

ST. ANDREW'S

Lutheran Church

October 2020

Let Us Worship Together!



**October 4,
10:00 a.m.**

*We will have music
to listen to,
God's word shared,
communion served.*

In the PARKING LOT

(In case of rain we will postpone one week).

If you can, bring your own chair (we will have plenty available).

Masks are required.

Observe social distancing PLEASE. We know you are eager to see one another, but we have to behave ourselves.

Invite others!



A Word from Pastor Trump

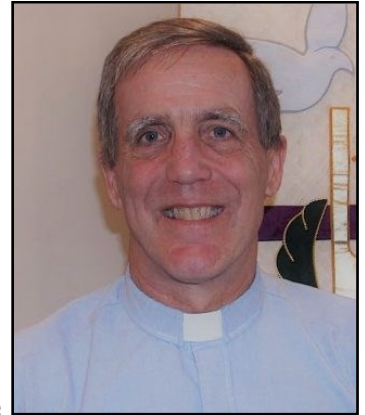
Worship. It is what unites us and forms us. I am thrilled that we will be worshipping together albeit outside, with masks, “socially distant”, and alas no singing. That sounds pretty drastic I know, but it needn’t be. It is an opportunity to experience God’s word and grace in a different format if you will. When we change our surroundings and setting maybe we see something in a new way? Maybe our perspective is changed? We will have the word, and most critically we will have the meal.

I am aware that there are those who feel that some of the precautions are unnecessary. I will not try to convince them otherwise, although every reputable medical professional and public health expert states the need for them. We don’t want to be like the church in Arkansas, where reportedly 34 worshippers contracted Covid after defying guidelines. We can worship, if we are careful.

If for no other reason than to allow for others to be comfortable in worship everyone should be eager and happy to wear a mask. Let us love our neighbor as ourselves as we are called to do and take every precaution that we can.

I long to see all who feel comfortable and safe in doing so, in worship on October 4.

Peace,
Pastor Trump



St. Andrew’s will be offering brief communion services on **Sunday morning, October 18.** 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, or you may call the church office and leave a message. Someone will call you back to arrange for your time slot.
- PLEASE come as close to the time as possible to minimize people interacting between services.
- If you are unable to come at the time you reserved, please contact Sandra Holland at (803) 269-9659 in case someone else would like to come at that time.
- Masks are required in the building.

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.



Strategic Ministry Vision

The Strategic Ministry Vision has been mailed to all members. It is also available at our website salutheran.com. Please take the time to read it completely. Take a minute or two to respond. What do you think? Where can you plug in? We would love to hear from you. You can email your response to vision@salutheran.com.

Stewardship For All Seasons

Stewardship for All Seasons is a program offered through the South Carolina Synod. It is developed by Grondlund Sayther Brunkow (GSB) which is a development organization that has helped hundreds of congregations achieve major stewardship goals. They work to help faith communities to sustain higher levels of both individual and organizational stewardship. We are working with other congregations in the Synod, with regular meetings, workbooks, coaching, and much more. You will be receiving a mailing telling you about this program and launching our Stewardship effort to empower ministry in 2021. There will be very specific goals that go hand in hand with the Strategic Ministry Vision that you have received. How can we grow in generosity and in ministry?



Christ In Our Home Devotionals

The October/November/December editions of "Christ in our Home" have arrived at the church. If you would like to have a copy, please email a staff member, or call the church office and leave a message, and we will make arrangements to get one to you.

In the Meantime Sunday, October 11 at 5:30 p.m.

In the Meantime will meet on Sunday, October 11 at 5:30 p.m. in John and Jan Bass' back yard. Please bring your own chair and anything you'd want to eat or drink. We won't be sharing food and germs, but we will be sharing ideas and discussing how our faith is active in the world. Watch for more information about an article that we will read to discuss. Please contact Deacon Sandra or Pastor Trump if you have questions.



Gathering Online Through Zoom

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. – **Zoom into the Bible** led by Trent Shealy and Pastor Trump. 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

5:30 p.m. - **Social Crafting** – (This group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month)

Donations for 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 October:

- 14 to 16 oz. jar of peanut butter
- 14-16 oz. can of green beans
- 14-16 oz. can of corn
- Box of corn muffin mix



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.



