

ST. ANDREW'S

Lutheran Church

December 2019

Advent & Christmas

Sunday Morning Worship
Sunday Mornings 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
December 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

Wednesday Evening Dinner & Worship
December 4, 11, and 18
5:30 p.m. Dinner, 6:15 p.m. Worship
Dinner and worship are both in Fellowship Hall

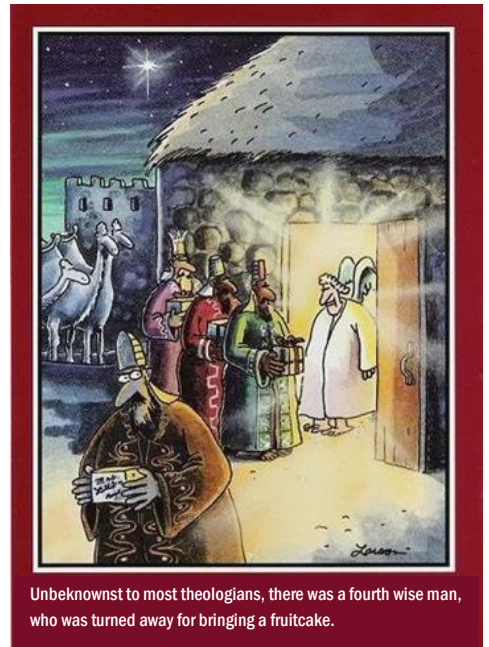
Christmas Pageant and Lunch - December 15
"Tail of the Hungry Mice"
following 11:00 a.m. Worship in Fellowship Hall

Christmas Eve - December 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.
CHRISTMAS BRUNCH, 11:30 a.m.

A Word from Pastor Trump

So, what's the TRUE story of Christmas? For instance, it is not in the Bible that there were 3 wise men. It simply says wise men came from the east. Tradition has it that there were 3 because 3 gifts were presented. Do we know what really happened at that first Christmas? Not really. We simply know that Jesus was born, and that it was revealed to a privileged few, including the wise men, that he was of God. He was the one sent by God to redeem and heal a broken world. What I do know is this: while I truly enjoy the "trappings" of the season-decorations, lights, trees, shopping for gifts, social events and more-these things are not a part of the true Christmas story. Your church offers you the opportunity to hear and celebrate what gives this season any meaning at all. This newsletter is filled with notices about opportunities to worship and serve during this Advent and Christmas season. Your Christmas will be greatly enhanced the more you involve yourself and your families in the community that keeps Christ in Christmas. You are also invited to bring any gifts you want (except fruit cake).



What happened to the hymn board and the "eternal flame"?

These were taken down primarily for one reason. The Worship Team and staff were greatly concerned about people climbing ladders to handle either of them. As the risk of fall is too great. Secondly with the hymn board, the reality is this way of posting hymn numbers can often cause confusion. What if we are singing only part of a hymn? Or men are singing one verse and women another? You look up at the board and find your hymn but are unaware of the instructions that are printed in the bulletin. Those involved do apologize for not informing people ahead of time. We understand that it can feel at times like things are being done in an arbitrary way, when in truth thought and concern by many people have gone into those decisions.



Chris Daly 12/1
Kimberly Von Schweinitz 12/1
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 12/24
Pat Blackwell 12/26
Abigail Amodio 12/27
Ruth Lackstrom 12/28
B. Edward DuBose 12/31



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
- ✝ Daniell, Bryan, and Griffin Sill
- ✝ Summers Duffie, friend of Sandra Holland
- ✝ Sharon Hixon, friend of Vern Free

Members with health concerns

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

Members in Extended Care

- ✝ Margie Shealy, Heritage at Lowman
- ✝ Adrian Trexler, The Brian Center
- ✝ Madge Bartsch, Generations of Chapin
- ✝ Martha Ferguson, NHC Parklane
- ✝ Lois Fulmer, Lexington Extended Care
- ✝ Flo Onley, Generations in Irmo

Homebound

- ✝ Sarah Cook
- ✝ Lib Hartman
- ✝ Jackie Darby



Our prayers are with Hal Ray and family upon the death of his father Grady Ray on November 22, 2019.

