

ST. ANDREW'S

Lutheran Church

August 2020



COMMUNION in the time of COVID

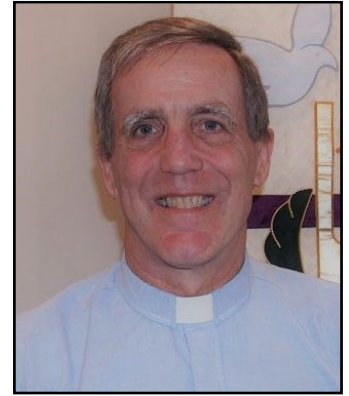
St. Andrew's will be offering brief communion services on **Sunday, August 2 and August 16**, every half hour beginning at 8:30 and lasting until 1:00. All necessary precautions will be taken to ensure safety. Participants will be limited to 8 per worship, therefore "reservations" are necessary.

- You may sign up on our website at www.salutheran.com.
- Unless you hear otherwise the time you pick is FINE and you can come then. PLEASE come as close to the time as possible to cut down on people interacting between services.
- You may also call the church and leave a message. Someone will call you back to put you into a time slot.
- **If you cannot make it, please contact us in case someone else wants to come at that time.**
- Wear a mask.

Please be assured that if you are not comfortable participating, or cannot come for any reason, God's grace and mercy is present in our lives in many and various ways. Let no one feel pressured or guilty.

A Word from Pastor Trump

What do you miss most during this time of Covid? The answers are probably incredibly varied. I certainly miss time with friends. Are there things that you simply are not missing as you thought you might? I am finding, surprisingly, that I really am not missing sports as much as I thought I would. The thing I miss the most of course is worship together, in person. I miss gathering around the church table with all of you. This past week we did decide to offer communion to those who wanted to come, in groups of no more than 8. It was wonderful to be able to do so. To stand behind the altar, and even with only 2 or 3 in the pews, to have the opportunity of once again saying "Do this in remembrance of me" was indeed special. As a pastor not being able to do so has left a tremendous gap.



When might we gather around the table again with more than 8? We simply do not know. I know that there are some churches already doing so, but our worship task force, including the doctors from our congregation who look at the statistics, all agree that this is not the time to do so. A pastor in an article in the New York Times about the spread of Covid via churches told of his church that followed all the rules when it returned to worship but there were still outbreaks. For an interesting article on this topic go to: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/08/us/coronavirus-churches-outbreaks.html>

In the meantime, here are my own 10 commandments of Covid.

- Wear a mask
- Wash your hands
- Stay in communication with others
- Check on friends and relatives
- Watch worship on-line if you can
- Read your Enews from the church
- Write to people who are homebound or in nursing homes
- Get outside away from electronics every day
- Support your church with your gifts
- Love one another, as God loves you.

Resuming Worship

Did you know that every Wednesday night for the last few months, Pastor Trump, Deacon Holland, Jenny Walrath, Curtis Amick, Judy Venturella, Dr. Donna Ray and Dr. Claire Birdsong meet by Zoom to discuss the latest in COVID 19 news so that we can continue to prepare for how we might regather for in-person worship? We are fortunate to have medical professionals in our church family who are willing to look at the numbers and advise us on what they believe to be the best direction for our congregation.

Bible Study with Pastor Trump

will resume in September. Look for more information at that time.



Some shared comments regarding our communion worship:

Not being able to worship and receive communion since March this communion was most meaningful to me. A very personal experience. Thank you Pastor Trump and all who are helping with the online service.

—**Bobbie Bell**

I loved being able to be in the Sanctuary again. Although there were few people at the time I attended, I enjoyed being able to worship with others since I live alone. Seeing & listening to Pastor Trump in person again was wonderful. I have missed receiving communion & was grateful to be able to once again. I hope we can continue this. —**Cindy McManus**

Thank you for the meaningful and special Communion service. Walking into the sanctuary this morning after such a long time was humbling and overwhelming. I, of course, do not know all who contributed to coordinating the service, but, it was very well thought out and executed and, very meaningful.

Thank you to all who worked to make this happen. I have been rejuvenated. Thanks be to God!

—**Kristine Thompson**

I have been very cautious during the COVID crisis. One of my first public outings was to come to church for communion. I felt as safe receiving communion as I do in my own home. Above all, it brought me much peace. —**Mari Frye**

Virginia Wingard Food Pantry

The Food Pantry at Virginia Wingard is open. They are taking bags to cars instead of having people come in the building. The food pantry's hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 1-3 p.m. and they serve people in 29201, 29203 and 29210 area codes. You have to show an ID to receive food. If you would like to donate food, please take food directly to Virginia Wingard and call 772-0794 before you go to make sure someone will be there.



