



ST. ANDREW'S Lutheran Church

May 2023



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR BLOCK PARTY

ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

1416 BROAD RIVER ROAD

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

10:30 a.m. - Outdoor Worship

Noon-2:00 p.m. - Block Party

Free Hotdogs, Hamburgers, and Snow Cones
Bouncy House
Games
Fire Truck
Service Projects for the Community

*This event is a gift to all neighbors of
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.
We hope you'll join us for some fun and fellowship
as we grow in community together.
All are welcome!*

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From PASTOR TRUMP:

There are many important items in this month's newsletter. PLEASE TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO READ THEM! Be informed! You certainly don't have to participate in everything or know about every detail of church life, but maybe there is something about which it would be very good to know and that can help you, or a way you can be of service! There, I've begged.

WE GATHER CAMPAIGN: Check out the updates about the kitchen and all that is moving forward., pp. 3-5.

MAY 7th: Neighbor to Neighbor Block Party and Outdoor Worship: This is a great chance to worship with friends and family in a lively setting, and then stay for all the activities and fun for all ages. We will be "reaching out" to our neighbors, p. 1.

QUILTS PRESENTATION: High school seniors will be receiving the quilts on May 21, made with love by ladies of the church to commemorate this time of their lives and remind them, moving forward, of the God who always covers them in love.

WALTERS RESIDENTIAL CARE WORSHIP: See the pictures of the loving meals – communion followed by supper – that you provided, and those who were able to help, p. 9.

YOUNG AT HEART: See pictures of folks from your church "holding court", p. 15.

And all the ongoing activities of this community in Christ. Following the resurrection of Christ the early church gathered. The stories are told in the book of Acts. They shared meals together. They worshiped singing hymns, hearing the word, and sharing the sacrament. They shared with each other abundantly! Acts says that there was not a needy person among them. The sick were also visited (see our list) and the weary strengthened in prayer and support.

Let us be the church together.

Peace,
PT



BIBLE STUDY

Disciples' Bible Study continues. All are welcome, and you don't have to come to all of them to stay connected.

MONDAYS at 11:00 a.m. in person & Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m. in person and [ZOOM](#)

We Gather



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

Things are happening! Progress is being made!

The kitchen renovation has started! And since a picture is worth a thousand words, I thought I'd show you some of the progress (and save myself some typing as well).

Here's a picture of the counter & cabinets located between the Fellowship Hall and kitchen, right before they were removed:



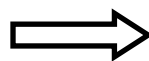
They are being replaced. That gray metal box in the middle is an old A/C duct that is no longer needed, therefore we'll have more space. A lot more space because the new counter will be deep enough to have cabinets sitting back-to-back, meaning one set of cabinets will open to the Fellowship Hall, the second set will face the kitchen. These cabinets will not have shelves, but rather will all be pull-out drawers.



So no more bending over and pulling out a stack of plates, like we had to do previously.



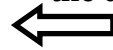
And the dinnerware should be organized a little more neatly.



Cooking: we're getting a new 6-burner gas stove and hood. We had planned on buying an 8-burner stove, but the cost for those 2 extra burners was prohibitive. For baking, we'll have 2 large electric ovens, each with 3 racks. They will have more space than our old gas ovens.



The ovens will be positioned to the right side of the stove, facing the dishwasher.



The new exhaust hood will be 8 feet long (about 2 feet longer than the current hood).

The stove will have a gas oven as well. We probably won't use it much, especially considering all the space in the 2 electric models. It was cheaper to buy one with an oven than without.



All the pots, pans, dishes, glasses, knives, forks, spoons, etc. etc. etc. have been removed. And we have a lot of 'stuff':



More than we need. The Kitchen Team went through everything shown above, and separated out that which we will donate to His House:



Some more notes:

The kitchen will have a dedicated 2.5-ton Air Conditioner. It will be mounted on the wall above and to the right of the dishwasher. Installing it at that location will provide cool air directly in front of the gas stove. The thermostat for the A/C will be located on the wall near the entry way.

We're getting a new ceiling with all new flush-mounted lighting. It will look like the ceiling in the choir room, and will give the kitchen plenty of light.

All the wall mounted cabinets are going to be replaced, and some probably will have under-the-cabinet lighting.

The walls will get a fresh coat of paint.

The wooden butcher block is going to be replaced with a stainless-steel prep table.

The electrical wiring is being updated, with many of the outlets having their own circuit. (Gone are the days when, before plugging in a coffee pot, you'd cross your fingers in hope that it wouldn't trip a fuse). Bert promises that we'll have plenty of outlets.

Thanks to the Kitchen Team for doing a *lot* of work already on the renovation. And thank you everyone for your gifts to the We Gather campaign. None of this would be possible without your generosity.

The NARTHEX is NEXT!

We have meet with the architects and the probable contractor for the project and are working on finalizing the numbers.