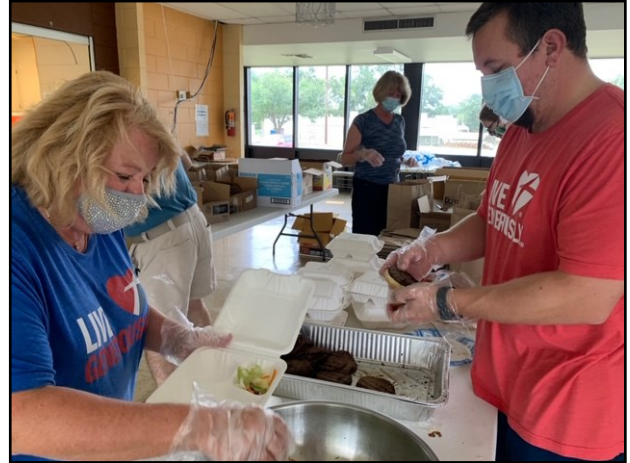
Bishop Installation on October 4

Bishop Ginny Aebischer will be installed as the Bishop of the SC Synod of the ELCA on Sunday, October 4 at 3:00 p.m. The service will be online on the SC Synod website www.scsynod.com. Bishop Aebischer and her family were members of St. Andrew's until two years ago when her husband, Paul, was called to be pastor of Ebenezer Lutheran Church. We wish her blessings on this new adventure as she serves as the pastor to the people of the SC Synod!

Social Ministry Corner

On September 12, fifteen St. Andrew's Lutheran Church folks cooked, prepared and distributed 175 meals to people experiencing homelessness throughout the Columbia area. It wasn't a typical feeding; instead of people coming to a big tent and being fed buffet-style, we went to them. Larry Nichols with *Lunch on Lawn* guided us to various areas in the city and we distributed food bags filled with cheeseburgers, salad, chips, fruit and dessert. Of course, we were careful to observe COVID-19 precautions. Many smiles and words of thanks were exchanged.

This project was made possible by a Thrivent grant, a donation from an individual, and the generosity of the people of St. Andrew's. Thanks for making this important ministry possible.



Share Your Faith Stories

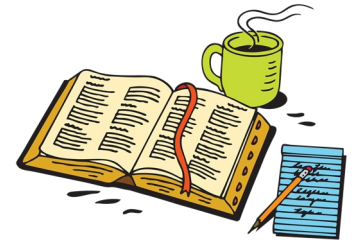
The Guiding team for Faithful Innovation is looking to share our faith stories with one another as we enrich our spiritual lives throughout the pandemic. If you are interested in sharing your faith journey, your experiences at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, the moments you see God at work in your daily life, and more, please reach out to one of the Guiding team members. We will be contacting some members for interviews as well.

We would record our interview with members and compile a video to share with the congregation around Thanksgiving. And along the way, we hope to connect spiritually in these socially distant times. If you're interested in participating, contact: Paul Osmundson, Beth Mullins, Claire Birdsong, Susie Derrick, or Joe Casey.

Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Trump has begun!

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM.

It is SO easy to join. Just go to the Zoom link that is emailed every week and click on it. You do NOT have to come every week and you can join any time. We are journeying through the powerful book of JEREMIAH. By the time of this mailing we should be up to about chapter 9. You will not be quizzed or called on to speak if you do not desire to do so. Join us! Invite others! There is room on the screen for as many as we would like.



Taking Care of God's Creation - *Beth Trump*

Last fall Ruth Lackstrom, Cathy Jordan and I attended a "Lutherans Restoring Creation" retreat at the Isle of Palms. There, we met Lutherans from all over the country whose congregations were actively engaged in environmentally friendly initiatives around their church campuses. We discussed many actions, large and small, that could be undertaken to take care for God's creation in a more proactive way. Take a look at their website: www.lutheransrestoringcreation.org.

Our recent Vision Statement included a goal to embrace stewardship of the environment by educating about and encouraging creation care. We'll soon assemble a leadership team to develop a plan for spearheading this effort, but I wanted to tell you about a couple of small initiatives we've already undertaken.

