

# ST. ANDREW'S

## Lutheran Church

December 2018

### *Advent and Christmas*

#### **Sunday Morning Worship**

**Sunday Mornings 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. December 2, 9, 16 and 23**

#### **"Advent Day"**

**Sunday, December 2, 9:45 a.m.**

*Come join the festivities as we celebrate the beginning of the season of Advent.*

#### **Wednesday Evening Dinner & Worship**

**December 5, 12, and 19**

**5:30 p.m. Dinner, 6:15 p.m. Worship**

*Dinner and worship are both in Fellowship Hall*

#### **Christmas Pageant and Lunch**

**December 16**

**following 11:00 a.m. Worship**

*Join us in Fellowship Hall as we present "A Gilligan's Island Christmas"*

#### **Christmas Eve, Dec. 24**

**Service of Holy Communion and Candlelighting**

**12:00 p.m. Worship**

**5:00 p.m. Music, 5:30 p.m. Worship**

#### **Christmas Day**

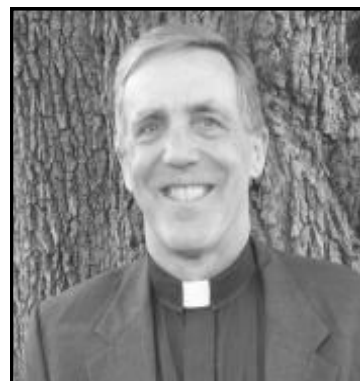
**Service of Holy Communion, 10:00 a.m.**

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH AT 11:30 A.M.**



# A Word from Pastor Trump

The Season of Advent is upon us. Christmas preparations are in full swing. There are too many places to go and too many things to do. How can the church “compete” with these festivities and demands? If we do too much at this time of year, forgive me. The gatherings and activities that your church sponsors outside of worship seek to do one thing: build community. When we come to a party (Saturday, 15th) or a dinner (Tuesday, 11th) or the pageant (Sunday, 16th) we get together with friends and fellow disciples from this community to laugh, talk, share and get to know one another. Hopefully, you might learn something new or share something important. Of course, the critical moments we share, the most important time that we spend together, is in worship. During Advent we hear about the God who comes to us in history and today in word and sacrament and yes, fellowship. PLEASE look through this newsletter. Take note of different opportunities. Join us as you can, but I encourage you to always make worship a priority.



**PEACE! PEACE!** Our Advent Evening services messages will center on the theme of peace, as God calls for peace. This is a season when we hear songs proclaiming “Peace on Earth.” Does this seem possible? What about in our daily lives? These services are meant to be a time of peace during a very hectic season. **JOIN US** for a light supper and a meaningful short worship on Wednesday evenings.

## \* THIS MONTH'S \* birthdays

Chris Daly 12/1  
Kimberly Von Schweinitz 12/1  
Keith Wolfe 12/2  
Zach Bane 12/4  
Kasarah Boiter 12/4  
Sandra Ringer 12/5  
George Schodowski 12/5  
Elizabeth Hartman 12/6  
Amy Vickers 12/9  
Mary Ann Jacobs 12/10

Ben Slice 12/11  
Rylee Gates 12/12  
Kristine Thompson 12/12  
Joseph Ray 12/14  
Andrew Von Schweinitz 12/14  
Dollie Lunsford 12/15  
Emma Smith 12/16  
Hannah Smith 12/17  
Eric Young 12/17  
Maliyah Beckham 12/21

Chris Land 12/22  
Barbara Galarneau 12/23  
Susan Hentz 12/26  
Pat Blackwell 12/26  
Abigail Amodio 12/27  
Ruth Lackstrom 12/28  
B. Edward Dubose 12/31

## Thank you...

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to all the members of St. Andrew's who have extended consolation and prayers for us regarding the death of our son Aaron. We also are thankful for the amazing hospitality shown to our family and friends who gathered for the funeral on October 13, and for all those who assisted in making possible that worship service and the fellowship afterward. This is a community that knows how to support one another, and knows how to come together for worship with love and grace and careful thought, and it is a blessing to be sustained by such a community.