Items needed for the month of August:

- 14 to 16 oz. jar of peanut butter
- 20 to 24 oz. jar of jelly/jam
- Dry cereal (box or bag)
- 14-16 oz. can of fruit

They are also taking monetary donations. Mail your checks to Virginia Wingard UMC, 1500 Broad River Rd, Columbia, SC 29210, and put "food pantry" in the memo line.

News from Social Ministry

St. Andrew's received letters of thanks from the following organizations that are supported through your generous giving: Family Promise of the Midlands, Transitions, and the Virginia Wingard Food Pantry.

Thanks be to God that we are able to continue to support our community in this way. —**Beth Trump**

Lutheran Men

Lutheran Men is continuing to meet via Zoom calls on the 2nd Tuesday of each month starting at 6:15 pm. If you haven't joined us yet, please begin!

This is a great way to stay in touch with the men of the church and hear about what's going on with our lives and how we can help each other during this pandemic. No computers are necessary... all you need is a phone! The info is provided in the weekly e-news the week prior to our meeting. Join us!

Gathering Online Through Zoom

Since we are unable to meet in person right now, it's wonderful to have the technology available through Zoom to be able to gather online.

Deacon Sandra sends out a new Zoom Schedule every Monday morning in an e-news. To access a Zoom meeting by video you will need to use a laptop computer, tablet, smartphone or a desktop computer that has a camera and microphone added.

You can also access the meeting by dialing in by phone (either mobile or land line). The phone number and Meeting ID is listed next to each event. Please enter the meeting ID when prompted.

If you have any other questions, please contact Sandra Holland at 803-269-9659 or sholland@salutheran.com who will be happy to help you get connected.

Regular Weekly Zoom Gatherings:

Sunday

9:45 a.m. – **Grace Upon Grace Sunday School** (for those parenting young children).
Taught by Sandra Holland

9:45 a.m. – **Zoom into the Bible** led by Trent Shealy. A time of sharing and exploring the bible takes place on Sundays at 9:45 via the Zoom link. Each week we examine the lessons for THAT SUNDAY, making your worship experience that much richer.

Monday

6:00 p.m. - **Yoga** Vicky Henderson and Linda Anderson lead a weekly yoga class for all levels.

Tuesday

7:15 p.m. - **Pajama Time with Church Friends** (Toddlers- 6th graders)

Thursday

4:30 p.m. - **Social Crafting** – (Join this weekly group to share craft ideas and visit while you create)

Meet Malachi and Myra

St. Andrew's has a long history of using puppets in children's ministry. As the time of Covid separation has continued, we have found ourselves using our puppets even more often than usual (for children's sermons, VBS, and weekly "Pajama Time" for children) and we also noted that some of them were looking a bit worn.

A little research leads us to believe that our current puppets have been part of our ministry here for over 35 years! Enter the artistically talented Jessie Ray, who spent some time with some of our beloved puppets and gave them new life! Many thanks to Jessie for sharing her gifts in this special way!

As some of the puppets were essentially beyond repair, we are also taking advantage of a Thrivent Grant to purchase two new puppets, Malachi and Myra. They are still being created at a puppet shop in Colorado, and we look forward to having them join us very soon.



"Thank you, Jessie, for giving us new pep in our steps!"



"We can't wait to meet the children of St. Andrew's!"



Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Ingathering August 7 and 8

Last spring St. Andrews held our first Lutheran World Relief Ingathering of Quilts and Kits. The Ingathering was a huge success with several congregations throughout South Carolina and Georgia donating more than 350 quilts and 130 kits. These gifts of quilts and school kits, personal kits, and baby care kits make a difference in the lives of people all over the world. They bring comfort to families in Tanzania, Rwanda, El Salvador, Mali and Senegal to name a few. We are excited to hold our second Ingathering on Friday and Saturday, August 7 and 8, 2020 from 10:00 - 1:00 pm each day.



