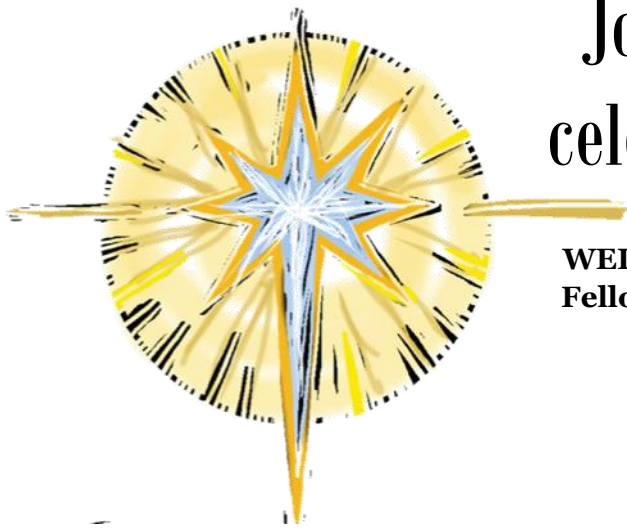


ST. ANDREW'S

Lutheran Church

January 2020



Join us Monday, January 6 to
celebrate the Feast of Epiphany.

WELCA and Lutheran Men are providing dinner in the
Fellowship Hall at 6:15 p.m. and worship will follow at
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Please bring a dessert to share.



EPIPHANY

A Word from Pastor Trump

If a Tree Fell in the Forest

If a tree fell in a forest and no one was there to hear it would it still make a sound? Of course the answer is yes. Sometimes, we all feel a little bit like that tree. Who is there to hear us if we speak? If we fall? If we rejoice? As a pastor there are times when I experience this, when despite our very best efforts to communicate information to the congregation the word still doesn't get out. Things are not heard or read or listened to despite electronic messages, newsletters, bulletin blurbs, verbal announcements, texts and more. We are off to a new year. It can be a very exciting year, with some "visioning work" taking place (see the article regarding the Rev. Mike Ward). It will be critical that people take the time to listen to information and listen to one another. Everybody needs to be engaged. We need your input. We need the wisdom of the group, not just of a few. Will everyone agree? No, probably not. But everyone will be heard. Please, please, please take the time to read your newsletters, check your email, and be a part of all that is taking place in YOUR church. Speak up, and listen.



Share your God Moments

St. Andrew's is one of several South Carolina Lutheran churches involved with an effort called Leadership for Faithful Innovation. It asks how God is leading the church in today's world.

The initial steps focus on listening - to God's Word, to each other, and to God's presence in our daily lives. We're hoping you will help by sharing those moments when you feel God's presence in your neighborhoods.

How you define your neighborhood is up to you. It could be in your workplace or school; at church; in the community where you live; or any other place.

Have questions? Contact Paul Osmundson or Pastor Trump.



Beth Mullins	1/1	Georgia Godfrey	1/16	Ed Bruce	1/23
Tara Taylor	1/5	Allen Semones	1/16	Cody Jones	1/24
Paulette Hoffman	1/6	Mariko Beckham	1/17	Keenan Shealy	1/24
Nathan Mullins	1/6	Jessica Ray	1/17	Patsy South	1/25
John MacKenzie	1/7	Darrin Player	1/18	Jake Derrick	1/25
Robbie Derrick	1/8	Jill Areheart	1/20	Susan Young	1/25
David Fisher	1/8	Austin Parks	1/20	Gillian Gilmer	1/26
Kaitlyn Berger	1/9	Noah Trump	1/20	Foster Hastie	1/26
Bryan Potts	1/10	Samuel Trump	1/20	Stacey Bradley	1/28
Pedro Robles	1/12	Erin Daly	1/21	Lisa Player	1/28
Edna Wheeler	1/12	Helmut Von Schweinitz	1/21	Claude Galarneau	1/29
Ella Grambow	1/14	Adam Lautenschlager	1/22		
Barb Teusink	1/14	Joe Meador	1/22		

