

# ST. ANDREW'S Lutheran Church

September 2019

*A Place at*



# THE TABLE

ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COLUMBIA, SC

## *A Sermon Series for the month of September*

This title is from a 1996 hymn that you will hear and sing in many forms during the month. Welcome at God's table in worship, and welcome for all at God's table in terms of life and justice and mercy for all is central to the faith and the Biblical story. This is a great time to:

**Make a point of coming every week if at all possible.**

**Invite a FRIEND! Invite a stranger!**

**Tell all: *Everyone has a place at the table at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church!***



# A Word from Pastor Trump

## The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Churchwide Assembly

Below are links that can tell you probably more than you want to know about our ELCA Churchwide Assembly. You can basically watch every minute of it.

There were some interesting documents and statements passed. The one about which I have heard the most was probably the “memorial” declaring the ELCA as a “sanctuary church.” Please take the time to read Bishop Eaton’s talking points about this. It is important that we discuss things as they are, and not as we perceive them to be based on assumptions or things we have heard elsewhere.

I am proud of the fact that this community works to help those who have come to this country seeking a better life through such programs as the Refugee Welcome House, Dramarama, the Karen Baptist refugee community worshipping in “our” space, and whatever other ways we find that are effective and caring. We are part of a diverse church. This is of course a blessing and at times a struggle. There are times when just like in our country we feel like a different “party” than ours is in office. However, we are one country, and we are one church. Let us continue in this community to discuss important issues with one another with patience and grace. Thank you for all your faithfulness.



### ELCA Churchwide Assembly:

<https://elca.org/churchwideassembly>

### A Pastoral Letter from Bishop Yoos:

<https://scsynod.com/news/a-letter-to-leaders-about-the-sanctuary-declaration-at-churchwide-assembly/>

### 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly summary of actions:

<https://elca.org/News-and-Events/8003>



## Virginia Wingard Food Pantry

Each month, St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church will be collecting nonperishable food to support this ministry. The Food Pantry has doubled the number of bags they hand out to people in need this year! Please drop your donated food in the shopping cart in the gathering area.

### For the month of SEPTEMBER, we’ll be collecting:

- Box of Macaroni & Cheese
- Large can of spaghetti sauce
- Medium box of noodles
- 1lb. box of rice
- 14 to 16 oz. jar of peanut butter



### Friends & Relatives

- ✝ Corbett Anderson, nephew of Amy Vickers and grandchild of Mike and Susan Beeler
- ✝ 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
- ✝ Joe Fricker, father of Melissa Ray
- ✝ Keith Ray, brother of Hank Ray
- ✝ Sally Thompson, sister-in-law of Patsy South
- ✝ Janette Gardner, aunt of Vickie Barfield
- ✝ Phil Johnson, cousin of Vickie Barfield
- ✝ Mark Bogard, cousin of Theresa Henry
- ✝ Ernie Davis, friend of Lee Bowling
- ✝ Jimmy Asbill, son of Shirley Swanson
- ✝ Bonnie Seibert, cousin of Jada Mitchell

### Members with health concerns

- ✝ Allen Semones, undergoing cancer treatments
- ✝ Linwood Swittenberg, recovering at home

### Members in Extended Care

- ✝ James Baldwin, Lowman Home
- ✝ Margie Shealy, Lowman Home
- ✝ Adrian Trexler, The Brian Center
- ✝ Madge Bartsch, Generations of Chapin
- ✝ Martha Ferguson, NHC Parklane
- ✝ Lois Fulmer, Lexington Extended Care
- ✝ Pete Cox, NHC on 378

### Homebound

- ✝ Sarah Cook



Our prayers are with Brian Teusink and family upon the death of his mother Saundra 'Soni' Teusink on Friday, August 16 in Michigan.

Our prayers are with John Bass and family upon the death of his father John Bass, Sr. on Sunday, August 25.

Our prayers are with Judy Bowling and family upon the death of her sister Betty Lewis, on Monday, August 26.

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In memory of Rachel Potts, given by Barbara Wilkoc.