SC Synod Assembly

The SC Synod of the ELCA held its first virtual assembly on Saturday, July 26 and it was a total success. With over 500 people in attendance at the Zoom meeting, there were very few glitches. The St. Andrew's group of delegates (Pastor Trump, Deacon Holland, Curtis Amick, Ruth Lackstrom, Deborah Slice and Andrea Erd) chose to participate from their own homes to be as safe as possible. Although it was surely a different experience, it did work and was an interesting way to be a part of this synodical process. In addition to a keynote speaker, Bible study, worship and prayer, the biggest part of the assembly was spent electing a new bishop. Bishop Herman Yoos is ending his 12 year term to retire. Pastor Ginny Aebischer (formerly a member of St. Andrew's) was elected as the new Bishop. Making history, Pastor Aebischer will be the first woman Bishop of the SC Synod.

Be Loved. Be Kind. Be You.

We have just completed the first ever virtual VBS at St. Andrew's. This year's theme was called "Compassion Camp" and was a huge success even though it was different! Instead of lasting one week, we had one lesson per week for the month of July. We delivered bags of crafts, snacks, Bible study materials and fun family activities to each child's home each week. Then on Tuesday night, the children gathered for a Zoom meeting where we sang songs, talked about the week's lesson and prayed together.

Throughout the week the children could access the weekly pre-recorded puppet show, yoga/movement activity, singing and lesson. Most families in the church participated in some way. It was not the same as an in-person VBS, but we are glad we had the opportunity to gather in another way!





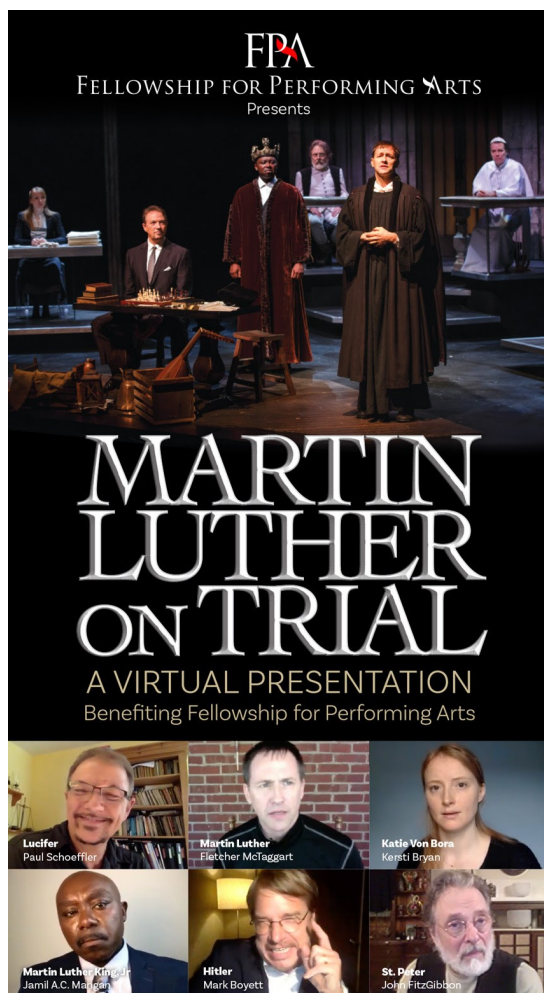
Yoda Rules

Science Fiction and Fantasy stories have a rich history of stories that involve prophecies, sacrifices, supernatural powers, omnipotent abilities, and other motifs and events that could be pulled right out of the Bible. Our next meeting will be August 28, 2020 @ 8 p.m. discussing the Star Wars Original Trilogy and Episode 1 of the show "Manifest."

If you're interested in being beamed into the Yoda Rules discussion, text "Energize" to Darth Casey at 803-556-8263 or email josephwilliamcasey@gmail.com.



Join us on August 28, 2020.
The Zoom link will be sent in the weekly Monday e-news.



MARTIN LUTHER on TRIAL

Sunday, August 2, 2020
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

A virtual dramatic reading presentation of this acclaimed production featuring the original cast erupts in an afterlife trial for the soul of Martin Luther...at Lucifer's request.

This fantastical courtroom drama features Hitler, Freud, MLK Jr and Pope Francis as witnesses, a reenactment of Satan's rebellion and his failed attempt to enlist Michael the Archangel!

All this along with a thorough examination of Luther's life and his loving relationship with Katie Von Bora. And did we mention how funny it is?

No FPA production has generated more audience excitement than Martin Luther on Trial. Plus, a live talkback with Max McLean follows the event.

For for information visit www.fpatheatre.com.