—Brian Peterson and Linda Anderson

# 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 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
- ✝ Betsy Friedrich, served on staff 2010-2011
- ✝ Allen Watson, brother of Chris Watson
- ✝ Mark Bogard, cousin of Theresa Henry
- ✝ Ernie Davis, friend of Lee Bowling
- ✝ Jimmy Asbill, son of Shirley Swanson
- ✝ Bill Sygert, brother of Jackie Lucas

## Members in Extended Care

- ✝ James Baldwin, Lowman Home
- ✝ Margie Shealy, Lowman Home
- ✝ Adrian Trexler, The Brian Center

- ✝ Marian Reeves, Generations in Chapin, S.C.

## Members with health concerns

- ✝ Rachel Potts, undergoing cancer treatments
- ✝ Martha Ferguson, NHC, Parkland
- ✝ Linwood Swittenberg, NHC, West Columbia
- ✝ Flo Onley, Heartland of Columbia on Forest Drive

## Homebound

- ✝ Sarah Cook
- ✝ Lois Fulmer
- ✝ Pete Cox



## Deepest Sympathy

Our prayers are with Pedro Robles upon the death of his nephew, Emaliem Molina.

Our prayers are with Mandy Achterberg upon the death of her grandfather, Jack Terry.

Our prayers are with Ron Walrath upon the death of his father, Ernie Walrath.

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In memory of Murriell Aliger, given by Carole Semones.  
In memory of Alice Thompson, given by Margie Miles.  
In memory of Elizabeth Derrick, given by Joe and Dot Meador.  
In memory of Helen Richardson, given by Joe and Dot Meador.  
In memory of Lorene Fulmer, given by Joe and Dot Meador.  
In memory of Alice Thompson, given by Joe and Dot Meador.  
In memory of Mildred Slice, given by Joe and Dot Meador.  
In memory of Linda Potts Varner, given by Joe and Dot Meador.  
In memory of Susan Waites, given by Joe and Dot Meador.  
In memory of Sherman Hinson, given by Joe and Dot Meador.  
In memory of Claude Metts, given by Joe and Dot Meador.  
In memory of Bobby Richardson, given by Joe and Dot Meador.

memorials  
& gifts

## YOUTH, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### Sunday, December 2

9:45 a.m. - Advent Day in Fellowship Hall

4:30 p.m. - Confirmation and supper at the church

### Sunday, December 9

12:30 p.m. - Confirmation

3-5 p.m. - Mall Adventure with Pastor Trump. Bring money for a snack and meet at the food court of Columbiana Mall to begin our adventure.

### Sunday, December 16

9:45 a.m. - Confirmation during Sunday School

Noon - Christmas Pageant and lunch. Youth help to set up for lunch during Sunday School, help serve the meal and clean up.

5:00-8:00 p.m. - Lights at the Zoo and Youth Christmas Party at Beth & Nathan Mullins downtown apartment. Bring \$12 or zoo membership card if you have one and bring a wrapped gift (\$5 or less) to exchange.



## College Connect Dinner

This annual event for St. Andrew's college students will be Sunday, December 23, 6:30 p.m. at Yesterday's in Five Points. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship with your church friends!



## All Booked Up

**Date: Sunday, December 2 at 12:00 p.m.**

We are going to the Homes for the Holidays Tour instead of reading a book for December. We will plan to meet at church after the second service, grab some lunch and then go to the Holiday Tour.

**All Booked Up** is a book club for all ladies of St. Andrew's to attend. If you are interested in being a part of this group or would like more information, please contact Jenny Land at (803) 741-4641.

## In the Meantime

**In The Meantime** will meet on December 2 at 5:30 at the Hunter Gatherer Hanger, near Owens Airport. Join us for fun, fellowship and discussion. This event is for adults of all ages! Please join us!

