

ST. ANDREW'S Lutheran Church

August 2018

KICK-OFF SUNDAY AUGUST 19

Please join us for the start of a
new Sunday School year!

Children and youth will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. for music and then will be dismissed to classes.



Blessing of the Backpacks

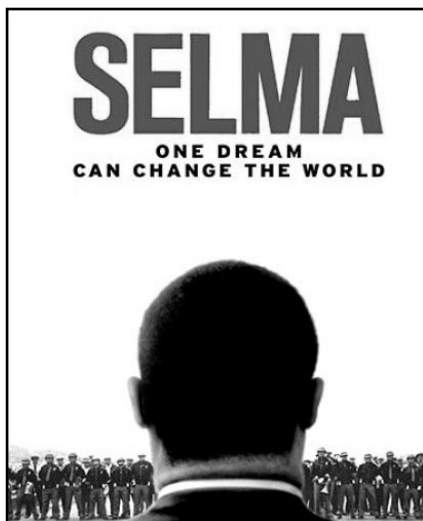
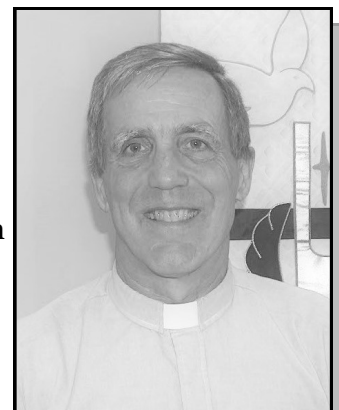
Sunday, August 19 at 11:00 a.m.

All students are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church August 19 for a blessing. As you come in, please place your backpack by the baptismal font at the front of the church. It will be blessed during the service as we pray for all the students, teachers and the new school year.



Mark your calendars for the Selma Day of Holy Listening

What is holy listening? The DAY OF HOLY LISTENING began in response to the Charleston shootings. It has been headed up and led by our Bishop, Herman Yoos, in coordination with many other churches, primarily AME communities. The Bishop felt called, as we all need to be called, to do something in response other than pray. Prayer is critical. God hears our prayers. However, how can we hear one another?



We are very divided in our country, especially along racial lines. At this day described in this newsletter, we all get to go to a movie, at a movie theater. We will watch the powerful critically acclaimed movie SELMA with people of different racial backgrounds, then walk a few yards to Redeemer Lutheran and eat supper together, while talking about what we experienced in the movie. Most critically we try to listen to one another. We try to hear the other. We try to WHOLLY listen as well as practice HOLY LISTENING. If you asked me what “Holy Listening” means I would say it is listening with compassion and empathy, without judgement but open to the other’s experience. What might you say?

As your pastor I want to strongly encourage people to attend this event. Do not kid yourself. We need it. This society is not “over” racism, and neither is our church.

Let’s Rejoice!

We rejoice with The Rev. Paul Aebischer regarding his call to be pastor at Ebenezer Lutheran Church here in Columbia. Paul has been serving the ELCA as a representative of Portico, the health and pension benefit arm of the church. His wife, The Rev. Ginny Aebischer, serves as Assistant to the Bishop here in South Carolina. This of course means we will lose Paul and Ginny in our pew on Sunday. This is Ebenezer’s gain, but our loss. He will start by September.

Tables of Grace

This food and fellowship ministry will start up again in September. If you have been involved in the past, no need to sign up again, we have you down. You may “opt out” if you are not interested in being a part of this round. If you have not participated, please sign up by contacting Tracy Folk at tracy1961@gmail.com. If you’d be willing to host of group of 6 or 8, let her know that as well. You never have to host to participate, but if you do decide to host, everyone can bring things to contribute to the meal. The host gets to decide the details. The group as a whole picks a date sometime during a 2 or 3 month time frame. It’s quite simple, but it serves an important purpose of getting church folks together who don’t know each other. Thank you to Jay and Tracy Folk for shepherding this ministry.