Church Council Meeting - July 16

Opening

- Curtis Amick called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.; Council met via Zoom.
- Council approved the minutes of the June 18, 2020, Council meeting and the June 25, 2020, called Council meeting as amended.
- Council approved the agenda as written.
- Georgia Godfrey shared a devotion.

Pastor's Report and Deacon's Report

- The Pastor's report and Deacon's report were accepted as presented.
- Pastor Trump updated Council on incidents in which he has had to ask homeless persons to leave the property, or to call law enforcement to assist in asking them to leave. The Richland County officers have been helpful and gracious in all situations. Staff have reported safety concerns.
- Deacon Holland reported that 37 children are participating in VBS on Zoom, and that she is working with Sybil Long to plan a socially-distanced way to present quilts to graduating high school seniors.

Team Reports

Property Report

Tom Bane reported that sheetrock has been repaired and primed for painting in the narthex, and that the air conditioning in the fellowship hall has failed. He requested pricing on a temporary fix to last until the system is replaced in the entire wing, but Council did not consider a recommendation at this time.

Unfinished Business

Strategic Planning Team

The team working with Mike Ward on a three-year strategic plan for St. Andrew's met with Pastor Trump to consider how to best present the information to the congregation and to recruit leaders for identified goals and objectives. The group is planning to announce a September roll-out of the strategic plan in a letter to the congregation.

Outside groups' use of facilities

Tom Henry reported that he has spoken with representatives from the various organizations which use our facilities for meetings about plans to resume meetings once the church opens the buildings and begins on-site worship. Groups' meetings will be restricted to the Social Hall, and the Property Team will meet to discuss related building security and cleaning issues.

New Business

In response to Office Manager Lina Gann's announcement that she would be resigning at the end of July, Pastor Trump and the Mutual Ministry Team developed a plan to allow Lina to remain employed by the church but work remotely from home. The Mutual Ministry Team presented a new job description with fewer duties related to the daily operations of the office. Those duties not included in the new job description are to be performed by ministry staff and volunteers. Council discussed priorities, logistics, and current and future needs of the church. Tom Henry motioned that Council accept the proposal from Mutual Ministry to continue to employ Lina Gann with her current title and hourly wage and approve the new job description prepared by Pastor Trump. The motion was seconded, and passed with a majority vote and two objections.

Pastor Trump adjourned with prayer concerns.

Finance

				St. Andrew's Lutheran Church								
				Statement of Income and Expense								
				June of Fiscal Year 2020								
				Fund: 01 - General								

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.

Friends & Relatives

- ✝ Corbett Anderson, nephew of Amy Vickers and grandchild of Mike and Susan Beeler
- ✝ Maria Casey, mom of Joe Casey
- ✝ Stephen Finger, friend of Jan Bass
- ✝ Sandra Ouzts, sister of Debra Ouzts
- ✝ 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
- ✝ Sharon Hixon, friend of Vern Free
- ✝ Edna Wheeler's mother, and granddaughter Emily Wheeler
- ✝ Jada Johnson, niece of Erin Johnson
- ✝ Mike Chase, cousin of Vicky Henderson



Homebound

- ✝ Sarah Cook
- ✝ Jackie Darby
- ✝ Pete Cox
- ✝ Linwood Swittenberg

Members in Extended Care

- ✝ Adrian Trexler, The Brian Center
- ✝ Madge Bartsch, Generations of Chapin
- ✝ Martha Ferguson, NHC Parklane
- ✝ Lois Fulmer, Lexington Extended Care
- ✝ Flo Onley, Generations in Irmo
- ✝ Mitch Mayer, Lexington Extended Care



Our prayers are with Dot Meador upon the death of her sister Mary, after a long illness. Please keep Dot, Joe, Kim and Stephanie in your prayers.



William Thomasson	8/6	Matthew Hawkins	8/23
Benjamin Taylor	8/8	Larry Young	8/24
Deborah Slice	8/10	James Ann Sheley	8/25
Linda Hughes	8/13	Paige Gates	8/26
Carroll Robinson	8/14	Phillip Jenkins	8/26
Aubrey Shaw	8/14	Peyton Player	8/26
Carole Amick	8/19	Abby Frye	8/29
Mary Lynn Fulmer	8/20	Curtis Murphy	8/29
Shirley Sanders	8/20	John Derrick	8/31
J. Michael Coleman	8/22		
Carl Bartlett	8/23		
Mike Beeler	8/23		

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