In memory of Mrs. Donnie Fulmer, given by Kaye D. Miller

In memory of Rachel Potts, given by Paul and Debra Summer

In honor of Robert & Dollie Lunsford, given by CL & Barbara Ridgeway



Dear St. Andrew's Lutheran,

I just wanted to thank you so much for the most generous retirement check and beautiful reception. You humble me with your kindness. I thank you so much for walking this journey the past 30 years alongside me and my family, through the joys and the sorrows. You have been my second church "family" and I will always appreciate that relationship. As I move into this next chapter, I will miss you. I wish all of you only the best as you fulfill Christ's call in this world.

Sincerely,

Debbie Grabbatin

# Youth, Mark Your Calendars!

## 7th - 12th grade youth

### Sunday, September 15

9:45 a.m. - 9th Grade Confirmation Class meets during Sunday School.

6:00 p.m. - High School Girls Group. Watch for details.

### Sunday, September 22

Kayaking on the Saluda River following the Church Picnic.



## Luther League (3rd - 6th grades)

Luther League kids will be meeting on September 22 after the church picnic at Saluda Shoals for some sort of park adventure. Watch for details!

## Little Lutherans

We are meeting after the church picnic on September 22 at the Saluda Shoals playground and splash pad for some fun. \$3 per person. Please bring a towel and bathing suit.

## Weekend Food Backpacks for E. E. Taylor Elementary School

School has started and that means the Backpack Program is back in action! There are going to be some changes this year due to how Harvest Hope is packaging the food delivered to us. We are honestly not sure what this is going to look like yet, but our first delivery is the first week of September and we'll have a better idea of what we're getting from them and what's needed from you, our faithful congregation, after this first delivery.

Right now, we are going to start funding the backpacks and the numbers will remain the same: \$7.50/child/week or \$250/child/year. Checks (please write "Backpack Program" in the memo line), cash, or a pledge to be carried out during the school year, are all ways you can financially support this ministry. We will also continue to need drivers to deliver food to the school each Friday of the month. Beyond that, I will keep you updated after we receive our first delivery next month.

The children at E.E. Taylor continue to need our help to keep them fed on the weekends! Please prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry, which you have all helped to make a successful ministry over the past several years. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to help in any capacity (paigewalrath@yahoo.com or (803) 727-6962!





# Music Ministry News

## ADULT CHOIR - Come let us sing to the Lord!

Have you ever wanted to sing in the choir, but always had reasons not to? Maybe you don't feel like you have time... or let's be honest, to some of us, it just sounds too scary to sing in front of people!

Well, consider this: in those instances where you feel rushed and too busy, or maybe somewhat out of your comfort zone, God can meet you in unexpected ways. So, we invite you to come sing in the choir—even if you only want to commit yourself through Christmas. It's a great place to plug in, get to know some new members of our worshiping community, or reconnect with some old ones. So take delight, and come serve the Lord through song! (Oh, yeah, we have a lot of fun, too!) Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.



## All Booked Up

**Date: Friday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Host: Jenny Land**

**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 **September 29** at 5:30 at the Michaels Café on Main Street. Join us for fun, fellowship and discussion. This event is for adults of all ages! Please join us!



## New Altar Furnishing and Means of Distribution



Part of our custom at the table is that we all drink from the same cup. However, we also want to offer an alternative to wine for those who require it. If we can do this without calling attention to the individual, that is even better. Beginning on September 1, we will transition to a "split chalice" (the communion cup). The new chalices have a divider that separates them into one large section and one smaller section. The larger section will hold the wine, while the smaller will hold the grape juice. Those who need grape juice will dip their bread into the smaller portion of the chalice.

These beautiful clay chalices, as well as the clay paten (the plate that holds the bread) and flagon (the pitcher that holds the wine before it is poured) were made especially for us, and were surprisingly inexpensive and beautiful.

Christopher Blocker	9/1	Laurin Huffstetler	9/22
Kaylee Schodowski	9/5	Wayne Scott	9/22
Helen Birdsong	9/6	J. David Wilson, Sr.	9/23
Lindy Player	9/9	Tim Grambow	9/24
Ligaya Ratcliff	9/10	Emily Lewis	9/24
Conner Bare	9/11	Kara Bane	9/25
Lorraine Nuttall	9/13	Kristen Bane	9/25
Robert Luther	9/15	Barbara Weaver	9/25
Jay Montgomery IV	9/15	James Chapman	9/26
Beth Hutchison	9/16	Carol Cochrane	9/27
Stephanie Lambert	9/16	Emma Young	9/27
Mona Luther	9/18	Hazel Grambow	9/28
William Cochrane	9/19	Mark Gilmer	9/30
James Tener	9/21	Michael Hughes	9/30
Sandy Hawkins	9/22		



Join **YOUNG at HEART** for a Apple Picking trip on **September 19**. We will meet at the church and take a rental van to Hendersonville and hope to visit the Gift Shop on way over or on the way back, depending on timing. We will have lunch in Hendersonville after the apple picking. If you would like to go, contact Bobbie Bell at (803) 360-5115. Watch the bulletin for more information!