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 Casey, mom of Joe Casey
- † 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
- † Sally Thompson, sister-in-law of Patsy South
- † Jamie Sanders, daughter of Shirley Sanders
- † Janette Gardner, aunt of Vickie Barfield
- † Phil Johnson, cousin of Vickie Barfield
- † Paulene Pierce, mother of Kimberly Von Schweinitz
- † Gene Huffstetler, uncle of Carol Cochrane
- † Betsy Friedrich, served on staff 2010-2011

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
- † Greta Robinson, recovering from knee surgery
- † Jackie Darby

Homebound

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

Deepest Sympathy...

Our prayers are with David Britt upon the death of his sister, Elizabeth Meetze.

Our prayers are with Brendon Kelly upon the death of his father, Michael Kelly.

Our prayers are with Joe Casey upon the death of his father, Joseph Casey.

Our prayers are with Bud Beyer and family upon the death of Jan Beyer.

Our prayers are with Brian Peterson, his wife, Linda Anderson, and their family upon the death of Brian's son, Aaron.



William Thomasson	8/6	Carl Bartlett	8/23	Abby Frye	8/29
Deborah Slice	8/10	Mike Beeler	8/23	Curtis Murphy	8/29
Linda Hughes	8/13	Matthew Hawkins	8/23	John Derrick	8/31
Carroll Robinson	8/14	Larry Young	8/24		
Aubrey Shaw	8/14	James Ann Sheley	8/24		
Carole Amick	8/19	David Bruce	8/26		
Shirley Sanders	8/20	Paige Gates	8/26		
Mary Lynn Tolleson	8.20	Phillip Jenkins	8/26		
J. Michael Coleman	8/23	Peyton Player	8/26		

7th - 12th graders MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, August 19

Back-To-School Lake Party at Mari Frye's house. We will leave after the 11:00 service and return to the church at 6 p.m. We'll have lunch at the lake and swim, fish, water ski, tube and float so be sure to bring your swimsuit, towel, and sun-screen .

Welcome to youth group, **Rebecca LaSalle**, our awesome, one and only 7th grader!

Sunday, August 26

Water Wagon. We'll have lunch at the church and then head downtown to deliver water bottles to folks who don't have access to cool water. This is our GWOH (God's Work Our Hands) for August.

Sunday, August 26, at 9:30 a.m.

Luther League Parent's meeting to plan the year.



Social Ministry Corner

Please continue to give toward the food distribution ministry of Virginia Wingard United Methodist Church. The food cart is located in the gathering area. Your gifts of food items will be taken to Virginia Wingard and distributed by them to needy families living in our area. This need is very real. A can of beans, a jar of peanut butter, a box of grits, or a container of pasta dropped into the cart will help us continue this joint outreach with our neighbor church.

Family Promise was a great success. Thanks for those who volunteered their time. Next FP week is in December.

Remember the E. E. Taylor school supplies drive. A collection box is in the gathering area.

On behalf of your church, the Social Ministry Team made the following recent donations:

- Harvest Hope (\$1,500) – Provides food to people in need.
- Free Medical Clinic (\$1,000) – Supplies medical services to those in our community who cannot otherwise afford treatment.
- Cooperative Ministry (\$500) – Provides a variety of services and resources to families in need.
- Washington Street United Methodist Church Soup Kitchen (\$1,000) – A long-term ministry of feeding hungry people.
- World Mission Center (\$300) – Individual mission grant in support of Krista LaSalle's mission trip to Argentina this summer. Her Christian dance group traveled to South America to serve and dance for the Lord.

Groups



WELCA Circles **will not** hold regular meetings in August.

Our regular meetings resume early in September with the Agape Circle meeting on Wednesday, September 5, at 10 a.m. in the Parlor, and the Living Water Circle meeting on Thursday, September 6th, at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room.

In September we will have important news from the convention in June, and begin to prepare for our annual Lowman Home luncheon.