"Who Gives a [Poop]" is a company that makes a difference by selling toilet paper and donating millions of their profits toward building toilets and improving sanitation in the developing world. Check out their website - us.whogivesacrap.org. Small steps make a difference, so St. Andrew's will begin ordering paper products from them. Look for a chance to get \$10 off your first order in the next e-news.



Last year we experimented with coffee offered by a Lutheran World Relief program that partners directly with small-scale farmers from Nicaragua. Their model allows the farmers to expect a more stable, fair price for their product and continue to support their families by eliminating the middle man. You can read more about this program and order their coffee at lwrfarmersmarket.org.

Taking care of the beautiful creation God gifted us should be an ongoing part of our stewardship efforts. If you have an idea or want to be on the Lutherans Restoring Creation team, email Beth Trump: btrump6659@gmail.com.

Come be part of our Virtual Choir!

By now, hopefully you have seen and heard the gifts of our Virtual Choir in our online worship services. We have heard from many in the congregation that it truly feeds their souls to have this unique choral ministry during our months apart. With several church Festival Sundays nearing, this is a great time to jump into this ministry with us, and offer your gift of song to those at home! All participation in these projects will be done from the comfort of your own home, with no technical experience or equipment needed other than cell phones, tablets, or computers. If you are interested in participating, please contact Nicholas Shumate who will provide details about how to rehearse and get your part recorded. Nicholas can be reached at nshumate@salutheran.com or at (803) 448-7361.





Youth Schedule (7th—12th graders)

Sunday, October 4, 3:00 p.m. – Confirmation Class

Sunday, October 11, 5-6:30 p.m. – Tie Dye night. We will tie dye youth t-shirts and also masks. Wear clothes that can get dirty! Masks will be made to give away.

Sunday, October 18, 5:00-6:30 p.m. – Youth Group Boys' group

Sunday, October 25, 5:00-6:30 p.m. – Youth Group Girls' group

Children's Sunday School classes

Beginning **October 11, 2020**, we will offer two children's Sunday school classes via Zoom:

9:00 a.m. for 4K - 2nd grade

9:45 a.m. for 3rd - 6th grade

We know that there are some sibling pairs that may cross over (for example, a 3rd grader may attend the 9:00 group with his/her younger sibling or a 2nd grader may attend the 9:45 group with his/her older sibling).

The weekly class format will be:

Music and Movement
Bible story/lesson
Activity/workshop



Similar to VBS, each child will receive a bag of supplies for the activities/workshops that will be presented each Sunday. The bags will be available on October 4. If you are unable to attend the outdoor service (SEE ARTICLE), the bags will be delivered to you.

We are excited to be able to continue with connections and education of our children at St. Andrew's. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Mandy Glowacki or Sandra Holland.

Young Adult Spotlight

We are very proud of these two young adults of St. Andrew's:

Lena Breuer graduated from Virginia Tech with a Masters of Science in Civil Engineering, with a focus on Transportation. Lena moved to Oregon in early September and started the PhD program in Civil Engineering at Oregon State University. She received a Pacific Coast Transportation Fellowship and a scholarship.



Chase Paschal began classes in September in the Doctoral Program at the Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy.

Family Promise News

Family Promise of the Midlands was the recipient of very generous donation by Clayton Homes of a manufactured home to act as a transitional home for families in the program. This transitional home is for families who have made enough financial progress to not need to stay in host churches, but still need some assistance before they can completely graduate from the FP program. While in the transitional home, they will pay 30% of their income to get used to making these payments and living on a budget. When they secure more permanent housing, 100% of that money will be returned to them.

Family Promise has been using the St. Andrew's Lutheran Welcome House as a transitional home since Lutheran Services has not had refugees to place in the house. On a sad note, the Family Promise trailer was stolen from the Family Promise parking lot last month. Fortunately, Family Promise has insurance. In September, St. Andrew's donated \$600 to Family Promise.

The Alex English Celebrity Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, October 26 at Cobblestone! You can register teams online through the Family Promise website at familypromisemidlands.org. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Brooke Chehoski, (803) 414-5315 or email brooke.chehoski@gmail.com.



TOMORROW'S Promise

Tomorrow's Promise is a new program that we have developed that aims to:

- Provide financial assistance to families in danger of losing their homes.
- Support students who are part of families having housing stability issues with enrichment activities including athletics, music and art.
- Hold community engagement events, when it is safe to do so, that could include financial literacy, professional developments, and entertaining activities for the children.

