

ST. ANDREW'S Lutheran Church

January 2021

God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

A Mighty Fortress, Martin Luther

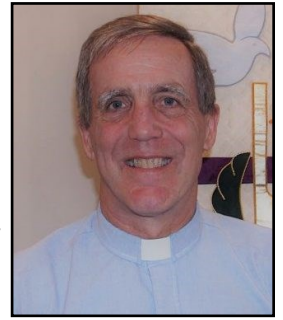
Together, with God's help, we have journeyed through 2020.
With God's help, let us embark on 2021, trusting in God's presence and promises.

Inside this newsletter you will see articles about ways you ministered in the past, and opportunities to grow in faith, to be supported in this difficult time, and to serve others in need. Please take time to read and call if you have any questions.

THANK YOU for all that you have made possible and continue to make possible in this community of God.



A WORD FROM PASTOR TRUMP



A new year is upon us. Thank goodness! However, we all know that despite the vaccination that is gradually being delivered around the country, the state, and Columbia, it will take months for the effect of this program to take a real effect in protecting people. We do not know when we will be able to more fully return to worship and activities in person. In the meantime, we simply must do our best to stay connected. Your church will continue to provide virtual, outside (weather permitting), and small in-person worship. We ask that you continue to support your church with your gifts. All of us must reach out to others with calls, letters, emails and more to care for one another. There are so many people who need human contact in any way possible. Who might they be? The new year will be better. It will be gradual. We are asked to live in hope and expectation of deliverance from difficult and trying times. As we do, we are called to be faithful in all things.

A favor I would ask of you as your pastor: Help me to keep connected with you. If there are things I need to know, or ways I can be of service, please contact me. Normally I might see you on Sunday morning or other times. I could see your faces as you sleep, or laugh, or look down at your cell phone, during a sermon. Reach out to your preacher, too!

*Thank
You!*

Your gifts made ministry possible through 2020 despite the pandemic. No, we did not receive all the gifts we had hoped to receive. The PPP Loan helped us finish without a great debt. Undoubtedly some people were affected financially by Covid. In the end through your gifts we were able to provide worship to give hope and encouragement, pastoral care, youth and children's ministries, give support and care to those in need, and so much more.



STEWARDS

IN ALL SEASONS

STEWARDSHIP FOR ALL SEASONS:

FINAL REPORT

You responded: We are glad to report that we ALMOST made our goal of 100 “statement of intent cards” returned. There were 92.

You are faithful: It is difficult to get exact figures but approximately 65 families or individuals stated their intent to give a specific amount in 2021. If you compare those numbers to what these same people either pledged for 2020, or gave from October of 2019 to October of 2020, there is an expected increase in gifts of almost \$50,000. Thank you!

That pledged amount is wonderful. It will be critical as well. Unfortunately, we are almost that amount *below* our budgeted expenses for 2020, although we spent a lot less than budgeted and the PPP loan will keep us in the black. Quite frankly we just do not know how directly the pandemic affected giving. Time will tell.

Automatic Giving: Christmas giving that keeps on giving. So, you were so happy to receive gifts at Christmas. Aren't we all? However, your church needs your gifts all year long. That is why AUTOMATIC giving from a bank account is so wonderful for the church, easy and safe for you, and an easy way to be very faithful in your giving. By giving online you are making your giving a priority. Remember you can change it with a phone call to the church or to your bank. This form of giving is quite frankly critical as the church moves forward in the new year and into an uncertain and interesting future.

Steps for giving online:

- Log onto salutheran.com
- Select **GIVE** at the upper right
- Click the **GIVE ONLINE** button on the right
- Create a profile
 - email
 - name, address, password
 - choose donation type/amount
 - frequency/start date

- Choose payment option
 - checking
 - savings
 - credit or debit card

Going forward, you will be able to see your giving history (beginning with the date the account was set up), schedule other transactions, and make changes as needed to your account.

GATHERING ONLINE THROUGH ZOOM

A new Zoom Schedule is sent out 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

9:00 a.m.—**Adult Sunday School**

Zoom into the Bible led by Trent Shealy and Pastor Trump. A time of sharing and exploring the Bible. Each week we examine the lessons for THAT SUNDAY, making your worship experience that much richer. Times will vary from week to week, so, please check the weekly Enews.

Children's Sunday School Classes - meeting on 2nd & 4th Sundays only

9:00 a.m.—Sunday School for Preschool—2nd Graders

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School for 3rd—6th Graders

Monday

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

Tuesday

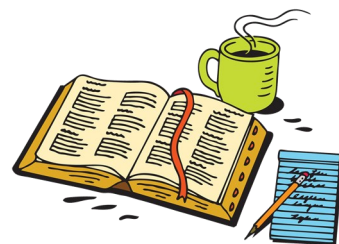
7:00 p.m.—**Yoda Rules (January 26)**

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

Wednesday

6:00 p.m.—**Bible Study with Pastor Trump**

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR TRUMP



WHY NOT!?? Why not start off the new year with a resolution to try Bible study with Pastor Trump and friends? They all Zoom together on **Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.** for one hour. Presently the topic is the book of Jeremiah. Yes, you can jump in at any time. Yes, you can miss a week and not be scolded or reprimanded. Join us!



LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

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 17 so the devotional passages will be due on January 17. 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.

SENDING PARTICIPANTS NEEDED FOR ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

For our online worship services, we've enjoyed having different members record the Dismissal ("Go in peace. Serve the Lord") from their homes. This gives us all a chance to see people from our church community, and reminds us that ministry is going on in our homes even as our opportunities to gather in person are limited! Would you like to help with this? If you have a mobile phone, it's easy! If you'd be willing to record yourself or your household to be used in an upcoming worship service, please contact Jenny Walrath (jwalrath@salutheran.com) or Sandra Holland (sholland@salutheran.com)



THE JOY OF THE OUTDOORS... WORSHIP!

Twice a month we toss our camping chairs and a couple of blankets in the car and head over to church to enjoy the outdoor services that St. Andrew's is offering. Why do we do this? Honestly, we are tired of screens. Everything is online now, from work meetings and school, to face timing with family we haven't seen in months, and even watching church services. Gathering together to worship, even if it is outside and it is different, still warms your heart and soul. For us, we need it. We need to gather. We need to worship. As for the kids, they enjoy snuggling up on our laps with a blanket and not having to be super quiet all the time.

Deb Varco



Deb, Caroline Justin, and Jonathon

WHERE DO YOU FIND GRACE?

From Box 15, Maxatawny, Pennsylvania

Frederick Buechner Quote of the Day: Life Itself is Grace

Life Itself is Grace

Listen to your life. All moments are key moments.

I discovered that if you really keep your eye peeled to it and your ears open, if you really pay attention to it, even such a limited and limiting life as the one I was living on Rupert Mountain opened up onto extraordinary vistas. Taking your children to school and kissing your wife goodbye. Eating lunch with a friend. Trying to do a decent day's work. Hearing the rain patter against the window. There is no event so commonplace but that God is present within it, always hiddenly, always leaving you room to recognize him or not to recognize him, but all the more fascinatingly because of that, all the more compellingly and hauntingly. . . . If I were called upon to state in a few words the essence of everything I was trying to say both as a novelist and as a preacher, it would be something like this: Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery that it is. In the boredom and pain of it no less than in the excitement and gladness: touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it because in the last analysis all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace.

And here's the significance and irony of "Box 15, Maxatawny, Pennsylvania." When I see this address in my email I know that my former teacher, my friend and mentor, Dr. Nelvin Vos is writing. Hearing from him is itself, a moment of grace for me. We have moments of grace, and we all have people of grace in our lives. Treasure them this year.





Thank
you

Thanks to your generosity three families in the Family Promise network received clothing, gift cards, toys, zoo passes and other gifts for Christmas. We were also able to buy shoes and clothing for Kim's family, whom we met through the Lutheran Services refugee program. (Kim and her eight children are originally from the Congo.) We also prepared bags containing socks, gloves, hand warmers, toiletry items, etc. distribute to folks experiencing homelessness in the Columbia area. All three of these projects were supplemented with Thrivent Action Grants. Blessings to all in our St. Andrew's community for these and other gifts that made Christmas a little more bright for other during these challenging times.

Beth Trump



COUNCIL MINUTES

**St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting
December 17, 2020, 7 p.m.**

Opening

- Council Chair Curtis Amick called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. He welcomed newly elected members as visitors to the final Council meeting of 2020. Chair Amick expressed gratitude for the service of those leaving Council. He explained that Mari Frye had resigned from Council to accept the position of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church's office manager.
- Jay Folk shared a devotion on the fears present in modern society and reminded all of the comforting words of the Gospel.
- Council approved:
 - *November 8, 2020, annual congregational meeting as amended.
 - *November 12, 2020, monthly council meeting minutes
 - *November 19, 2020, called council meeting minutes
 - *December 6, 2020, called congregational meeting minutes