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.

Join Us on August 14!

Please join us on August 14, 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!



Young at Heart

The **YOUNG AT HEART** will meet on Thursday, August 16. Details will be announced at a later date. If you have any questions, please call Mary DeHihns at 731-1253.

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services

Soon President Trump will set a refugee resettlement goal for the new fiscal year. Last year, the President set a goal of 45,000 refugees for resettlement.

Please join us in urging the President to #RaiseTheCeiling and increase the resettlement goal to 75,000 refugees in the new year.

The need has never been greater.

These refugees are rigorously vetted and pass through a very difficult series of steps to ensure they do not pose a security risk to our country. They seek resettlement as a desperate attempt to find safety for their families and escape persecution in their homelands.



Lutheran Refugee and Immigration Service has developed resources that will help you reach out to your elected officials to ensure that the voices of local communities are heard. We hope you will use these resources and that you will share this link with others. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and please contact us at www.lirs.org if you have questions or would like more information.

Music News

“Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us.” – Martin Luther

Each of our music groups provides an opportunity to share your talents, assist in worship leadership, be part of a small group ministry—and have fun! Each of our musical groups at St. Andrew’s welcomes additional members—there is always room for more!

Please consider sticking your neck out and giving music ministry a try. Adult offerings include Parish Choir, Handbell Choir, and Ensemble (singers, guitarists, and percussionists). Please contact Jenny Walrath, Nicholas Shumate, or the church office if you would consider lending your time and enthusiasm to any of our musical groups.

Handbell Choir meets on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. A basic knowledge of musical notation is required, but we will teach you the rest! Rehearsals will resume August 20, and new ringers are needed!

Adult Choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. You needn’t be a trained singer to come and offer your gifts.

Ensemble meets (generally) the first Sunday of the month immediately after 11:00 am worship. If you can’t commit to weekly rehearsals but yearn to offer your voice or instrument in worship, this is the place for you!

Percussionists are occasionally needed for some of our congregational song. Please contact Jenny if you’re willing to help out with this every now and again!

Children’s music for preschoolers through grade 6 takes place during the Sunday School hour in age-appropriate groupings. Don’t miss out on the fun!

Join The Adult Choir

Positions Open: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass- no others need apply!

Physical Qualifications: Must be able to carry light musical notes part way across the church.
Must have sufficient vision to see director twenty feet away.

Experience: No application accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed, or whistled in the tub or shower.

Wages: Satisfaction and joy in God’s service.

Fringe Benefits: Social Security- we promise you the security of social fellowship with other members of the choir.

Hours: Sunday mornings with occasional opportunities for overtime (at above mentioned wages).

Vacation: Missed rehearsals and church services are primarily a matter of conscience and ability to return the glares; pointed remarks of the director and other choir members.

Retirement: No particular age, but is generally determined by prayer, printed notes getting too small, notes too high (then move to Alto), church too hot (or cold), or organist unable to play the notes you sing.

Rehearsals: Once a week on Wednesday at 7 PM, except in the summer.

Apply: By attending next rehearsal or by contacting Nicholas Shumate at nshumate@salutheran.com or (803) 448-7361.

ELCA Youth Gathering 2018

10 youth and 3 adults attended the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer in Houston, TX. Here are reflections from some members of the group:

JOYCE SHEALY

What was one thing you learned at the youth gathering that was new information for you?

That the ELCA is actively involved in caring for separated immigrant children.

How did the ELCA Youth Gathering impact your faith?

Increased my faith by giving me time with the young upcoming leaders of our church, and seeing all the enthusiastic youth from across the country!

What was your favorite part of the trip?

Hearing how our girls were impacted by what they were seeing and hearing every day.

Share a story about our service day.

It was super-hot, and we were super-tired. But the girls never complained and worked so hard. And, we saw a horse just hanging out in a vacant lot in the middle of the city!

