



ST. ANDREW'S Lutheran Church

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Epiphany

The Light of Christ Dawns Upon Us



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PASTOR'S PAGE



What is your new year's resolution?

May I suggest one? Read your newsletter and church emails without skipping a one. Read them the whole way through. No, you will not want to come to everything. There will be things that don't pertain to you. However, there may be something about which you are unaware and that might spark your imagination. Maybe there is something that would truly feed you?

Another possible resolution would be to come the Disciples Bible study that meets in person on Mondays at 11:00 and Wednesdays at 5:45 as well as ZOOM for the Wednesday class. We will be starting the book of Obadiah. There are those who will not join us for fear that they will have to be there every session. You may miss! There are those who are

afraid that they will have to answer all kinds of questions about which they know nothing! That just is not the case. We do join in discussion. We do ask what these bible stories and passages mean to us today. I promise, you will grow in so many ways by joining us.

Finally, the most important resolution you can make is simply to be in worship as often as you honestly can. It is that important. It is also that rewarding. So, happy new year. Let's share it.

Peace,
PT

DISCIPLES BIBLE STUDY and RETIRED AND RESTLESS

Bible Study with Pastor Trump will resume the week of January 8.

LINK: Pastor Trump's Bible Study and Zoom Sunday School <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88529105196>

**St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
Statement of Income and Expense
November of Fiscal Year 2022
Fund: 01– General**

| | November Actual | 2022 YTD Actual |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Current and Benevolence Giving | \$ 41,382.70 | \$ 464,701.21 |
| Expenses | \$ 45,482.07 | \$ 495,446.69 |
| Expenses under (over) Giving | \$ (4,099.37) | \$ (30,745.48) |
| Current and Benevolence Giving | \$ 1,382.70 | \$ 464,701.21 |
| Budget | \$ 43,640.77 | \$ 498,348.47 |
| Giving (under) over Budget | \$ (2,258.07) | \$ (33,647.26) |

STEWARDSHIP

You will receive a mailing, in the next couple of weeks, regarding your financial commitment to your church for the year 2023. We have increased the Ministry Plan Budget less than 3%. Last year we once again cut corners and did not spend all that the budget allowed. We did end the year slightly in the red. Your giving makes all the difference. What we honestly desire, and need is a 100% return rate of the commitment cards. We desire that you examine your giving and just make a true assessment of it. Can you help your church with an increase in your regular giving? If you honestly, honestly cannot then so be it. However, the vast majority of us can do a little bit more. Pray about this, and please return your card.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

- Council began with introductions to one another, welcoming new members.
- Devotions led by Robbie Derrick
- Council duties and assignments were reviewed
- Minutes were approved.
- Anna Berger, President, gave an update on the WE GATHER CAMPAIGN
- The President's, Pastor's, and Deacon's reports were accepted as submitted.
- Council discussed the Finance Team report as submitted with the agenda. Among the items discussed were current and benevolent giving compared to expenditures, December giving patterns, and the likelihood of ending the year in a deficit. Increased emphasis will be placed on monitoring the cash balance available for operations to ensure that it does not drop below an appropriate level.
- Other team reports were accepted as submitted.
- Georgia Godfrey, representing the Youth Team, updated the council on a recent parent's meeting. The team is still in a reforming stage, trying to get a core group interested in leading. Sunday school plans are being developed with an emphasis on a greater variety of activities. The spring schedule and other upcoming events were discussed at this meeting.
- Elections for Council positions were held.
 - ◊ President: Anna Berger
 - ◊ Vice President: Jason Bradley
 - ◊ Secretary: Beth Mullins
 - ◊ Treasurer: Judy Venturella
 - ◊ Financial Secretary: Sharon Berger
- It was decided to have the January council retreat at the church
- Team assignments for Council members were presented and discussed.
- The meeting ended with prayer.

| Team | Council Representative |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Cemetery | |
| Children | Ingrid Driggers |
| Communication | Darrick Williams, Beth Mullins |
| Education | Deb Varco |
| Fellowship | Whanna Bouknight, Jill Areheart |
| Finance | Brian Teusink |
| Property | Robbie Derrick, Beth Mullins |
| Mutual Ministry | Anna Berger |
| Social Ministry | Cathi Cooper, Ingrid Driggers |
| Stewardship | Lindsay Canniff-Kuhn |
| Worship | Jason Bradley |
| Youth | Sandra Holland |

We Gather



A Capital Funds Campaign for
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

Your generosity is making the WE GATHER Campaign happen!