**OCTOBER**—Lunch at Pastor and Beth Trump's house (date to be determined)

**NOVEMBER 21** - Trip to Mepkin Abbey Creche Festival—Lunch at Gilligan's Seafood

**DECEMBER** - Lunch at McCutcheon House (date to be determined)

If you would like to go to any of these events, contact Bobbie Bell at (803) 360-5115.

## Tables of Grace

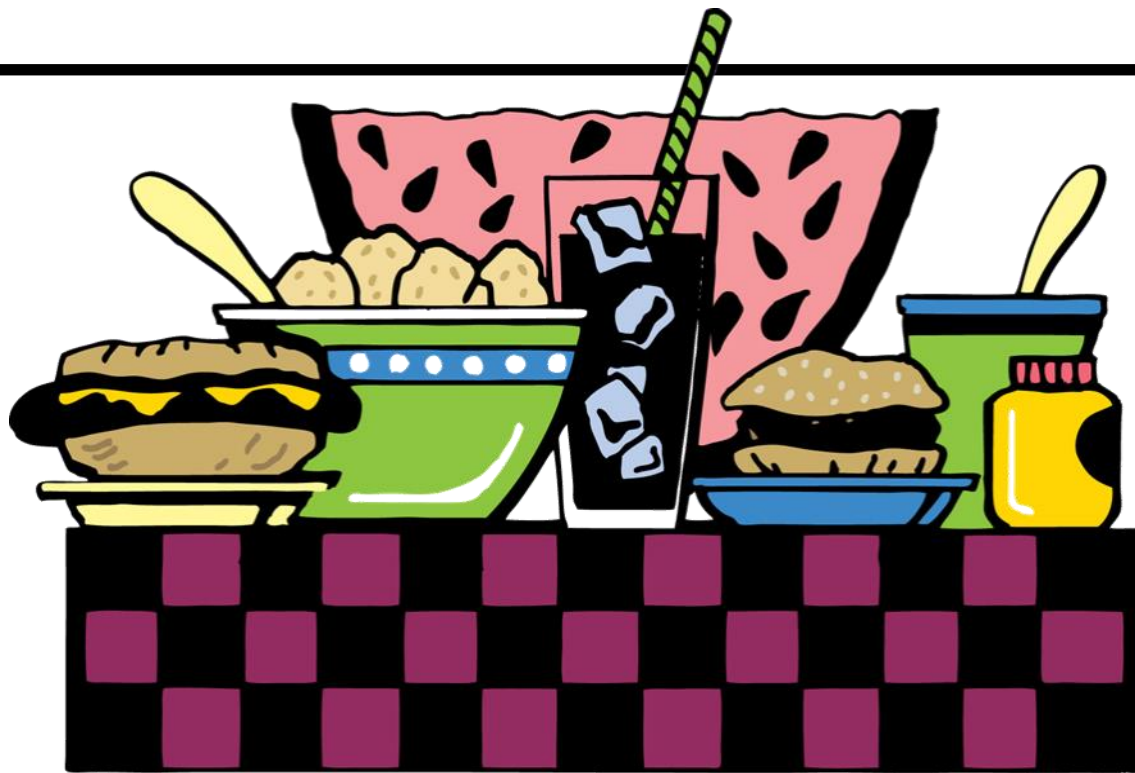
Tables of Grace will be starting soon. All current participants will be included in the next round unless you opt out. You should have received an email from Tracy Folk asking if you want to continue to participate. You can reply to that email if you wish to take a break.

If you've never participated and would like to be a part of this fun dinner group, please contact Tracy or Jay Folk at [tracy1961@gmail.com](mailto:tracy1961@gmail.com). If you sign up to be put in a group, you'll meet one time for dinner with other St. Andrew's people. It's a great way to get to know people outside of Sunday mornings!