Why should we take kids to the next youth gathering in 2021 in Minneapolis?

It is easy to think of Lutheran as "small," when in our area there are so many big churches of other denominations. Great to see 30,000-plus youth that are also Lutheran, and to actively learn about all the ways the Lutheran church supports us in living out our faith through ministries and programs that focus on serving those that have need.

KAYLEE SCHODOWSKI

At the gathering, I learned a lot about the Lutheran Church. For starters, I did not realize how accepting of the LGBTQ+ community our denomination is. I personally am supportive, but I did not realize that our church was. Throughout the week, I saw many signs of acceptance towards others, whether it being the sparks or the booths that were set up in the interactive center. My favorite part of the trip was either the mass gatherings each night or interacting with those in our group of girls as well as meeting many, many new people. For our service day, we were assigned to pick up trash along the streets. And although that may sound hot, sweaty and boring, Peyton, Kaitlyn, Ms. Sandra and I were able to meet Ms. Kathy. She had part of her roof taken off from the flooding a little while back, and while the 4 of us talked to her, she opened up quite a bit more. Ms. Kathy was such a funny, sassy and all around happy person who despite her situation was working hard to make the best of it. (And she liked my hair!!) The mass gatherings every night were extremely impactful. Those who spoke did an amazing job of conveying what it means to be a Lutheran and relayed stories from their personal experiences to back everything that they were saying. It was such a crazy and surreal thing to have 31,000 people, all with at least one thing in common, singing and praising Jesus together. I wish that I could have the ability to go and experience it over and over, but I am so blessed and thankful to have our church's support in sending our group.

DONNA BIRDSONG

I have now had the opportunity to attend both the Detroit and Houston youth gatherings. Although I was unsure of whether or not Houston would have the same impact on me, it proved to be a fantastic experience. This youth gathering promoted the idea of inclusiveness within the Lutheran church, which reaffirmed my spiritual alignment with this denomination and Christianity as a whole. It is so easy to become bogged down in disagreements and differences in this political era, especially given that this is what I plan to study the next four years in college; however, 31,000 people coming together to proclaim that God's love is for everyone is certainly a reminder that this crazy thing called life is about fostering that love in every aspect of our lives, being grateful for the unconditional love given to us.

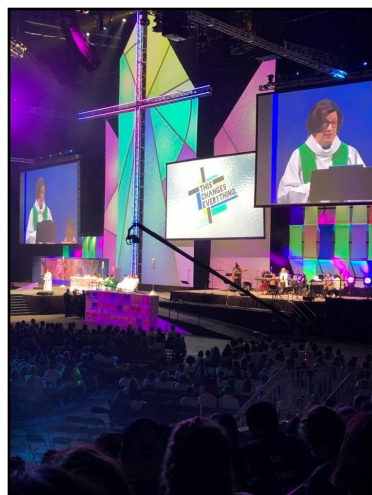
KAITLYN BERGER

I think you should go on the youth gathering trip to Minneapolis in 2021 because it changes your perspective on life once you get back home. It helps you to see people in your home life, school life and your community through the lens of the cross. It helps build your faith even more. And, it is so fun to meet people on the other side of the country.

I think my favorite part of the trip was seeing over 30,000 youth a night at the mass gatherings. Almost every night during a song or two the stadium would light up with everybody's flashlights. That was the coolest part to me, just because everyone was together showing and sharing faith.

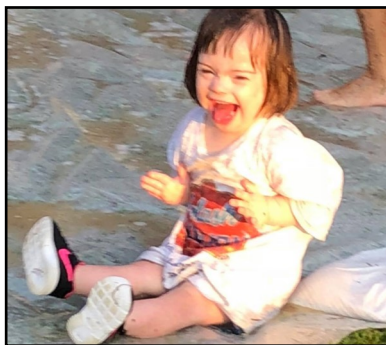
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ELCA Youth Gathering 2018



This changes EVERYTHING!