STRATEGIC PLANNING

with the Rev. Mike Ward

Mike Ward is a deeply respected consultant out of Asheville who is presently working with the SC Synod with their stewardship efforts, and many Lutheran entities in the Southeast. He is an ordained Lutheran pastor. He has been hired to work with the Congregational Council and with ALL OF US regarding strategic planning moving forward this year. There are many activities and passions at this church. Mike will help us examine them, evaluate them, and ask us, "What is most important to this community? What makes St. Andrew's special? What is God calling us to be? What are our unique gifts?" No church can be all things to all people. There might be some choices we have to make. You will see in the weeks ahead SHORT SURVEYS and other tools that you are asked to fill out and return. WE MUST HEAR FROM YOU! This is a critical year in this church. What will the next decade bring to this community and how can we SHAPE THE NEXT DECADE the way God is calling us to do?



A long time ago, in middle school, we had a vote regarding a new school mascot. The vote was for a teddy bear. A teddy bear? Really? I complained. To this day I can remember the teacher asking me; "Did you vote?" I had not. There was some excuse, but I realized that I had forfeited my right to be upset. Your vote, your voice, your opinion matters. This is an incredible opportunity for us as a community of God.

Peace, Pastor Trump

Air Conditioning, Narthex/Parlor Projects



The Congregation Council has engaged the services of Mechanical Design, Inc. to be the project supervisor for the replacement of the AC units serving the two-story educational/fellowship hall building. A project such as this must have professional guidance to ensure the right work is done and the correct contractor is hired. Once a bid is secured and accepted by the Congregational Council, the congregation will be asked to vote on it including where the funding will come from to pay for it.

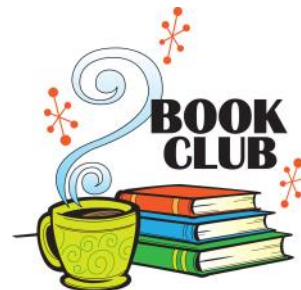
The Narthex/Parlor renovation planning is moving forward with the architects working to finalize the design. After the Council approves the plans they will be unveiled to the congregation with opportunities for feedback. After that, the congregation will have to approve the plan. If approved, there will be opportunities for people to give gifts toward this. ANY GIFTS that someone might be motivated to give toward these projects that do not take away from regular giving will be greatly appreciated.

All Booked Up - Ladies Book Club

Date: Friday, January 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Host: Claire Birdsong

If you are interested in being a part of Ladies Book Club please let Jenny Land, (803) 741-4641, know if you plan to attend.



Youth, Mark Your Calendars!

7th - 12th grade youth



Sunday, January 5 - Noon-2:30 p.m. - Youth Group Boys lunch and movie at the church.

Sunday, January 12, 6-8 p.m. - Girls Group

Sunday, January 19, 6-8 p.m. - Youth Supper and Service Project

Sunday, January 26 - Youth & Parents Supper

February 7-9 - Faith Alive Confirmation Retreat at Lutheridge

March 20-22 - Youth Mountain Retreat in Boone

Youth Mountain Weekend Retreat, March 20-22 – Mark your calendars now for this fun weekend of hiking, exploring, and other mountain fun with your church friends! Watch for details to come.

Luther League (children in 3rd-6th grade)

The Luther League group will be going bowling on Sunday, January 26. We will meet after church for lunch in the Fellowship Hall and then head over to bowl. Watch for more details so you don't miss the fun! Trisha Grambow is in charge of this activity.

Lenten Devotional

Once again, this year we are asking the congregation to write devotions for our daily devotional booklet. This practice has proven to be one the congregation enjoys and those who choose to write have really enjoyed being a part of the process. The Holy Spirit stirs up faith in each of us when we choose to study the Word and respond. This year, Ash Wednesday is on February 26 so the devotional passages will be due on February 2. Please consider being a part of this even if you've never participated in the past. Please let Sandra Holland know if you are willing to write a devotional and she will assign you a verse.