Pastor's Report and Deacon's Report

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

In his report, Pastor Trump had noted that the Covid19 Task Force had met, as is the weekly practice, to review DHEC statistics and had recommended no changes to new worship attendance plans recently announced to members. Council Secretary Deborah Slice reminded the group that during the October 15, 2020, Council meeting, Pastor Trump and Chair Amick agreed to a Council request that Council be asked to approve any change in the number of worshipers permitted to gather together in an indoor worship space. She noted that Council had not voted on the decision to increase maximum worship capacity. Pastor Trump motioned that Council approve increasing the maximum capacity for indoor worship to 25 persons plus worship leaders. The motion was seconded. Discussion ensued. Pastor Trump stated that the Task Force continues to follow conservative guidelines for worship attendance, and acknowledged the wide range of government and denominational guidelines. Deborah Slice referred to the continuing increase in daily reports of South Carolina cases, hospitalizations, and deaths, and the increase in the daily average of positive test results over rolling two-week periods, and expressed her fear that this is not the time to increase indoor worship capacity. Chair Amick called for a vote. Eleven Council members voted in favor of increasing the size of worship gatherings; Deborah Slice voted against the motion.
- Deacon Holland drew Council's attention to the announcement in her report that seminarian Christine Vincent had resigned as youth coordinator and will not complete her field education assignment at St. Andrew's. Deacon Holland and Pastor Trump will be in conversation with the Youth Team and parents of youth members to discern the best path forward.

Team Reports

Council accepted reports from the Stewardship Team and Property Team as submitted.

New Business

- Council elections
 - *Council re-elected Curtis Amick by ecclesiastical ballot to the position of Chair of Congregational Council.
 - *Council re-elected by acclamation Judy Venturella as Treasurer and Sharon Berger as Financial Secretary.
 - *Council elected John Bass by ecclesiastical ballot to serve as Council Vice President.
 - *Paul Osmundson volunteered to serve as Council Secretary and was elected by acclamation.
- Pastor Trump introduced a list of proposed team assignments for 2021.

Tom Henry	Stewardship Team (Chair)
Georgia Godfrey	Youth Team (Chair)
Beth Hutchison	Social Ministry Team (Beth Trump/Erin Johnson Chair)
Mary Lynn Fulmer	Finance Team (Jason Godfrey, Chair)
Curtis Amick	Mutual Ministry Committee
Paul Osmundson	Communication Team (Chair)
Robbie Derrick	Witness and Fellowship Team (Mari Frye, Chair)
Mandy Glowacki	Christian Education Team (Chair)
Whanna Bouknight	Children's Ministry Team
Beth Mullins	Property Team (Co-Chair)
John Bass	Property Team (Co-Chair)
Pastor Trump	Worship Team (Judy Venturella, Chair)

Pastor Trump adjourned with prayer concerns.

Minutes submitted 12.19.2020

Deborah Slice

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Beth Mullins 1/1
Richard Weeks 1/1
Brian Haley 1/2
Tara Taylor 1/5
Nathan Mullins 1/6
Robbie Derrick 1/8
David Fisher 1/8
Kailyn Berger 1/9
Brian Potts 1/10
Pedro Robles 1/12
Edna Wheeler 1/12
Ella Grambow 1/14

Barbara Teusink 1/14
Georgia Godfrey 1/16
Allen Semones 1/16
Mariko Beckman 1/17
Jessica Ray 1/17
Darrin Player 1/18
Jill Areheart 1/20
Austin Parks 1/20
Noah Trump 1/20
Samuel Trump 1/20
Erin Daly 1/21
Helmut Von Schweinitz
1/21

Joe Meador 1/22
Ed Bruce 1/23
Keenan Shealy 1/24
Patsy South 1/24
Jake Derrick 1/25
Susan Young 1/25
Mary Ann Jacobs 1/25
Gillian Gilmore 1/26
Foster Hastie 1/26
Stacey Bradley 1/28
Lisa Player 1/28
Claude Galarneau 1/29
David Bruce 1/31



Congratulations to James Ann and Mike Sheley
upon the baptism of their grandson,
James Camilo Lynch.



BOOK CLUB

Friday, January 15
7:00 via Zoom

One Woman's Army

by: Charity Adams

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 with Prayer Concerns

- ✝ Allen Semones, recovering at home
- ✝ Jim Chapman, Palmetto Richland Hospital

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 Madge Bartsch upon the death of her sister, Irma Eargle Edwards.

Our prayers are with Vern Fee upon the death of her son-in-law, Orben Poole.

Our prayers are with Sandra & Scott Holland, Ben Holland, and Sarah Loudon upon the death of Sam McCuen, beloved father and grandfather.

Our prayers are with LuLa Wilson upon the death of her husband David.