Your generosity is making a significant difference at St. Andrews through the WE GATHER Campaign. We are upgrading and remodeling areas that have needed to be improved for years. When I was told that you had to lie on the floor on your back to light the stove in our kitchen, I responded, "You're kidding!" They weren't! I then learned among other things that the wiring in our kitchen needed upgrading which is an important safety issue.

After surgery in May on a nerve in my leg, I had trouble with balance and walking across the parking lot with all the broken areas was extremely difficult for me.

I learned that the carpet in the sanctuary is original and was installed so long ago that I still had a full head of hair.

When my wife Cheryl and I helped with refreshments between services the first summer we were members, I was asked to go get more cookies. The area around the table in the narthex was so crowded that I couldn't get through with the additional cookies. I remember thinking something needs to change.

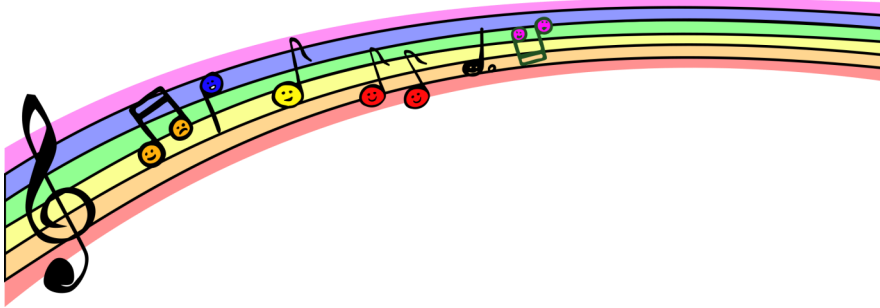
Thanks to your gifts, we are addressing all of these issues and more. We will be improving these areas so what they become what they can and should be.

So far, the total amount pledged to the WE GATHER Campaign is \$364,415. There is \$257,091 in the fund right now, which includes \$171,110 in pledges already fulfilled. Over the next two years, another \$193,305 will be added to the fund from pledges for a total of \$450,396. That's fantastic!

The emphasis is just beginning. We are counting on your generosity over the next two years to keep growing this important mission. Thank you for all you have done and all that you will continue to do.

Peace and joy,
John Wertz

MUSIC NEWS



Each of our music groups provides an opportunity to share your talents, assist in worship leadership, be part of a small group ministry—and have fun!

Adult Choir (with Nancy Gibbons) meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00

pm. Come and share your gifts - no formal training is required. Singers high school age and beyond are welcome!

You can reach Nancy at ngibbons@salutheran.com.

Ensemble (with Nancy Gibbons) meets one Sunday each month immediately after 10:30 worship. If you enjoy contemporary worship music in an acoustic folk style, then this is the group for you!

You can reach Nancy at ngibbons@salutheran.com.

Children's music for grades 1 through 5 (with Paige Gibbons):

Elementary Children's music takes place on select Sundays after 10:30 a.m. worship during the school year. We explore singing and instrument play with the goal of offering music in worship quarterly.

You can reach Paige at pgibbons@salutheran.com

ELEMENTARY MUSIC NEWS:

Thank you again to everyone who participated in elementary school music this Fall! It has been wonderful to be a part of restarting this program and I cannot wait to make more music together this Spring.

The next session of elementary music will begin on January 22. Be on the lookout for an email with more details.

Handbell Choir (with Jenny Walrath) meets on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. A basic knowledge of musical notation is required, but we will teach you the rest! New ringers are always needed.

You can reach Jenny at jwalrath@salutheran.com.

Children's music for preschoolers through grade 1 (with Jenny Walrath) takes place during the Sunday School hour twice a month. Don't miss out on the fun!

You can reach Jenny at jwalrath@salutheran.com.

FELLOWSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL WRITERS NEEDED



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22 and with that will be our annual Lenten devotional book written by people in the St. Andrew's church family. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry project, please contact Deacon Sandra.

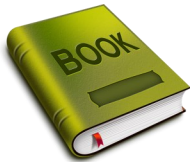


Lutheran Men meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Their next meeting will be January 10.



Lutheran Women will meet in the conference room on January 4 at 10:30 a.m.

ALL BOOKED UP (WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB)



Our book for January is *Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid. Library copies of this book are available in Deacon Sandra's office. Come by and check one out. We will be meeting on **Friday, January 6**, at Jenny Walrath's home to discuss this book.