Vacation Bible School 2018



The children had a wonderful week at Splash Canyon Vacation Bible School. They learned Bible stories, made lots of cool crafts and sang songs. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time and talents. Without you, this would not have been possible!



ELCA Youth Gathering 2018 *(continued from page 7)*

LAYNE BIRDSONG

I attended the ELCA Youth Gathering as an adult leader for the St. Andrew's youth. Among the experiences there (thousands of teens, different accents, loud music, bright lights, various speakers, lots of walking), the one which struck me the most was the impact of 31,000 Lutherans on a city.

Every one of those Lutherans ate every day. Assuming \$20 per day per person for 4 days, that comes to \$2,480,000 paid to the Houston food and beverage industry.

Every one of those Lutherans also performed a morning of service work. For example, our group picked up trash in a poor neighborhood. At an average of 4 hours per person, that comes to 124,000 hours of service given to the Houston community.

As significant as those numbers were (even in a city of almost 7 million people), the bigger impact came from the personal connections tied to them. When our group ate, the restaurant staff met 10 polite, cheerful girls in Lutheran t-shirts. When we picked up trash, the residents saw strangers in orange ELCA shirts who cared enough to do something hot and uncomfortable to make their neighborhood a little bit better. I feel sure that those interactions will have a longer effect on Houston than the food that we bought and the hours that we worked.

The Youth Gathering was an important experience for those of us who attended, and I thank the St. Andrew's congregation for its support.

CHRISTA LASALLE

I liked how multiple people spoke each night at the mass gatherings. It was interesting to hear the vastly different stories of the speakers yet all having an outcome of following Christ.

It's super cool to see all of the other Lutheran youth in the same place for a reason. Going to the Gathering also provides a great learning experience for what things ELCA gets involved in.

Faith Formation Corner:

Why Campfirmation at Lutheridge? Each year we take a group of kids to Lutheridge for a week, which counts as a year of study towards their confirmation instruction. This year, Pastor Trump took 8 boys who will be entering 8th and 9th grades this fall. The boys stay in cabins with cool counselors who are college age guys who aren't afraid to be goofy. They play games, swim, hike, sing, dance, do crafts, and learn about faith. One of the moms, Georgia Godfrey, brought home 6 boys from camp this year (4 Campfirmation kids and 2 younger kids). In the van ride home, her son Carter turned around to the back of the van and asked the other boys to share their highs and lows of the week and a God Moment. Here's what they came up with:



Highs: the pool, end-of-the-week celebration, food, gaga ball

Lows: food, counselor had an allergic reaction from a bee sting, camper breaking his leg, forgetting to wear bug spray

God Moments: closing/opening vespers, bro vespers, traveling through a storm on the way back from the outing

Other comments: cabin poker night, hearing the band Veaux tell their story and perform, PT belly-flopping into the pool, bear day (including bears in all camp songs)

A God Moment for me is knowing that our church encourages kids to spend a week away without electronics looking for ways that God shows up in the world. Thank you, people of St. Andrew's, for helping to send our kids to camp where they can learn these life skills of Christian Leadership.

— Sandra Holland

My name is Carter Woolly. St. Andrew's has always been a very special place to me. I was baptized in the church by my grandfather, Pastor Don Woolly, and have worshiped when visiting Uncle John and Aunt Beth. I'm always struck by the kindness and courtesy of the congregation to visitors and its generosity towards charity and good causes.

I recently graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne University, with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. Perhaps like many of you I am frustrated with the political climate of the day and feel the need to serve is best placed in the hands of God's people and in God's church. As a recent graduate, I felt there was no better time than the present to participate in something radically perspective shattering and so, in April, I accepted the opportunity to serve as a Young Adult in Global Mission (YAGM) volunteer to Rwanda.