In memory of Ron Althoff by Jim & Audrey Hartin
 In memory of Ron Althoff by Bill & Sally McKeown
 In memory of Ron Althoff by Myron & Linda Corley
 In memory of Ron Althoff by Jerry & Beverly Long
 In memory of Ron Althoff by Sandra Ringer
 In memory of Ron Althoff by Joanne Taylor
 In memory of Ron Althoff by John & Beth Trump
 In memory of Ron Althoff by The Early Ford V-8 Club of America SC Region 167
 In memory of Alice Thompson by Margie Miles



Dear St. Andrew's friends,

Charles and I want you to know that your prayers, calls, and cards have meant so much to us. These caring acts of support give strength for tough times. Thank you for holding us close. Pastor Trump, your visits always brightens one's day. Thank you for finding us at our new home in West Columbia. We are blessed to be a part of this caring community at St. Andrew's. —Gratefully, Betty Dawkins

Youth, Mark Your Calendars!

7th - 12th grade youth



Sunday, December 1

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

6:00-8:00 p.m. - High School Girls Group Gathering

Sunday, December 8

12:00-2:30 p.m. - Lunch and Christmas shopping for E.E. Taylor kids. After eating lunch at the church, we will head over to Walmart to purchase gifts. Bring \$10 to help with the gift for the Angel Tree kids.

Sunday, December 15

12:00 p.m. - Christmas Pageant and lunch. Youth help to set up for lunch during Sunday School, help serve the meal and clean up. Join the group going Christmas Caroling after the pageant.

Monday, December 23

12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. -Mall Adventure with Pastor Trump and Sandra Holland. Bring money for a lunch and meet at the food court of Columbiana Mall to begin our adventure.



Let's Go Caroling!
COME ONE, COME ALL!

Sunday, December 15, 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 at jwalrath@salutheran.com or 553-4994.

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

Christmas Pageant

“A Tail of the Hungry Mice” will be presented on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**, with lunch following the 11:00 service. **ALL ARE INVITED!** This is a pageant written with children in mind.

“Speaking parts” will be recruited by Vicky Henderson and rehearsals will be scheduled. If your child/youth desires to have a significant speaking part, and is willing to memorize lines, please let Pastor Trump know right away.

The traditional PAGEANT PARTS, with the little ones playing shepherds, angels and more will practice THAT SUNDAY during the Sunday School hour. PLEASE let Georgia Godfrey (pearcker@yahoo.com) know if your child will be participating so that she and others can arrange for costumes. ANY HELP IS WELCOME! Crowd control? Contact Georgia!



In the Meantime

Because of the busy holiday season, we will take a break from *In the Meantime* in December and resume in January. Please plan to join your church friends at our adult Christmas Party on Friday, December 13, at the home of Jay and Tracy Folk.

College Connect Lunch

Join us for lunch on **Sunday, December 22**, 12:30 p.m. at Cantina 76 on Main Street. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship with your church friends!

Congregational Christmas Dinner

The Lutheran Men of St. Andrew's invite you to commune with us at the annual Congregation Christmas Dinner on **December 10, 2019, at 6:30 p.m.**

The dinner will be catered by Little Pigs BBQ. 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 \$10 per adult, \$5 for children 3-12, and children under 3 are free. The family maximum is \$25.

Please see an usher or any Lutheran Men for your tickets. Please email, call or text Chris Watson at 803-667-1017 or cwatson196@gmail.com with any questions, comments, or concerns.





Annual Adult Christmas Party

December 13 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 Jay and Tracy Folk at their home on 166 Holly Ridge Lane, West Columbia. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. For more information or directions, contact Jay (803) 530-9777 or Tracy (803) 530-5170.



Thank you to everyone who took a tag from Angel Tree. Please return your wrapped gift with the original tag attached and put it under the tree by **Sunday, December 8**, so we can deliver gifts to E. E. Taylor before their winter break.

Contact Lessia Lynch at llynch40@gmail.com or Jolene Stalzer at jstalzer001@sc.rr.com with any questions.

Young at Heart

We will be having a tour of the renovated chapel at Ebenezer Lutheran Church on **December 19**, at 10.30 a.m. Please meet at St. Andrew's by 9:30 a.m. We will be having lunch at Villa Tronco after the tour. We need to have a head count for that by December 15, 2019. Please call Bobbie Bell at 803-360-5115. Please come and join us!