# Groups

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**Agape Circle**--Wednesday, December 5 -- Contact Patsy South for details

**The Living Water Circle** -- Thursday, December 6 at 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room

## Jezebel - A Dramatic Monologue

Our November Meeting program, by Pastor Jackie Utley, was so special, that if you missed it, words hardly can express what you missed! And the fellowship of other Women of the ELCA is also something not to be missed. Join us!

A delicious meal was prepared by generous WELCA ladies for the USC Lutheran Campus Ministry, and delivered on Sunday evening, November 11, 2018. Please pray that the Sunday evening meals, followed by the evening service, will keep students encouraged in their faith journey during their time at USC.



## Young at Heart

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Young at Heart will meet on December 20 at 11:30 a.m. for a covered dish luncheon. Please bring something to share. Bring canned goods for our food drive.



## ***Congregational Christmas Dinner***

The Lutheran Men of St. Andrew's invite you to commune with us at the annual Congregation Christmas Dinner on December 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will be catered by Lizards Thicket. We will have musical guests and a visit from Santa Claus. There will be an opportunity for families to take pictures with Santa as well! Please join us for an event for all ages to grow in faith and fellowship together. We will also have pizza for kids.

The tickets are \$15 per adult, \$5 for children 3-12, and children under 3 are free. The family maximum is \$35. Please see an usher or any Lutheran Men for your tickets.

Please email, call or text Joe Casey at 803-556-8263 or [josephwilliamcasey@gmail.com](mailto:josephwilliamcasey@gmail.com) with any questions, comments, or concerns.



## ***Christmas Pageant and Lunch***

**Sunday, December 16 following the 11:00 service**

### **Come find out:**

- Will they finally get off the island?
- Will Gilligan mess everything up?
- Ginger or Mary Ann?



## ***Let's Go Caroling!***

### ***COME ONE, COME ALL!***

***Sunday, December 16, 1:30 to 3:45 p.m.***

*(After the Christmas pageant)*

Kindergartners through adults are welcome! After enjoying our annual Christmas pageant in the church fellowship hall, we will gather and depart to share Christmas joy with some of our homebound members. After caroling, we'll return to the church for hot chocolate and be wrapped up by 3:45 p.m. **Please plan to join us!**

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Jenny Walrath.

Please let Jenny or the church office know if you are coming so that we can provide sufficient transportation.



## Annual Adult Christmas Party

December 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Come join us for tasty food, great fellowship, and a really good time of celebrating the Christmas season. This year's party is hosted by Chris and Mary Watson at their home on 1419 Mangum Street, Columbia, SC 29210. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. For more information or directions, contact Chris or Mary Watson.



## Lutheran Men's Breakfast



## Young at Heart Lunch the Trumps' house



# Education

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## **DISCIPLES' BIBLE STUDY WILL TAKE A BREAK FOR DECEMBER**

We will resume on January 7 and will be starting the GOSPEL OF LUKE. This is the Gospel that will be primarily used during this liturgical year (Year C). Come and journey with us! Mondays, at 11:00 a.m. or Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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

## **Adult Sunday School**

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### **CONNECTIONS SUNDAY SCHOOL - The Refugee Crisis**

We will be using a curriculum from SPARK HOUSE and the ELCA. This is not a political argument. It is a much deeper and biblical look at the issue. The Lutheran church has historically been a refugee church! Lutherans came from Europe and elsewhere seeking better opportunity. Today we help legal refugees make America their home. There are no easy answers, but we need to be in discussion as Christians. Join us Sundays at 9:45.

## **New Adult Sunday School Class**

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Beginning in January, we will offer a new class at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays. As we kick-off this class, we will use Ted Talks to foster discussion of issues of parenting in relationship to our faith, but anyone is welcome to join us. We will meet in the Conference Room. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Sandra Holland.