In case you are not familiar with the program, YAGM is part of the Global Mission wing of the ELCA. Each year YAGM sends out around 80 young people for a year of international service. There are YAGM programs in Argentina/Uruguay, Australia, Cambodia, Central Europe, Jerusalem/West Bank, Madagascar, Mexico, Rwanda, Senegal, and Southern Africa. In accepting my call to YAGM, I will be working in accompaniment with local Lutheran congregations and social agencies in Rwanda.



I am incredibly excited to learn and walk with the Rwandan people. Rwanda is an incredibly young country; nearly half of its population is under 18 years old. It is also a country which has experienced incredible economic and political growth since the 1994 genocide and the Congo crisis of the early 2000s. Foreign development, an opening of the economy, and the expansion of political rights for minorities have led *The Economist* magazine to call Rwanda "the African success story of the 21st century." As such, Rwanda has incredibly unique challenges and opportunities. Its youthfulness and drive to expand its economy mean Rwanda is at a key junction in the development of social ministries and education; issues which the Lutheran church is committed to meeting head on.

The total cost to deploy a YAGM for a year is \$15,000. The church pledges to fund \$10,000 and each participant is asked to raise \$5,000 by the end of the summer. I will be writing a blog post and sending out emails throughout the year with updates and further information about my year in Rwanda. If you would like to receive blog info or donate to support YAGM's mission in Rwanda I would love to further speak with you. My email is carter_woolly@yahoo.com

Blessings,
Carter Woolly

Note from SALC:

1. Council approved this request because it is a ministry of the ELCA.
2. If Carter receives more than \$5000.00 the overage will help to fund other YAGM
3. Make checks payable to SALC. Put Carter Wooley in memo line.

Finance

			St. Andrew's Lutheran Church						
			Statement of Income and Expense						
			June of Fiscal Year 2018						
			Fund: 01 - General						
						June	2018 YTD		
						Actual	Actual		
			Current and Benevolence Giving			\$ 34,518.21	\$ 214,990.98		
			Expenses			\$ 38,016.53	\$ 233,616.91		
			Expenses under (over) Giving			<u>\$ (3,498.32)</u>	<u>\$ (18,625.93)</u>		
			Current and Benevolence Giving			\$ 34,518.21	\$ 214,990.98		
			Budget			\$ 39,287.45	\$ 245,774.70		
			Giving (under) over Budget			<u>\$ (4,769.24)</u>	<u>\$ (30,783.72)</u>		
Debt Retirement Fund Balance as of 1/1/2018						\$ 18,742.51			
Funds received in 2018						\$ 21,388.78			
Thrivent Principal Payments in 2018						\$ (21,297.74)			
Thrivent Interest Payments in 2018						\$ (2,562.26)			
Current Debt Retirement Fund Balance						<u>\$ 16,271.29</u>			
Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance as of 1/1/18						151,182.13			
Principal Payments in 2018						(21,297.74)			
Current Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance						<u>129,884.39</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.

Education

**Disciples Bible Study with Pastor Trump and Retired and Restless
will begin again after Labor Day.**

Sunday School Schedule

Please join us for Summer Sunday Fellowship at 10:20 a.m. in the Narthex on August 5 and 12.

Sojourners Class will continue to meet weekly at 9:45 a.m.

All other classes, adult and children, will resume August 19 on Kick-off Sunday.

Let's Help our Neighbors at E.E. Taylor Elementary School

It's back-to-school time! Many parents in our neighborhood struggle to meet their children's needs. Because of this, St. Andrew's has been working closely with E.E. Taylor Elementary School to provide much needed support to the students and teachers. In addition to the Backpack Ministry (year-round), we will again be having a School Supplies Drive. We will be collecting these items through Sunday, August 19.



You can pick up a copy of the supply list in the Gathering Area, or click the link in your weekly e-news and print a copy at home. Please drop off your donated school supplies in the Gathering Area. Let's make sure teachers and students have what they need to start another successful school year. This drive is sponsored by the Social Ministry Team. Please contact Lessia Lynch if you have questions.