## Home Communion

Four times a year volunteers take communion from the altar to those who can not be with us in worship. This is a very meaningful ministry. In the communion kit is a piece of paper with everything that needs to be said before sharing the bread and wine. Our homebound and sick individuals love these visits by friends from the church. If you would like to help please contact Barbara Weaver, [b.jweaver1960@gmail.com](mailto:b.jweaver1960@gmail.com) or Mary Ann Jacobs, [maryann.jacobs@yahoo.com](mailto:maryann.jacobs@yahoo.com)



# **St. Andrew's Church Picnic**

**September 22, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Saluda Shoals Park in the Cattail Shelter**

8:30 a.m. service will be at the church as usual, and the  
11:00 service will be held at the park.

There will be no Sunday School, with the exception of the  
Sojourner's Sunday School, which will meet at its usual time.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert.  
You may bring a folding chair, but some will be provided.

*The Saluda River Band (a bluegrass band) will be joining us again this year,  
participating in worship and also providing music at the picnic.*

*Please join us for this fun worship and fellowship experience!  
This is a great opportunity to invite a friend.*

# Finance

<b>St. Andrew's Lutheran Church</b>		
<b>Statement of Income and Expense</b>		
July of Fiscal Year 2019		
<b>Fund: 01 - General</b>		
	<b>July</b>	<b>2019 YTD</b>
	Actual	Actual
Current and Benevolence Giving	\$ 41,639.66	\$ 285,389.59
Expenses	\$ 43,440.04	\$ 285,326.56
Expenses under (over) Giving	<b>\$ (1,800.38)</b>	<b>\$ 63.03</b>
Current and Benevolence Giving	\$ 41,639.66	\$ 285,389.59
Budget	\$ 40,019.34	\$ 299,635.38
Giving (under) over Budget	<b>\$ 1,620.32</b>	<b>\$ (14,245.79)</b>
Debt Retirement Fund Balance as of 1/1/2019	\$ 24,204.67	
Funds received in 2019	\$ 21,630.47	
Thrivent Principal Payments in 2019	\$ (28,937.94)	
Thrivent Interest Payments in 2019	\$ (2,466.06)	
Current Debt Retirement Fund Balance	<u>\$ 14,431.14</u>	
Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance as of 1/1/19	113,520.20	
Principal Payments in 2019	<u>(28,937.94)</u>	
Current Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance	<u>84,582.26</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.



# Council Highlights

## Opening

Tom Henry called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Tom Henry led the devotion.

Council approved the minutes of the July 2019 meeting.

## Presentation of Fire Safety System Study

SALC member Brian Haley, who works with the Irmo Fire Department, presented options to Council for the upgrade of fire alert and suppression systems on church properties. He has begun assessing risks and making recommendations to increase fire protection in phases instead of installing one campus-wide system at one time, saving a large upfront expenditure but reportedly ensuring reliable monitoring, alert and response. Brian will attend the next Property Team meeting and has offered to prepare a fire emergency plan for the church.

## The Pastor's and Deacon's Reports

Pastor Trump's report was accepted as presented. Dramarama was lifted up as a very successful summer event that he hopes can be repeated next year if funded.

Deacon Holland's report was accepted as presented with several things highlighted:

- The ELCA Churchwide Assembly was held the first week of August. Representatives of synods and churches across the nation approved many resolutions and actions, including re-electing Elizabeth Eaton as presiding bishop of the ELCA; approving a social statement on Faith, Sexism and Justice; declaring the ELCA as a sanctuary church body; approving a resolution to establish June 17 as Emanuel 9 Feast Day of Repentance; approving the amendment of the ELCA constitution to provide for the ordination of Ministers of Word and Service, plus many other actions. Council members asked how members of our congregation can learn more about and discuss the issues addressed at the assembly. It was suggested that Council select several issues to discuss during the Sunday School hour after the new church school year has begun. Pastor Trump asked members to send him recommendation for topics.
- On Sept. 8, team chairs and council representatives will gather after team meetings to discuss the synod's Leadership and Faithful Innovation project.
- Deacon Holland asked for funding to purchase t-shirts promoting the theme "For Everyone Born, a Place at the Table" to sell to members. (This is the sermon series theme for September.) A motion to approve allocating up funds from the Witness and Fellowship budget to pre-order t-shirts was approved.

