrane

Grounds: (May 5) Darrin Player, Bart Berger Council Collections: Joe Casey, Claire Birdsong,

Sybil Long

Recycling: Josh & Paulene Cruse

May 13

Counters: Pat Dubose, Anita Murphy

Flowers: Varco

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Sandra Ringer

11:00 a.m. Shirley Sanders

Reader: 8:30 a.m. Hal Ray

11:00 a.m. Youth

Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Mary DeHihns

11:00 a.m. Youth

Lay Assistant: Jay Folk **Acolyte:** Jake Semones Crucifer: Alyssa Gagliano

Nursery: Trisha and Tim Grambow

Grounds: (May 12) John Mackenzie, Bryan Potts Council Collections: Joe Casey, Claire Birdsong,

Sybil Long

Recycling: Chris and Jessica Daly

May 20

Counters: Bobbie Bell, Susan Beeler

Flowers: Keith Marsh

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Sharon Berger

11:00 a.m. Sybil Long

Reader: 8:30 a.m. Becca Kelly

11:00 a.m. Sybil Long

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

11:00 a.m. Buddy Lewis

Lay Assistant: Ron Walrath Acolyte: Ben Godfrey

Crucifer: Christa LaSalle **Nursery:** Deb and Justin Varco

Grounds: (May 19) Chris Daly, Jay Montgomery Council Collections: Joe Casey, Claire Birdsong,

Sybil Long

Recycling: Mari Frye

Counters: Sharon Berger, Barbara Weaver

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Lula Wilson

11:00 a.m. Barbara Falarneau, Jean Lail

Reader: 8:30 a.m. Mary DeHihns

11:00 a.m. Deborah Slice

Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Mandy Glowacki

Lay Assistant: Jay Folk **Acolyte:** William Cochrane Crucifer: Maliya Scott

Nursery: Elizabeth and Rob Roma

Grounds: (May 26) Jason Godfrey, Beth Mullins Council Collections: Joe Casey, Claire Birdsong,

Sybil Long

Recycling: Hal and Melissa Ray

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 Nurserv: Amanda Smith

Grounds: (June 2) Jay Folk, Ron Walrath

Council Collections: Melissa Ray, Susie Derrick,

Phillip Jenkins

Recycling: Jay and Tracy Folk



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