Let's be a Green Church!

If you would like to help with the church recycling by being on the schedule to take a couple of bags home to put into your own recycling bins, please let Sandra Holland know by emailing sholland@salutheran.com.



Young at Heart will be going to McCutchen House for lunch on January 16, 2020. Please meet at the circle at the church by 11:15. Please call Bobbie Bell at (803) 360-5115 with confirmation that you will be coming. We have to have reservations for this.

February will be at the church. We will be watching the documentary of Mr. Rogers and having pizza. Desserts will be welcome.

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.



I am a big fan of Lutheran camps (Lutheridge and Lutherock) any week, any time of the year, and for any age. Mountain Men, summer camps for children/youth, Wild Women, or handbell weekends in the winter... if you ever have an opportunity to take advantage of these treasures nestled in the North Carolina mountains (Lutheridge is a mere 141 miles from home,) I hope that you do.

No time at Lutheridge is more special to me than Music Week, always the first full week after the Fourth of July. This special week of camp, for both children and adults, offers all of the activities of camp, but also had the opportunity to sing under the direction of some of the finest musicians in the country. Adults in 2020 will sing under the direction of Robert Hobby and enjoy the beautiful organ and piano creations of Jeremy Bankson, and also have the option of handbells, recorders, guitar, “Orchaband” (a combination of orchestral and band instruments) and drumming, to name a few. It’s hard to take a walk around the camp during Music Week without hearing some type of music wafting through the mountain air. The Friday concerts, when the children present for the community the culmination of their week’s work, are a testament to the joy and faith that is alive in the children and youth that come back year after year to be a part of Music Week.

I would encourage all of our children and adults to consider Music Week at Lutheridge, or another camp opportunity at Lutheridge or Lutherock, as part of your summer for 2020! Whether you choose Music Week or another week of camp, church funds are available to offset the cost of camp for children and youth.

Blessings,

Jenny Walrath

Lutheran Men's Annual Christmas Dinner



The Tail of the Hungry Mice Christmas Pageant



Caroling to the Homebound



Finance

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church			
Statement of Income and Expense			
November of Fiscal Year 2019			
Fund: 01 - General			
		November	
		Actual	
	Current and Benevolence Giving	\$ 36,190.15	
	Expenses	\$ 39,471.93	
	Expenses under (over) Giving	\$ (3,281.78)	
	Current and Benevolence Giving	\$ 36,190.15	
	Budget	\$ 40,219.34	
	Giving (under) over Budget	\$ (4,029.19)	
Debt Retirement Fund Balance as of 1/1/2019		\$ 24,204.67	
Funds received in 2019		\$ 32,782.97	
Thrivent Principal Payments in 2019		\$ (38,880.43)	
Thrivent Interest Payments in 2019		\$ (3,611.57)	
Current Debt Retirement Fund Balance		<u>\$ 14,495.64</u>	
Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance as of 1/1/19		113,520.20	
Principal Payments in 2019		<u>(38,880.43)</u>	
Current Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance		<u>74,639.77</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.

Bible Studies resume Monday, January 6

Mondays, 11:00 a.m. and Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m. – the Gospel of Luke

Retired and Restless

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. –
a study of the lessons for the upcoming Sunday



Greetings and Welcome to a WELCA New Year!

Regular meetings will be delayed one week. The January dates are as follows:

Agape Circle--Wednesday, January 9, 10 a.m. in the church Parlor.

The Living Water Circle--Thursday, January 10, 10:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.



Our next Lutheran Men meeting will be Tuesday, January 14, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A meal will be provided and cost is \$5. If this is your first Lutheran Men meeting, your meal is on us!

Agenda will include setting goals for the year, sharing our faith journeys, along with electing a Treasurer (please let us know ASAP if you feel called to serve in this important role!)