In addition to school supplies, St. Andrew's is committed to help feed kids at E.E. Taylor on the weekends through the Backpack Ministry. Beginning in September, we will begin packing for these students again, and be assured that they will have food on the weekends when they don't have school breakfasts and lunches. Last year, we funded weekend meals for 45 students and packed for an additional 20 students who received funding through a grant at E.E. Taylor, for a total of 65 students EACH WEEK! Our goal this year is to raise funding for 45 students again. The past few years it has cost \$7.50 per child per week, or roughly \$250 per child for the school year to provide a weekend worth of meals that these students otherwise may not have. We anticipate the numbers being very similar again this year.

Here's how you can help:

- Volunteer to set-up delivered food from Harvest Hope (usually on the first Thursday morning of the month)
- Volunteer to help pack that food on the following Sunday morning
- Volunteer to deliver food to the school each Friday morning
- Sponsor a backpack (or part of a backpack) for a child at \$250 for the school year
- Pray for this ministry, the workers and especially the children in need

If you are able to help in any way, please contact Paige Gates (paigewalrath@yahoo.com or 803-727-6962).

Council Highlights

- Tom Henry called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
- The devotion was led by Claire Birdsong.
- Minutes of the June 2018 meeting were approved.
- There was a special report on the narthex and parlor lighting presented by Steve Blackwell.
- The Pastor's and Deacon's reports were accepted as distributed.
- **Finance:** Tom Henry noted that giving in June was better than in May but still behind overall. We received \$3,498 less than actual expenses and \$4,769 less than budgeted expenses. YTD giving through June was \$18,626 less than actual expenses and \$30,784 less than budgeted expenses. To meet our budget, we need to receive approximately \$40,000 per month in current and benevolence giving.
- **Property:** A report submitted by this team notes that bids are being collected for the repair of roof and window leaks in the narthex area and for the addition of a handicap-accessible restroom in the gathering area; the committee is looking into giving facelifts to restrooms in the children's wing; volunteers are needed for the grounds clean-up day on Saturday, July 28.
- **Stewardship:** A report submitted by this team noted that plans are in the works for a 2018 stewardship focus on "grace, gratitude, and giving."
- **Social:** A report submitted by this team noted that we'll begin collecting school supplies for E.E. Taylor Elementary School soon. It reported that St. Andrew's, through the Social Ministry Team, is sending a donation to Swansea First Baptist Church to support its laundry/shower trailer ministry (a partner in our Family Promise ministry) and to Christa LaSalle to support her travel on a mission trip with her dance ministry team.

New Business

- Sandra shared a request from Carter Woolly (grandson of Pastor Don Woolly, son of Pastor Rhodes Woolly, nephew of Beth Woolly Trump) to include in our newsletter for monetary support for his participation in the ELCA's Young Adult in Global Mission in Rwanda for a full year. Council approved two motions: (1) to create a communications policy that requires any individual's request for monetary assistance to be shared with the congregation through existing communications tools be only for programs affiliated with the ELCA and approved by Council, and that (2) Council permit Carter Woolly to publish his request for YAGM support in the church newsletter.
- Council considered a request from Pastor Trump that St. Andrew's support his participation in the three-year Leadership for Faithful Innovation Project presented by the S.C. Synod and Luther Seminary and the subsequent participation of the entire St. Andrew's congregation. Tom Henry shared a letter from Bishop Herman Yoos recognizing the foresighted leadership of Pastor Trump and nominating our church to be part of this initiative. Council voted to (1) approve Pastor Trump's participation in the Leadership for Faithful Innovation project, and (2) approve increasing Pastor Trump's continuing education budget by \$250 in years #2 and #3 of the program to cover program tuition. (Tom Henry made a personal gift to cover the first year's tuition.) A third motion to approve the expenditure of \$1,500 for congregational training was tabled until Tom Henry is able to suggest an appropriate line item from which to fund our participation.
- Council discussed Steve Blackwell's status report on the narthex and parlor lighting improvements and considered his request for \$5,250 to purchase necessary materials for the project. (Steve is waiving installation expenses.) A motion to accept Steve's report and approve funding for the lighting project as presented, using monies from the special narthex fund, was approved.
- Council requested that church staff revisit the current policy of notifying the congregation of the deaths of members' spouses/partners and children only. It was the consensus of Council that the deaths of other family members should be included, using the pastor's discretion, so that we all are able to provide timely support and comfort to all members who are grieving.