(Young at Heart, pictured right, visited the Mepkin Abbey Creche Festival and had lunch at Gilligans Seafood in November.)



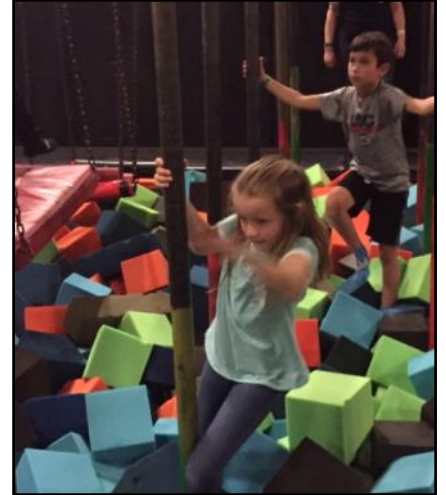
December Food Needs for Virginia Wingard Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who has donated food for Virginia Wingard United Methodist Church's Food Bank. Your donations have helped so many people in need. The Food Pantry is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1 until 3:00 p.m. Did you know they have doubled the number of bags they hand out this year alone? If you can donate food this month, please drop your donated food in the shopping cart in the gathering area.

We are collecting:

- Medium box of noodles
- 1lb box of rice
- Dry cereal (box or bag)
- Large can of spaghetti sauce
- Jar of Peanut Butter

Luther League at HiWire



Social Ministry

On behalf of the people of St. Andrew's the Social Ministry Team distributed the following checks to area charities:

\$500 to Providence Home, a ministry dedicated to helping stabilize the living conditions of dislocated men and encourage their progress toward self-sufficiency;

\$500 to our neighbor church, Virginia Wingard United Methodist, for their food pantry;

\$500 to Swansea Baptist Church which allows for the use of their shower/washer/dryer trailer during our Family Promise weeks;

Thanks to the people of SALC for their generosity in providing for these gifts.

Are you the ONE!? Can you help?

The air conditioning units in the two-story educational building must be replaced. Several options are being considered with professional engineers helping look at all options. Your church would like to save money where it can, including future energy bills. The “air handlers” (inside the building, that move the cold or warm air) are the originals! We got 50 years out of them. The air conditioning units on the roof are almost 20 years old. The estimated cost of replacing these units is around \$150,000.

ANY LARGE GIFTS that someone may feel moved to offer at this time to help pay for this (or pay for the whole thing!) are greatly appreciated. Wouldn't it be wonderful if somehow we could avoid increasing our debt when it is nearly paid off?

P.S. This expenditure and all spending over 2% of the ministry plan (about \$10,000) must be approved by the congregation.

If you give your offering to St. Andrew's regularly by using the online access and are still receiving offering



WELCA circles will be collecting good used coats for the children of Kim (our refugee family) and extras will be given to the E.E. Taylor School children. **The deadline for donations is December 15.** Donations can be dropped off in the church office Monday -Thursday from 9:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Agape Circle will meet on December 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Living Water Circle will meet December 5 at 10:30 a.m.

At our November joint circle meeting, Dr. Robert ("Dr. Bob") Hawkins spoke about hymns and their meaning in worship, and how they help us tell the story of faith.



Council Highlights

Opening

Tom Bane called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Sandra Holland led the devotion. Council approved the minutes of the October 2019 meeting.

The Pastor's and Deacon's Reports

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

Finance

Giving for October 2019 was \$10,626 less than actual expenses and \$1,646 less than budgeted expenses. YTD giving through October 31 was \$15,455 less than actual expenses and \$23,908 less than budgeted expenses.

Property

Work is continuing on construction of a new ADA-compliant restroom, renovation of restrooms in the children's Sunday school wing, collection of estimates and proposals for repair/replacement of HVAC systems, and planning for renovations in the narthex.

December 6 is grounds clean-up day. All members of the church community are invited and encouraged to attend.

Witness and Fellowship

This team is exploring ideas for a worship and meal event for those without homes, possibly working with Oliver Gospel Mission or Transitions. Nametag Sunday will resume in January.

Social Ministry

The Social Ministry team approved donations to three local non-profits and made plans to support the Angel Tree project in December.