## Finance

Giving for July 2019 was \$1,800 **less** than actual expenses and \$1,620 **more** than budgeted expenses. YTD giving through July 31 was \$63 **more** than actual expenses and \$14,246 **less** than budgeted expenses.

## Witness and Fellowship

The Cattail Shelter at Saluda Shoals Park has been reserved for the annual fall outdoor worship service and picnic on Sunday, Sept. 22.

## Education

Georgia Godfrey reported that Mandy Glowacki is recruiting teachers for the August 25 start of the new Sunday school year. Deacon Holland added that volunteers are needed to staff the nursery during the Sunday school hour as Pat DuBose and Anita Murphy have stepped down as nursery school teachers after many years of service.

## Unfinished Business

Council approved a motion to approve the revised SALC Gift Policy as presented. Council will next review the revised endowment policy document, and once approved, both policies will be presented to the congregation for approval.

## New Business

Council considered Director of Music Ministries Jenny Walrath's proposal to improve temperature regulation of the pipe organ by replacing cloth screening in front of the swell pipes with a different material. Council would like to learn more about the aesthetics of proposed replacement material and will wait for more information before approving funding.

- Lutheran Men has requested funding assistance for the annual Lutheran Men/Congregational Christmas Dinner. A motion was approved to subsidize dinner catering costs.
- Tom Bane reported that repairing the AC unit on the second floor of the education wing is cost-prohibitive at this point, but requested funds to pay Walker White Inc. to perform minor repairs to the first-floor 20-ton unit. Council agreed to proceed with these repairs.
- Pastor Trump reported on the narthex task force's meetings with two architectural firms – the Boudreaux Group and Watson Tate Savory. (Attending the meetings with architects were Pastor Trump, Tom Bane, Phillip Jenkins, and Deborah Slice.) After considering the two firms' presentations, interest in the project, and anticipated fees, the task force recommended that Council contract with the Boudreaux Group for the design of upgrades to the narthex and parlor, as well as the selection of new flooring for the sanctuary. A motion to pay initial architectural fees to the Boudreaux Group was enthusiastically approved by Council.

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

**The next meeting will be Thursday, September 12, at 7 p.m.**

## Groups

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**Joint Circle Meeting** - September 4 at 10:00 a.m.  
All interested ladies of the church are welcome to attend our meetings

**Lowman Home Luncheon in Fellowship Hall**  
September 18 at 11:30 a.m.

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Please join us on Tuesday, September 10th for the next Lutheran Men meeting!



- Steve Slice will be providing the meal starting at 6:30 pm. \$5 per attendee.
- For our program, we will have former NFL player Corey Miller returning to us to speak about his ministry Giants4Christ, as well as his personal testimony.
- We encourage you to please come out and hear what he has to say!
- And remember, if this is your first LM meeting, your meal is on us!

Please reach out to Chris Watson at [cwatson196@gmail.com](mailto:cwatson196@gmail.com) if you have any questions. We hope you will join us!

## Bible Studies

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### **DISCIPLES' BIBLE STUDY**

We meet on Mondays at 11:00 a.m. and Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. (beginning the week of September 9)

### **RETIRED AND RESTLESS**

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

## Sunday School Classes

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### **CONNECTIONS** - taught by Pastor Trump and others

This class is for adults of all ages and all people. We will be starting a journey through the whole story of the Bible with a wonderful book titled "Manna and Mercy." This book gives a great overview and framework as you listen to scripture and read it on your own. Hopefully it will promote some good discussion. Also, from time to time we will be using a curriculum titled "Work of the People." This is a video-based program with many of the most prominent theologians and teachers in the church today. It takes on very contemporary theological topics. Join us, even for one week. Give it a try.

### **GRACE UPON GRACE CLASS**

This class is for those parenting preschool and school age children. We discuss issues related to parenting through the lens of our faith. Join us!

**SOJOURNERS CLASS** uses the Augsburg biblical curriculum, and taught by a wonderful rotation of teachers.

**GENESIS CLASS**, taught by Trent Shealy, often studies the assigned lessons for Sunday, but this year will also be looking at a curriculum on Luther's Small Catechism.