There is an opportunity for us to provide children with experiences they would not likely get without our support.

We would utilize our New Beginnings curriculum to provide a comprehensive approach to financial literacy for the household.

This program has kicked off with support from Dominion Energy and Truist Bank, and we are excited to see how all of our volunteers and supporters can be involved.

www.familypromisemidlands.org | Text 'FPM' to 269-89 to sign-up for our newsletter or to support us.



Lutheran Men Blood Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated blood. We saved 45 lives with 15 donations.



MINUTES
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting
September 18, 2020

Opening

- Curtis Amick called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.; Council met via Zoom.
- Council approved the minutes of the August 2020 Council meeting.
- Council approved the agenda with the addition of updates on the HVAC system and on resuming in-person worship.
- Paul Osmundson shared a devotion.

President's Report

The President's Report was accepted as presented.

In response to the question about resuming in-person worship, Curtis Amick and Pastor Trump gave an update on the Covid-19 task force's decision-making process and its work to help ensure safety. The two medical professionals on the task force are monitoring infection rates and agreed to a plan to hold an outdoor, socially distanced worship service in the parking lot on Oct. 4. While DHEC continues to recommend that no more than 10 people gather together in an indoor room while safely distanced from one another, it does not limit the number of people gathered in an outdoor space. The task force believes that infection rates have decreased enough to gather outdoors without limiting attendance, as long as all people wear masks, space themselves apart, and follow other safety guidelines. Council discussed the advantages and the risks of gathering in larger numbers at this time. Communion services with fewer than 10 in the sanctuary will continue; larger gatherings will be scheduled at the discretion of the staff and Covid task force.

Pastor's Report and Deacon's Report

The Pastor's and Deacon's reports were accepted as presented.

Team Reports

Council received and accepted reports from the stewardship, education, worship, and social ministry teams.

Unfinished Business

Strategic Planning Team

The Strategic Planning team launched a video this week that asks members to envision the future of St. Andrew's and discern each member's part in that vision. The team prepared and mailed a detailed introduction to the vision plan the week prior to the video's launch. Both are posted on the website.

New Business

2021 Ministry Plan

Tom Henry introduced the proposed 2021 ministry plan on behalf of the finance team. Council reviewed all line items and discussed incorporating funding for the first year of Strategic Ministry Vision goal implementation. Pastor Trump said that this ministry plan is based on our work with the Synod program Stewardship for All Seasons which calls for a mindset of abundance, not scarcity, and will challenge members to lean in toward what we envision as the future of St. Andrew's. The ministry plan and strategic vision will be interdependent. Council members will continue to consider the budget proposal, and at its October 15 meeting will prepare a motion that will be presented for vote at the November congregational meeting.

Property

Tom Bane reported that the property team will arrange for the repair of the two HVAC units that serve the parlor and the sanctuary. These repairs will not exceed \$10,000.

Council approved a motion that the property team ask MDI Mechanical Design to solicit bids between now and the end of October for the replacement of the education wing/fellowship hall HVAC system (phase one) for presentation and recommendation at the November congregational meeting.

Pastor Trump reminded Council members to continue reading Mike Ward's book "Abundance," and he adjourned with prayer concerns.

Finance

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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
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Homebound

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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



Members with Prayer Concerns

- ✝ Allen Semones, cancer treatments

Deepest Sympathy

Our prayers are with Andy Connaker, upon the September 8th death of his father, Jim Connaker, in St. Paul, MN.

Our prayers are with Anita Connaker, upon the death of her aunt, Maxine Chapman, in Spartanburg, SC, on Sept. 21. She was like a mother to Anita so much that Anita called her "Mom."



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Jenny Walrath - 10/3
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Christine Metts - 10/4
Melinda Crenshaw - 10/5
Carolyn Swittenberg - 10/6
Trent Shealy - 10/7

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Mari Frye - 10/8
Michael Sheley - 10/9
Madalynn Wessinger - 10/11
Linda Anderson - 10/12
Ron Walrath - 10/15
Gloria Bruce - 10/16
Justin Varco - 10/16
Susan Beeler - 10/17
Chase Paschal - 10/17
Michael Haigler - 10/21

Shirley Mayer - 10/21
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