The Good News:

- The project is moving forward.
- We will probably be worshipping in the Fellowship Hall in July.
- It will be completed sometime in August.

The Challenge:

- Costs are higher than when we started dreaming.
- As of this moment we will not be including the Gathering Area in the project.

We are in need of further gifts to see everything through to completion. The contractor has told us to brace ourselves for the cost of paving. It has skyrocketed! Together, we can do this. Together, we will do this. Thanks for all your faithfulness and generosity.

Curtis Amick and Claire Birdsong, MD
Co-Chairs, WE GATHER Capital Campaign

**St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
Statement of Income and Expense
March of Fiscal Year 2023
Fund: 01- General**

	March Actual	2023 YTD Actual
Current and Benevolence Giving	\$ 50,184.53	\$ 137,710.76
Expenses	\$ 45,631.30	\$ 128,376.69
Expenses under (over) Giving	\$ 4,553.23	\$ 9,334.07
Current and Benevolence Giving	\$ 50,184.53	\$ 137,710.76
Budget	\$ 51,463.76	\$ 141,791.28
Giving (under) over Budget	\$ (1,279.23)	\$ (4,080.52)

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

April 20, 2023.

Council President Berger called the council meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Devotions: Deb Varco

Darrick Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the April Council meeting. Jill Areheart seconded the motion, which was approved.

- **We Gather Capital Campaign Update:** Ms. Berger gave an update on the We Gather Capital Campaign announcing the balance on hand in the fund as of March 31, 2023, is \$376,031. She reported that she, Pastor Trump, and Tom Bane had met with representatives of the Boudreaux Group and Springhill Construction to review the first draft of the construction proposal. Ms. Berger indicated that the initial estimated cost of construction is approximately \$50,000 higher than the architectural estimate. She noted that the contractor is going back to rework the estimate but that it is likely that the gathering area may be struck from the project. Ms. Berger reported that work on the kitchen has begun, that all of the demolition work is complete, and that the project is proceeding very well.

Reports

- **President's Report, Pastor's Report, and Deacon's Report** were all accepted as information.
- **Children's ministry and Social Ministry** reports were received as information.
- **Finance:** Brian Teusink referred to the written report that was included in the agenda packet. He reported that, following a poor financial performance in February, March results were much improved and that year-to-date results are satisfactory. Mr. Teusink informed Council that the Financial Activity Assessment was ongoing, that revenue testing had been completed, and expenditure testing is expected to take place in early May.
- **Worship:** A written report was submitted and included in the agenda packet. Council discussed on-line viewing data but concluded that it is of limited value because the lack of detail makes it very difficult to draw any conclusions.

Old Business

- **Strategic Vision/Goals:** Pastor Trump reviewed an analysis he had completed regarding the goal of worship engagement. He informed Council that he conducted a review of all 236 member “units” and assigned an engagement level to each. Pastor Trump shared the results, noting that a majority that are not either homebound or out of the area but still on the church roster are well engaged. He noted that there are approximately 10 units that are not engaged at all and should be contacted to determine if they wish to remain on the church roster or removed.

New Business

- Ratified email vote to approval of expenditures for the kitchen renovations, not to exceed \$85,000 and to be paid from the We Gather Capital Campaign Fund.
- Ratified email vote for authorization to compensate Paige Gibbons \$100 for her participation in the February youth retreat in accordance with policy approved at the March Council meeting.
- Refurbishment of Processional Cross: Pastor Trump informed Council that the processional cross needs refurbishment and that an estimate of cost had been obtained. He made a motion, which was seconded by Darrick Williams, that the refurbishment be approved, not to exceed \$700, and to be paid from the Worship Furnishings Fund. The motion was approved.
- **Phone Service:** President Berger referred to a handout which was provided prior to the meeting. She noted that, per Bert LaSalle, the church’s contract with Windstream had expired and, because Windstream is no longer active in the area, the cost for phone service would be increasing from \$240.85 per month to \$541.95. Ms. Berger indicated that Mr. LaSalle has explored alternatives and is recommending switching the service to Crosstalk Solutions. She reported that this would require the purchase of new phones at a cost of approximately \$1,550.00 but that the monthly service fee would drop to \$40.00. Ms. Berger informed Council that, with the change, Mr. LaSalle is recommending reducing the number of wired phones from 10 to 7 and adding a cordless, wi-fi connected phone for the work room. Mr. Teusink made a motion, seconded by Darrick Williams, that the plan laid out by Mr. LaSalle be implemented, with the expenditures to be recorded in the Telephone/Internet Access line item of the ministry plan. The motion was approved.

Pastor Trump led Council in prayer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. At 7:30 p.m.