## **Mark Your Calendars: Financial Peace Class**

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***February 10- April 2, 2019  
Sunday mornings from 9-10:30 a.m.  
in the SALC Conference Room***

### **What is Financial Peace University?**

This class is designed for anyone who wants to do a better job with money, from the person who is struggling to make ends meet to the person who has excess income and has accumulated significant assets. St. Andrew's Lutheran will be offering Financial Peace University starting on February 10 and going for 9 weeks through April 2. The class will meet weekly and run from 9-10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the conference room. More information will be available in the January newsletter.

Questions? Contact Ron Walrath at [ronwalrath@gmail.com](mailto:ronwalrath@gmail.com) or 803-553-4991.





# Council Highlights

- Tom Henry called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
- One guest was introduced: St. Andrew's member Dickie Hoyt, attending to assist with a review of church history for the Leadership for Faithful Innovation project.
- The devotion was led by Mari Frye.
- Minutes of the October 2018 regular meeting were approved; minutes of the called meeting were approved as revised.

## **Pastor's and Deacon's Reports**

Pastor Trump's and Deacon Holland's reports were accepted as distributed.

The date for the annual Council retreat has been tentatively scheduled for January 25-26; the location will be decided at the December meeting. Possibilities include Lutheridge (\$25/person for lodging and Saturday meals) and Mari Frye's lake house.

**Finance report was accepted (see report on next page)**

## **Property**

Tom Bane is monitoring the sanctuary roof to ensure recent repairs are effectively preventing leaks.

## **Unfinished Business**

Tom Henry and Bert LaSalle continue to review options and collect estimates for improving facility security, including adding security cameras.

## **New Business**

Council agreed to permit the Karen congregation to use church facilities for a special program Dec. 29 and 30.

## **Leadership for Faithful Innovation exercise**

Pastor Trump and Dickie Hoyt led Council members in recalling the history of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church and considering how God has been present - working through the faithful people of the church despite some significant change and challenges - to bring us to this point in our life together as community. This exercise and the spirituality survey conducted within the congregation are part of the three-year Leadership for Faithful Innovation study led in a number of parishes by the S.C. Synod and Luther Seminary with Lilly Endowment funding.

**Closing:** Pastor Trump led prayers for parish concerns.

## **Family Promise**

### **Hello, Family Promise volunteers of the past, present, and future!**

Our next host week is fast approaching – December 16 to 23.

All four families we hosted this year, along with two other families we didn't host, have graduated into their own housing. The mothers left with jobs and some money in savings. Two of the mothers completed their GED requirements and another mother has completed half of the requirements for her GED. **THE PROGRAM IS WORKING!!!**

So, at this point in time, there are no families in the program. Family Promise is evaluating several families for admittance into the program and expects to have some families in the program by the time our host week arrives.

Thanks for all you do with this very meaningful and successful ministry.

# Finance

				St. Andrew's Lutheran Church					
				Statement of Income and Expense					
				October of Fiscal Year 2018					
				Fund: 01 - General					
				October		2018 YTD			
				Actual		Actual			
		Current and Benevolence Giving		\$	39,186.07	\$	380,650.00		
		Expenses		\$	40,786.36	\$	393,922.67		
		Expenses under (over) Giving		\$	(1,600.29)	\$	(13,272.67)		
		Current and Benevolence Giving		\$	39,186.07	\$	380,650.00		
		Budget		\$	38,987.45	\$	407,974.50		
		Giving (under) over Budget		\$	198.62	\$	(27,324.50)		
Debt Retirement Fund Balance as of 1/1/2018					\$	18,742.51			
Funds received in 2018					\$	35,991.70			
Thrivent Principal Payments in 2018					\$	(32,940.03)			
Thrivent Interest Payments in 2018					\$	(4,779.97)			
Current Debt Retirement Fund Balance					\$	17,014.21			
Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance as of 1/1/18					151,182.13				
Principal Payments in 2018					(32,940.03)				
Current Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance					118,242.10				
The principal and interest payments on the Thrivent loan are paid from the Debt Retirement Fund and are not part of the Budget									

## Offering Envelopes

If you give your offering to St. Andrew's regularly by using the online access and are still receiving offering envelopes, please let us know if you'd like to save the church some money by canceling your envelopes. Please contact the church office with this request.