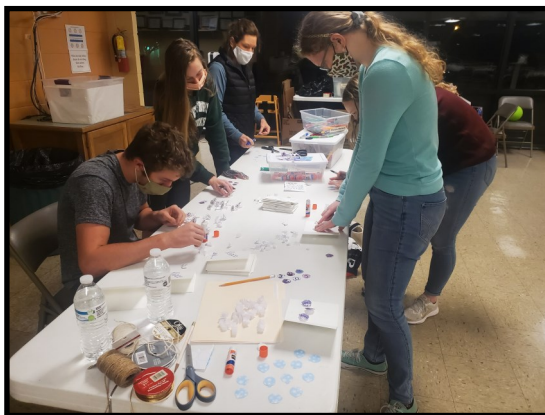
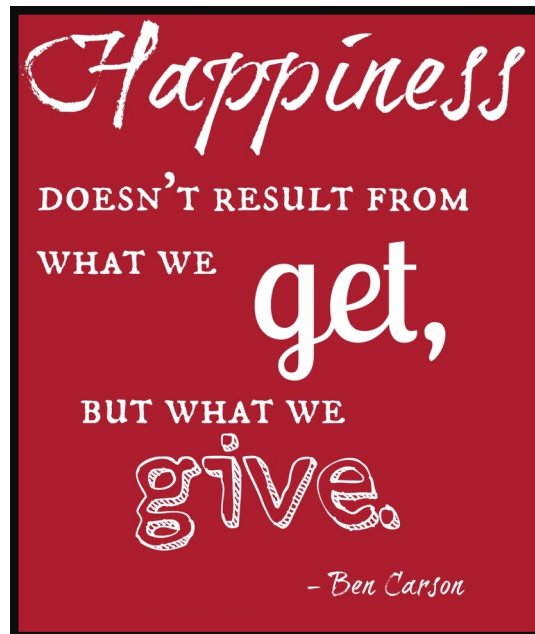
FINANCE

				St Andrew Lutheran Church			
				Statement of Income and Expense			
				November of Fiscal Year 2020			
				Fund: 01 - General			
				November	2020 YTD		
				Actual	Actual		
			Current and Benevolence Giving	\$ 43,398.65	\$ 406,233.98		
			Expenses	\$ 49,253.70	\$ 397,690.22		
			Expenses under (over) Giving	\$ (5,855.05)	\$ 8,543.76		
			Current and Benevolence Giving	\$ 43,398.65	\$ 406,233.98		
			Budget	\$ 44,847.70	\$ 494,339.70		
			Giving (under) over Budget	\$ (1,449.05)	\$ (88,105.72)		
			Debt Retirement Fund Balance as of 1/1/2020	\$ 15,103.64			
			Funds received in 2020	\$ 32,361.50			
			Thrivent Principal Payments in 2020	\$ (28,177.50)			
			Thrivent Interest Payments in 2020	\$ (1,682.82)			
			Current Debt Retirement Fund Balance	\$ 17,604.82			
			Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance as of 1/1/20	72,126.44			
			Principal Payments in 2020	(28,177.50)			
			Current Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance	43,948.94			

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.

St. Andrew's Youth gathered together to make cards and masks for our Homebound Members.



grateful

Poinsettia Dedications

- ♦ In honor of loved ones with whom we won't be able to celebrate this year, given by Shawn, Erin, Maya, and Nina Skillman.
- ♦ In memory of Rev. & Mrs. C.E. Seastrunk, J.V. Jacobs, and Mr. & Mrs. Walter Jacobs, given by Mary Ann Jacobs.
- ♦ In memory of Peter Beeler, given by Mike and Susan Beeler.
- ♦ In honor of Lois Murphy, Donald, Drew, Janet, Luke, Whit, Cade, Jonathan, and Christopher, given by Curtis and Anita Murphy.
- ♦ To the Glory of God, given by Bud Beyer.
- ♦ In memory of loved ones , given by Bud Beyer.
- ♦ In memory of Charlie Thompson and to the Glory of God, given by the Thompson children.
- ♦ In memory of Alice Thompson and to the Glory of God, given by the Thompson children.
- ♦ In honor of Ken and Alta Birdsong and Mary Donna Mellon, given by Claire and Layne Birdsong.
- ♦ In memory of Dr. Boyce M. Lawton, Jr., Bart V. Mellon, and Amy Ann Coccolini, given by Claire and Layne Birdsong.
- ♦ In honor of Bart, Anna, Kaitlyn, and Michael Berger, given by Sharon Berger.
- ♦ In memory of Berger and Ida Helstad, and Kasper and Pauline Berger, given by Sharon Berger.
- ♦ In memory of Raynold Stoudemayer, given by Trent, Joyce, Ella, and Keenan Shealy.
- ♦ In memory of Barbara Shealy, given by Trent, Joyce, Ella, and Keenan Shealy.
- ♦ In honor of Noah Trump, given by John and Beth Trump.
- ♦ In honor of Samuel Trump, given by John and Beth Trump.
- ♦ In memory of parents and grandparents, given by John and Beth Trump.
- ♦ In memory of Herbert and Corine Crook, given by Bert and Lynne LaSalle.
- ♦ In memory of Joe DeHihns, Mr. and Mrs. M.P. Foxworth, and great granddaughter, Lola, given by Mary DeHihns.



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