Cemetery

Grading work is delayed because of weather until the spring.

Bible Studies

DISCIPLES' BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will resume on January 6.

We meet on Mondays at 11:00 a.m. and Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.
We are journeying through the book of Luke and you can jump in at any time.

RETIRED AND RESTLESS

Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. We will meet on **December 11** this month.

Adult Sunday School Classes

CONNECTIONS - *taught by Pastor Trump and others*

This class is for adults of all ages and all people. We will be continuing 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 is 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.

Yoga meets Mondays in December

For the month of December, Yoga will be held on Mondays at 5:45 p.m.

There will be no yoga on December 23 or 30.

All Booked Up - Ladies Book Club

We are going to go see the Tour of Homes for our December meeting with no book for the month. We will meet at the church after the 11:00 service on December 8 and can carpool to Beth Trump's home. From there, we will tour the homes and then come back to her house for a short gathering. You will need to purchase a ticket in advance for this however. The website is <https://www.homesfortheholidays-columbia.com/> to purchase your ticket. Let Jenny Land, (803) 741-4641, know if you plan to attend so we do not leave anyone behind.

Ministry Reminders

DECEMBER 1

Counters: Mary Ann Jacobs & Dot Meador
Flowers: Jill Areheart
Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Sandra Ringer
11:00 a.m. Buddy Lewis
Reader: 8:30 a.m. Mary DeHihns
11:00 a.m. Anna Berger
Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Lula Wilson
11:00 a.m. Whanna Bouknight
Lay Assistant: Kasarah Boiter
Crucifer: Jacob Semones
Nursery: Casey
Grounds: (November 30) Helmut Von Schweinitz,
Curtis Amick
Council Collections: Deborah Slice, Tom Henry,
Paul Osmundson
Recycling: Whanna Bouknight

DECEMBER 8

Counters: Pat Dubose & Anita Murphy
Flowers: Joel & Tonya Lucas
Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Sharon Berger
11:00 a.m. Shirley Swanson
Reader: 8:30 a.m. Tom Henry
11:00 a.m. Steve Slice
Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Theresa Henry
11:00 a.m. Deborah Slice
Lay Assistant: Beth Mullins
Acolyte: Ruby Grambow
Crucifer: Carter Godfrey
Nursery: Lucas
Grounds: (December 7) Advent/Christmas Clean-up
Council Collections: Deborah Slice, Tom Henry,
Paul Osmundson
Recycling: Josh & Paulene Cruse

DECEMBER 15

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. Theresa Henry
11:00 a.m. Kristine Thompson
Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Becca Kelly
11:00 a.m. Carl Bartlett
Lay Assistant: Christine Vincent
Acolyte: Addison Connaker
Crucifer: Jake Derrick
Nursery: Williams
Grounds: (December 14) Layne Birdsong & Justin Varco
Council Collections: Deborah Slice, Tom Henry,
Paul Osmundson
Recycling: Chris & Jessica Daly

DECEMBER 22

Counters: Sharon Berger & Barbara Weaver
Flowers: Chris & Jenny Land
Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Mary DeHihns
11:00 a.m. Cathy Jordan
Reader: 8:30 a.m. Linda Hughes
11:00 a.m. Olivia Tener
Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Tom Henry
11:00 a.m. Mandy Glowacki
Lay Assistant: Donna Ray
Acolyte: Reagan Bouknight
Crucifer: Joshua Bruce
Nursery: Godfrey
Grounds: (December 21) John Trump & Hal Ray
Council Collections: Deborah Slice, Tom Henry,
Paul Osmundson
Recycling: Mari Frye

DECEMBER 29

Counters: Sharon Berger & Dot Meador
Flowers: Joe & Edie Casey
Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Tom & Theresa Henry
11:00 a.m. TBD
Reader: 8:30 a.m. Sharon Berger
11:00 a.m. Sybil Long
Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Linda Hughes
11:00 a.m. Anna Berger
Lay Assistant: Jay Folk
Acolyte: Makenna Schodowski
Crucifer: Luke Bradley
Nursery: Land
Grounds: (December 28) Shawn Skillman & Hank Ray
Council Collections: Deborah Slice, Tom Henry,
Paul Osmundson
Recycling: Jay & Tracy Folk



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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