Closing: Sandra led prayers for parish concerns.

The next meeting will be August 23.

Ministry Reminders

August 5

Counters: Mary Ann Jacobs, Dot Meador

Flowers: Robert & Dollie Lunsford

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Mary DeHihns
11:00 a.m. Mary Ann Jacobs

Reader: 8:30 a.m. Theresa Henry
11:00 a.m. Youth

Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Tom Henry
11:00 a.m. Youth

Lay Assistant: TBA

Acolyte: Carter Godfrey

Crucifer: Nathan Mullins

Nursery: Edie & Joe Casey

Grounds: (August 4) Layne Birdsong, Justin Varco

Council Collections: Mari Frye, Beth Mullins, Tom Bane

Recycling: Whanna Bouknight

August 12

Counters: Pat Dubose, Anita Murphy

Flowers: Justin & Deb Varco

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Bernice Sims
11:00 a.m. Buddy Lewis

Reader: 8:30 a.m. Hal Ray
11:00 a.m. Tom Bane

Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Mary DeHihns
11:00 a.m. Deborah Slice

Lay Assistant: Donna Ray

Acolyte: Jake Semones

Crucifer: Alyssa Gagliano

Nursery: Tonya & Joel Lucas

Grounds: (August 11) Shawn Skillman, Hank Ray

Council Collections: Mari Frye, Beth Mullins, Tom Bane

Recycling: Josh & Paulene Cruse

August 19

Counters: Bobbie Bell, Susan Beeler

Flowers: Tom & Theresa Henry

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Tom & Theresa Henry
11:00 a.m. Cathy Jordan

Reader: 8:30 a.m. Sharon Berger
11:00 a.m. Anna Berger

Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Becca Kelly
11:00 a.m. Kristine Thompson

Lay Assistant: Beth Mullins

Acolyte: Ben Godfrey

Crucifer: Christa LaSalle

Nursery: Kelly & Derrick Williams

Grounds: (August 18) John Trump, Hal Ray

Council Collections: Mari Frye, Beth Mullins, Tom Bane

Recycling: Chris & Jessica Daly

August 26

Counters: Sharon Berger, Barbara Weaver

Flowers: Mari Frye

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Lib Hartman
11:00 a.m. Chris & Jenny Land

Reader: 8:30 a.m. Mary DeHihns
11:00 a.m. Mandy Glowacki

Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Hal Ray
11:00 a.m. Steve Slice

Lay Assistant: Phillip Jenkins

Acolyte: William Cochrane

Crucifer: Maliyah Scott

Nursery: Erin Johnson & Shawn Skillman

Grounds: (August 25) Darrin Player, Bart Berger

Council Collections: Mari Frye, Beth Mullins, Tom Bane

Recycling: Mari Frye

September 2

Counters: Mary Ann Jacobs, Dot Meadors

Flowers: Casey family

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Christine Metts
11:00 a.m. Patsy South

Reader: 8:30 a.m. Becca Kelly
11:00 a.m. Buddy Lewis

Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Lula Wilson
11:00 a.m. Darrick Williams

Lay Assistant: Jay Folk

Acolyte: TBA

Crucifer: Caroline Shirer

Nursery: Jenny Land

Grounds: (September 1) Jay Folk, Ron Walrath

Council Collections: Claire Birdsong, Sybil Long,
Joe Casey

Recycling: Beth Mullins

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