Please watch the bulletins and e-news for our plan for the January 19th event.



This month we will meet at Steel Hands Brewery at **6 p.m. on Sunday, January 22**. This gathering is for adults who like to talk about faith and life with their church friends. All are welcome! For more information, contact Deacon Sandra or Pastor Trump. Please join us!

TABLES OF GRACE

This ministry of fellowship shut down in the spring of 2020 for obvious reasons but it's time to get it started again! Here's what it is and how it works:

Tables of Grace is a supper club type gathering for members of St. Andrew's. If you would like to participate, you sign up to come to one dinner and you will be put in a group of 8 people. Once your group is established, you will be notified who is in your group and someone from the group will be asked to host the meal. Everyone can bring something or the host can provide the meal. Your group can even decide that you'd like to meet at a restaurant. The hope is that through this ministry, you would get to know some people you ordinarily wouldn't have had an opportunity to know. We will have one round in the spring and one round in the fall. A sign-up form will be available in January. Don't miss being a part of this fun group! Contact Deacon Sandra or Jay and Tracy Folk with questions.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES



REGISTRATION OPEN FOR NOVUSWAY CAMPS (LUTHERIDGE+LUTHEROCK+LUTHER SPRINGS+LUTHERANCH)

A week of camp can make a difference in the lives of children! It's time to register your child or teenager at Novusway.org. The church will help pay for part of your registration fee. Questions about camp - contact Deacon Sandra.

LUTHER LEAGUE (3rd-5th graders) will go bowling after church on Sunday, January 22. Watch for more details to come.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER AT HARVEST HOPE FOOD BANK

When: Saturday January 7 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Where: Harvest Hope Food Bank

Details: The youth group will be volunteering at Harvest Hope Food Bank. All youth and parents are welcome for this opportunity to serve in a hands-on way!



SAINT A'S PLAY DAY WINTER DATES

(A FREE play group for young children and their caregivers)

January 19, February 2, February 16, March 2, March 16

CELEBRATIONS

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| Jan 1 | Beth Mullins | Jan 16 | Georgia Godfrey | Jan 22 | C. Joe Meador |
| Jan 2 | Brian Haley | Jan 16 | Allen Semones | Jan 23 | Ed Bruce |
| Jan 3 | Grant Erd | Jan 17 | Mariko Beckham | Jan 24 | Keenan Shealy |
| Jan 5 | Tara Taylor | Jan 17 | Jessica Ray | Jan 25 | Jake Derrick |
| Jan 6 | Nathan Mullins | Jan 18 | Darrin Player | Jan 25 | Susan Young |
| Jan 8 | Robbie Derrick | Jan 19 | Adrian Trexler | Jan 26 | Gillian Gilmer |
| Jan 9 | Kaitlyn Berger | Jan 20 | Jill Areheart | Jan 26 | Foster Hastie |
| Jan 10 | Bryan Potts | Jan 20 | Austin Parks | Jan 28 | Stacey Bradley |
| Jan 11 | Hailey Loschiavo | Jan 20 | Noah Trump | Jan 28 | Lisa Player |
| Jan 12 | Pedro Robles | Jan 20 | Samuel Trump | Jan 29 | Claude Galarneau |
| Jan 12 | Edna Wheeler | Jan 21 | Erin Daly | | |
| Jan 14 | Barb Teusink | Jan 21 | Helmut Von Schweinitz | | |



PRAYERS AND MEMORIALS

FRIENDS & RELATIVES

- Ed Saye, brother of Vicky Saye Henderson
- Katie, Tom and Theresa Henry's niece
- Corbett Anderson, nephew of Amy Vickers and grandchild of Mike and Susan Beeler.
- Stephen Finger, friend of Jan Bass
- Sandra Ouzts, sister of Debra Ouzts
- Ernie Davis, friend of Lee Bowling
- Jimmy Asbill, son of Shirley Swanson
- Bonnie Seibert, cousin of Jada Mitchell
- Mike Chase, cousin of Vicky Henderson
- Frances Dyches, sister of Bobbie Bell
- Edna Wheeler's granddaughter
- Davis Bowling, son of Judy and Lee Bowling

HOMEBOUND

- Sarah Cook
- Jackie Darby
- Sharon Guest
- Dot Meador

MEMBERS IN EXTENDED CARE

- Miller Shealy, Wellmore Assisted Living
- Adrian Trexler, The Brian Center
- Mitch Mayer, Lexington Extended Care
- Jim Chapman, North Carolina
- Vern Free, Generations, Chapin
- Buddy Lewis, The Blake, Columbia
- Shirley Swanson, NHC Lexington
- Betty Dawkins, Presbyterian Home
- Edna Wheeler, Lexington Extended Care

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

- In honor of Susan T. Addy, Jeanne Thompson, Patsy South, Margie Miles, Debra Ouzts, Sally C. Thompson, Theresa S. Thompson, given by Kristine Thompson
- In honor of Robert and Dollie Lunsford, given by C.L. Ridgeway, Jr.