SOCIAL MINISTRY



Friendships

Worship,
Food,
Fun,
&
Fellowship
at Walters
Residential
Care



THE MEAL



FUN



SERVICE



The Message



FELLOWSHIP



Food



MUSIC MINISTRY

Most weeks, our hallways and music rooms are ringing with the sounds of adults and children raising their voices (and instruments!) in praise. Children and the Adult Ensemble meet on Sundays, handbells on Mondays, and our adult choir on Wednesdays, to prepare meaningful music for the enhancement of our worship services. Many thanks to all of the hearts, hands, and voices that share of their time and talents in praise!



FELLOWSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES



Lutheran Men will meet at Steve's Classic Burgers on Tuesday, May 9 at 6:30.

Steve's Classic Burgers
817 St Andrews Rd, Columbia, SC 29210



Lutheran Women will meet at the church on May 3 at 10:30 a.m. for their monthly business meeting. Deacon Sandra will lead the program



All adults are welcome to join us at Steel Hands Brewing (2350 Foreman Street, Cayce) for an evening of discussion of faith in daily life. This month we will meet on Sunday, May 28 at 6:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Our next gathering will be at Jenny Land's home (137 Blue Church Court, Columbia, 20212) on Thursday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m. Hope you can all join us to discuss *The Home Place* by J. Drew Lanham. Come "check out" a copy in Deacon Sandra's office.



toured the SC Supreme Court in April. You might recognize one of the Judges.



Young at Heart will meet at church on May 18, at 11:00 a.m., to carpool to Mari Frye's lake house for lunch and fellowship.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES



MAY YOUTH GROUP NEWS:

Hello everyone,

Thank you to everyone for the prayers and words of congratulations since our sweet Avery was born last week. We are all doing great and enjoying some time as a new family of four.

That being said, I will be out for a little while but there is still a lot happening for the youth group! While I am out please contact Deacon Sandra or PT if you need anything regarding youth group.

- Sunday School will continue as planned with some great volunteers helping out in my absence. See the calendar for more details, or just show up at 9:30 on Sunday mornings to join in.
- The May youth group event will be our end of the year celebration at Stars and Strikes in Irmo on May 21. Details are on the poster to the right. RSVP [here](#) by May 10.
- **I need 2 adult volunteers to chaperone this event. Please let Deacon Sandra know if you are interested in helping.**
- Continue to save the dates for youth service week June 25-29 and the summer outing on July 18.
- That's all for now! Take care and we will see you soon!

—Paige Gibbons



SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR			
SPRING 2023			
JAN 15	SOCIAL	APR 9	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL- EASTER
JAN 22	PLAN FOR CHILDREN'S \$5	APR 16	BIBLE STUDY
JAN 29	TEACH CHILDREN'S \$5	APR 23	PLAN FOR CHILDREN'S \$5
FEB 5	CURRENT EVENTS	APR 30	TEACH CHILDREN'S \$5
FEB 12	SERVICE	MAY 7	BIBLE STUDY
FEB 19	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL- RETREAT	MAY 14	SERVICE
FEB 26	BIBLE STUDY	MAY 21	CURRENT EVENTS
MAR 5	SOCIAL	MAY 28	SOCIAL
MAR 12	CURRENT EVENTS		
MAR 19	BIBLE STUDY		
MAR 26	SERVICE		
APR 2	ASSIST IN CHILDREN'S \$5		



VBS June 25-29

Here's the link to register:

<https://forms.gle/TtaJ3xzBnsCzu3XYA>

Happy Birthday



May 2 Pat Ceresoli
 May 2 Dicky Hoyt
 May 2 Paul Osmundson
 May 4 Robin Semones
 May 5 Cindy Bane
 May 6 Josh Cruse
 May 9 Elijah Ray
 May 9 Evren Ray
 May 10 Vern Free
 May 10 Alyssa Gagliano
 May 10 Hank Ray
 May 11 Reagan Bouknight
 May 11 M. Ryan Coleman
 May 12 Kevin Althoff
 May 14 Jessica Land
 May 14 Amy Thomasson
 May 14 Damian Wanek
 May 16 Ellie Brown

May 16 Brian Teusink
 May 16 Caroline Varco
 May 18 Sean Glowacki
 May 19 George Metts
 May 20 Joel Lucas
 May 20 Sara Von Schweinitz
 May 21 Benjamin Godfrey
 May 24 Sarah Potts
 May 25 Brenda Paschal
 May 26 Joanne Taylor
 May 27 Abby Armstrong
 May 27 Jason Bradley
 May 27 Brendon Kelly
 May 28 Jeanne Thompson
 May 31 Sarah Venturella

Quilts for High School Seniors – Sunday, May 21

Join us at the 10:30 a.m. worship service as we honor the following graduating seniors:

Michael Berger

Luke Bradley

Jake Derrick

Carter Godfrey

Hannah Montgomery

Jacob Semones



Graduation announcements – If someone in your family is graduating from college or graduate this spring, please let the church office know so we can celebrate them in the next newsletter.