We are on Facebook! All are welcome to please follow our page to engage with us: facebook.com/SALutheranMen

Officers for the 2020 year:

President - Darrick Williams

Vice President - Josh Cruse

Secretary - Andrew Connaker

Treasurer - Open

Please reach out to Darrick Williams at darrick.williams@gmail.com or 803-237-0013 if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you in the new year!



Congratulations to our Graduate

Lena Breuer completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering at Virginia Tech in December. She is currently working on a Masters' degree in Civil Engineering with a focus on Transportation, and also works at the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute. Congratulations, Lena!



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
- ✝ Edna Wheeler's mother, and granddaughter Emily Wheeler

Members with health concerns

- ✝ Allen Semones, undergoing cancer treatments
- ✝ Linwood Swittenberg, recovering at home
- ✝ Pete Cox, recovering at home
- ✝ Charles Dawkins, 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 Judy Wooley and Beth Trump upon the death of Aunt Sue Marsh, on December 8 in Greensboro, NC.



In memory of Ron Althoff, given by Bernice Sims.

In memory of Catherine & Jimmie Lee Koon, given by James M. & Martha Sue Koon.

In memory of Charles & Alice Thompson, given my Margie Miles.

In memory of Rachel Potts & Ron Wilkoc, given by Barbara Wilkoc.

In honor of Mary DeHihns, given by J.G. & Deborah DeHihns.

Ministry Reminders

JANUARY 5

Counters: Mary Ann Jacobs & Dot Meador
Flowers: Mary Lynn Fulmer
Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Jolene Staltzer
11:00 a.m. Judy Moir
Reader: 8:30 a.m. Hal Ray
11:00 a.m. Deborah Slice
Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Mary DeHihns
11:00 a.m. Steve Slice
Lay Assistant: Ron Walrath
Acolyte: Gracie Daly
Crucifer: Michael Berger
Nursery: Cochrane
Grounds: (January 4) Ron Walrath
Council Collections: Erin Johnson, Jay Folk,
Curtis Amick

JANUARY 12

Counters: Pat Dubose & Anita Murphy
Flowers: TBD
Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Sharon Berger
11:00 a.m. Shirley Swanson
Reader: 8:30 a.m. Becca Kelly
11:00 a.m. Buddy Lewis
Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Hal Ray
11:00 a.m. Pat Dubose
Lay Assistant: Phillip Jenkins
Acolyte: William Cochran
Crucifer: Rebecca LaSalle
Nursery: Varco
Grounds: (January 11) John Mackenzie
Council Collections: Erin Johnson, Jay Folk,
Curtis Amick

JANUARY 19

Counters: Bobbie Bell & Susan Beeler
Flowers: Robert and Dollie Lunsford
Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Lynwood & Carolyn Swittenberg
11:00 a.m. Buddy Lewis
Reader: 8:30 a.m. Christine Vincent
11:00 a.m. Kara Montgomery
Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Sharon Berger
11:00 a.m. Kristine Thompson
Lay Assistant: Judy Venturella
Acolyte: Ben Godfrey
Crucifer: Kaylee Schodowski
Nursery: Smith
Grounds: (January 18) Bryan Potts
Council Collections: Erin Johnson, Jay Folk,
Curtis Amick

JANUARY 26

Counters: Sharon Berger & Barbara Weaver
Flowers: TBD
Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Teresa Ratliff
11:00 a.m. Barbara Galarneau
Reader: 8:30 a.m. Mary DeHihns
11:00 a.m. Ron Walrath
Communion Assistant: 8:30 a.m. Tom Bane
11:00 a.m. Darrick Williams
Lay Assistant: Christine Vincent
Acolyte: Bailey Lucas
Crucifer: Thomas Daly
Nursery: Bouknight
Grounds: (January 25) Beth Mullins
Council Collections: Erin Johnson, Jay Folk,
Curtis Amick



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