# Ministry Reminders

## December 2

**Counters:** Mary Ann Jacobs & Dot Meador

**Flowers:** Potts Family

**Greeters:** 8:30 a.m. Sandra Ringer  
11:00 a.m. Shirley Sanders

**Reader:** 8:30 a.m. Sharon Berger  
11:00 a.m. Kristine Thompson

**Communion Assistant:** 8:30 a.m. Hal Ray  
11:00 a.m. Olivia Tener

**Lay Assistant:** Ron Walrath

**Acolyte:** Luke Bradley

**Crucifer:** Alyssa Gagliano

**Nursery:** Susie Derrick

**Grounds:** (December 1) Hank Ray

**Council Collections:** Beth Mullins, Tom Bane, Mari Frye

**Recycling:** Jay & Tracy Folk

## December 9

**Counters:** Pat Dubose & Anita Murphy

**Flowers:** Tonya Lucas

**Greeters:** 8:30 a.m. Sharon Berger  
11:00 a.m. Barbara Galarneau, Jean Lail

**Reader:** 8:30 a.m. Mary DeHihns  
11:00 a.m. Nicholas Deglomine

**Communion Assistant:** 8:30 a.m. Lula Wilson  
11:00 a.m. Whanna Bouknight

**Lay Assistant:** Donna Ray

**Acolyte:** Joshua Bruce

**Crucifer:** Maliyah Beckham

**Nursery:** Mari Frye

**Grounds:** (December 8) Advent/Christmas Clean-up

**Council Collections:** Beth Mullins, Tom Bane, Mari Frye

**Recycling:** Whanna Bouknight

## December 16

**Counters:** Bobbie Bell & Susan Beeler

**Flowers:** Robert Lunsford

**Greeters:** 8:30 a.m. Lula Wilson  
11:00 a.m. Mary Ann Jacobs

**Reader:** 8:30 a.m. Rebecca Kelly  
11:00 a.m. Cody Jones

**Communion Assistant:** 8:30 a.m. Tom Bane  
11:00 a.m. Buddy Lewis

**Lay Assistant:** Jay Folk

**Acolyte:** Jake Derrick

**Crucifer:** Bailey Derrick

**Nursery:** Edie and Joe Casey

**Grounds:** (December 15) Hal Ray

**Council Collections:** Beth Mullins, Tom Bane, Mari Frye

**Recycling:** Josh and Paulene Cruse

## December 23

**Counters:** Sharon Berger & Barbara Weaver

**Flowers:** The Lands

**Greeters:** 8:30 a.m. Mary DeHihns  
11:00 a.m. Cathy Jordan

**Reader:** 8:30 a.m. Tom Henry  
11:00 a.m. Carole Amick

**Communion Assistant:** 8:30 a.m. Theresa Henry  
11:00 a.m. Mandy Glowacki

**Lay Assistant:** Cody Jones

**Acolyte:** Bailey Lucas

**Crucifer:** Peyton Player

**Nursery:** Tonya and Joel Lucas

**Grounds:** (December 22) Tom Bane

**Council Collections:** Beth Mullins, Tom Bane, Mari Frye

**Recycling:** Jessica and Chris Daly

## December 30

**Counters:** Mary Ann Jacobs & Dot Meador

**Flowers:** TBD

**Greeters:** 8:30 a.m. Tom and Theresa Henry  
11:00 a.m. Patsy South

**Reader:** 8:30 a.m. Sharon Berger  
11:00 a.m. Bob Venturella

**Communion Assistant:** 8:30 a.m. Nicholas Deglomine  
11:00 a.m. Pat DuBose

**Lay Assistant:** Judy Venturella

**Acolyte:** Gracie Daly

**Crucifer:** Eric Young

**Nursery:** Kelly and Derrick Williams

**Grounds:** (December 29) Jay Folk

**Council Collections:** Beth Mullins, Tom Bane, Mari Frye

**Recycling:** Mari Frye

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