FRIENDS & RELATIVES

- Ed Saye, brother of Vicky Saye Henderson
- Mike Elmore, brother-in-law of Deacon Sandra
- 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
- Sharon Guest
- Dot and Joe Meador
- Christine Metts
- June Steadman

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
- Shirley Swanson, NHC Lexington
- Betty Dawkins, Presbyterian Home

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

- In memory of Michael Hughes, given by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Lawson.
- In memory of Michael Hughes, given by Frank and Melinda Young
- In memory of Michael Hughes, given by John D. Crapps
- In memory of Michael Hughes, given by Lillie and Raymond Bates
- In memory of Michael Hughes, given by Timothy and Colleen Hughes
- In memory of Michael Hughes, given by Lexington Medical Center
- In memory of Michael Hughes, given by Mary G. Metropol, DMD
- In memory of Virginia Franklin, given by St. Andrew's Lutheran Women of the ELCA
- In honor of Mary DeHihns, given by Gibbs and Deborah DeHihns
- In memory of Charlie Thompson, given by Marjie Miles

IN OUR PRAYERS

The family and friends of **Buddy Lewis**, upon his death on April 29

Bernice Sims, Encompass Rehab

John Wertz, recovering from back surgery

May 7

Lay Assistant: Jay Folk
8:30 Reader: Linda Hughes
10:30 Reader: Rick Gibbons
10:30 Communion Assistant: Lilly Okoronkwo
10:30 Crucifer: Luke Bradley
10:30 Acolyte: William Thomasson
Council Collections: Beth Mullins, Jill Areheart, Darrick Williams
Grounds: John Trump, Bryan Senn
Recycling: Birdsongs
Altar Guild: Sharon Berger
8:30 Ushers: Robert Luther, Paul Osmundson
10:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Steve Metze
Counters: Bobbie Bell, Barbara Weaver
Nursery: Brown
Flowers: Connaker

May 14

Lay Assistant: Lilly Okoronkwo
8:30 Reader: Tom Bane
10:30 Reader: Paige Gibbons
10:30 Communion Assistant: Rick Gibbons
10:30 Crucifer: Hailey Loschiavo
10:30 Acolyte: Madison Buckles
Council Collections: Beth Mullins, Jill Areheart, Darrick Williams
Grounds: Jay Folk, Ron Walrath
Recycling: Birdsongs
Altar Guild: Sharon Berger
8:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Curtis Amick
10:30 Ushers: Robert Luther, Paul Osmundson
Counters: Sharon Berger, Mary Ann Jacobs
Nursery: Smith
Flowers: Varcos

May 21

Lay Assistant: Phillip Jenkins
8:30 Reader: Becca Kelly
10:30 Reader: Steve Slice
10:30 Communion Assistant: Deacon Sandra
10:30 Crucifer: Reagan Bouknight
10:30 Acolyte: McKenna Buckles
Council Collections: Beth Mullins, Jill Areheart, Darrick Williams
Grounds: Curtis Amick, Robbie Derrick
Recycling: Birdsongs
Altar Guild: Sharon Berger
8:30 Ushers: Mari Frye, Brian Haley
10:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Curtis Amick
Counters: Bobbie Bell, Susan Beeler
Nursery: Williams
Flowers: Areheart/Marsh

May 28

Lay Assistant: Beth Mullins
8:30 Reader: Tom Henry
10:30 Reader: Beth Trump
10:30 Communion Assistant: Sandra Holland
10:30 Crucifer: Carter Godfrey
10:30 Acolyte: Ellie Brown
Grounds: Professional
Council Collections: Beth Mullins, Jill Areheart, Darrick Williams
Recycling: Birdsongs
Altar Guild: Sharon Berger
8:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong
10:30 Ushers: Mari Frye, Brian Haley
Counters: Sharon Berger, Anita Murphy
Nursery: Birdsong
Flowers: Lands

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	2	3 10:30 a.m. Lutheran Women 5:45 p.m. Disciples Bible Study in person and on Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	4 6:30 p.m. All Booked Up Ladies Book Club	5	6
7 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship 12-2 p.m. Neighborhood Block Party	8 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	9 6:30 a.m. Lutheran Men	10 11:00 a.m. Retired and Restless Bible Study 5:45 p.m. Disciples Bible Study in person and on Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	11	12	13
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21 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 12-2 p.m. Youth go to Stars and Strikes	22 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study	23	24 11:00 a.m. Retired and Restless Bible Study 5:45 p.m. Disciples Bible Study in person and on Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27
28 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. In the Meantime	29 Memorial Day	30	31 5:45 p.m. Disciples Bible Study in person and on Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal			



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RETURN SERVICE

REQUESTED

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Paige Gibbons

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Secretary: Beth Mullins

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