# Ministry Reminders

## SEPTEMBER 1

**Counters:** Mary Ann Jacobs & Dot Meador  
**Flowers:** Lessia Lynch  
**Greeters:** 8:30 a.m. Sharon Berger  
11:00 a.m. Patsy South  
**Reader:** 8:30 a.m. Hal Ray  
11:00 a.m. Deborah Slice  
**Communion Assistant:** 11:00 a.m. Steve Slice  
**Lay Assistant:** Beth Mullins  
**Acolyte:** Gracie Daly  
**Crucifer:** Peyton Player  
**Nursery:** Land  
**Grounds:** (August 31) Tom Bane, Chris Land  
**Council Collections:** Beth Mullins, Mari Frye,  
Tom Bane  
**Recycling:** Mandy Glowacki

## SEPTEMBER 8

**Counters:** Pat DuBose, Anita Murphy  
**Flowers:** Bud Beyer  
**Greeters:** 8:30 a.m. Carolyn Swittenberg  
11:00 a.m. Judy Moir  
**Reader:** 8:30 a.m. Mary DeHihns  
11:00 a.m. Buddy Lewis  
**Communion Assistant:** 11:00 a.m. Pat DuBose  
**Lay Assistant:** Sandra Holland  
**Acolyte:** Bailey Lucas  
**Crucifer:** TBD  
**Nursery:** Cochrane  
**Grounds:** (September 7) Steve Slice, Robert Luther  
**Council Collections:** Beth Mullins, Mari Frye,  
Tom Bane  
**Recycling:** Claire & Layne Birdsong

## SEPTEMBER 15

**Counters:** Bobbie Bell, Susan Beeler  
**Flowers:** Gloria Bruce  
**Greeters:** 8:30 a.m. Teresa Ratliff  
11:00 a.m. Shirley Swanson  
**Reader:** 8:30 a.m. Tom Bane  
11:00 a.m. Kara Montgomery  
**Communion Assistant:** 11:00 a.m. Kristine Thompson  
**Lay Assistant:** Ron Walrath  
**Acolyte:** Ben Godfrey  
**Crucifer:** Carter Godfrey  
**Nursery:** Varco  
**Grounds:** (September 14) Helmut Von Schweinitz,  
Curtis Amick  
**Council Collections:** Beth Mullins, Mari Frye,  
Tom Bane  
**Recycling:** Phillip Jenkins

## SEPTEMBER 22

**Counters:** Sharon Berger, Barbara Weaver  
**Flowers:** TBD  
**Greeters:** 8:30 a.m. Sandra Ringer  
11:00 a.m. Cathy Jordan  
**Reader:** 8:30 a.m. Nicholas Deglomine  
11:00 a.m. Ron Walrath  
**Communion Assistant:** 8:30 a.m. Lula Wilson  
11:00 a.m. Nicholas Deglomine  
**Lay Assistant:** Brian Teusink  
**Acolyte:** Gracie Daly  
**Crucifer:** Thomas Daly  
**Nursery:** Smith  
**Grounds:** (September 21) Chris Daly, Jay Montgomery  
**Council Collections:** Beth Mullins, Mari Frye,  
Tom Bane  
**Recycling:** Sharon Berger

## SEPTEMBER 29

**Counters:** Bobbie Bell, Susan Beeler  
**Flowers:** Shawn Skillman  
**Greeters:** 8:30 a.m. Tom & Theresa Henry  
11:00 a.m. Buddy Lewis  
**Reader:** 8:30 a.m. Tom Henry  
11:00 a.m. Brian Teusink  
**Communion Assistant:** 8:30 a.m. Theresa Henry  
11:00 a.m. Nicholas Deglomine  
**Lay Assistant:** Nicholas Deglomine  
**Acolyte:** William Cochrane  
**Crucifer:** Kaylee Schodowki  
**Nursery:** Bouknight  
**Grounds:** (September 28) John Trump, Hal Ray  
**Council Collections:** Beth Mullins, Mari Frye,  
Tom Bane  
**Recycling:** Whanna Bouknight



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### **Pastor**

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Jenny Walrath

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### **Office Manager**

Lina Gann

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Secretary: Deborah Slice

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Asst. Treasurer: Jason Godfrey

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