IN OUR PRAYERS

- The family and friends of Vivian Gehlken upon her death on November 24
- The family and friends of Madalynn Wessinger upon her death on December 5

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

January 1

Lay Assistant: Ron Walrath
8:30 Reader: Mary DeHihns
10:30 Reader: Beth Trump
Communion Assistant: Paige Gibbons
Crucifer: Xavier Williams
Acolyte: Abby Connaker
Council Collections: Darrick Williams, Beth Mullins, Jill Areheart
Recycling: Jay and Tracy Folk
Altar Guild: Sharon Berger
8:30 Ushers: Mari Frye, Brian Haley
10:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Curtis Amick
Counters: Bobbie Bell, Sharon Berger
Nursery: Godfrey

January 8

Lay Assistant: Darrick Williams
8:30 Reader: Hal Ray
10:30 Reader: Anna Berger
Communion Assistant: Ron Walrath
Crucifer: Hannah Smith
Acolyte: John Driggers
Council Collections: Darrick Williams, Beth Mullins, Jill Areheart
Recycling: Jay and Tracy Folk
Altar Guild: Sharon Berger
8:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong
10:30 Ushers: Mari Frye, Brian Haley
Counters: Sharon Berger, Mary Ann Jacobs

January 15

Lay Assistant: Judy Venturella
8:30 Reader: Linda Hughes
10:30 Reader: Deborah Slice
Communion Assistant: Brian Teusink
Acolyte: Shane Casey
Council Collections: Darrick Williams, Beth Mullins, Jill Areheart
Recycling: Jay and Tracy Folk
Altar Guild: Sharon Berger
8:30 Ushers: Robert Luther, Paul Osmundson
10:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Steve Metze
Counters: Anita Murphy, Sharon Berger
Nursery: Varco

January 22

Lay Assistant: Vicky Henderson
8:30 Reader: Tom Henry
10:30 Reader: Rick Gibbons
Communion Assistant: Steve Slice
Crucifer: Hailey Loschiavo
Acolyte: Caroline Varco
Council Collections: Darrick Williams, Beth Mullins, Jill Areheart
Recycling: Jay and Tracy Folk
Altar Guild: Sharon Berger
8:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Curtis Amick
10:30 Ushers: Robert Luther, Paul Osmundson
Counters: Mary Ann Jacobs, Sharon Berger
Nursery: Brown

January 29

Lay Assistant: Jay Folk
8:30 Reader: Linda Hughes
10:30 Reader: Paige Gibbons
Communion Assistant: Darrick Williams
Crucifer: Reagan Bouknight
Acolyte: William Thomasson
Council Collections: Darrick Williams, Beth Mullins, Jill Areheart
Recycling: Jay and Tracy Folk
Altar Guild: Sharon Berger
8:30 Ushers: Mari Frye, Brian Haley
10:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Curtis Amick
Counters: Mary Ann Jacobs, Sharon Berger



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal | 5 | 6 6:30 p.m. Women's Book Club | 7 9:00 a.m. Youth go to Harvest Hope |
| 8 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. Elementary Music | 9 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. | 10 6:30 p.m. Lutheran Men | 11 10:30 a.m. Lutheran Women 11:00 a.m. Retired and Restless Bible Study 5:45 a.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal | 12 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting | 13 | 14 |
| 15 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. Elementary Music | 16 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal | 17 | 18 5:45 a.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal | 19 10a.m.-11 a.m. St. A's Play Day 11:30 a.m. Young at Heart | 20 8:45 a.m.-11:30 Soup Kitchen Washington Street Methodist | 21 |
| 22 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. Elementary Music 12-2 p.m. Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m. In the Meantime | 23 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal | 24 | 25 11:00 a.m. Retired and Restless Bible Study 5:45 a.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal | 26 | 27 Council Retreat | 28 Council Retreat |
| 29 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Confirmation Class 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:45 a.m. Elementary Music | 30 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal | 31 | | | | |



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