



ST. ANDREW'S Lutheran Church

July 2023

*Order Up! Kitchen is
Done!*



Narthex is Next!

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STEWARDSHIP NEWS



Growing up, pretty much every summer we would take a camping trip. We boys would have to prepare the gear and pack the tent trailer. It was an “Apache” and simply had two beds that slid out, nothing more. Everything we needed was packed into it, and the four boys, mom, dad and the dog piled into the station wagon that of course had no air conditioning. We went all over the country. I have fond memories though I am sure I have forgotten the less favorable parts.

Summer has so many opportunities and it is wonderful when people take time for family, friends, vacations and much more.

However, as the contents of this newsletter indicate, while staff members may take some of their vacation time in the summer, the church as a whole takes no breaks. We worship every Sunday. There are many programs during these warm months. Unfortunately, as we know all too well, there are still funerals and more.

Your gifts are critical and appreciated. Quite simply even if you can’t be with us in worship we hope and pray that you continue to support your church. The church cannot be an “a la carte” entity. Rather, it is a smorgasbord of grace for all people.

Thank you for all your generosity. The older I get the less shy I am of reminding people of the need for gifts because I truly believe that your financial support makes a difference in the lives of so many people, beginning with worship each and every week.

Peace,
PT

BIBLE STUDY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will be taking a summer break. Classes will resume after our “Kick Off Sunday” on August 20.



We Gather



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



The KITCHEN IS DONE!

The Narthex and Sanctuary are about to start! Springhill Construction is waiting on the permits as well the materials such as the carpet before they begin. When they do, we will be moving to the Fellowship Hall for worship for several weeks, but we are looking into ways to use that as a positive. How can we enjoy some time of conversation and sharing between services? Let's turn a "negative" into a super positive.

The carpet in the Narthex will be as shown in the campaign displays, but without the red accents that some considered a little too much splash! Otherwise, the design of the whole project is as presented.

The Gathering Area will be painted but we will have to wait for the flooring.

The balcony and stairs will be re-carpeted.

THE PARKING LOT quotes are being gathered. We still hope to move forward with repaving as soon as we can. More information will follow.

You may still contribute to this campaign. Gifts are still needed and appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP

The "Good News"? The We Gather Campaign has gone extremely well. We have met the original goal of \$500,000 but with increased costs could use a little more. THANK YOU!

The "Less Than Good News" is that at the present time our Current and Benevolence giving is behind where we need to be. We have been at this point before; however, that doesn't mean we should not remind everyone that we hope all of you will keep up with your regular giving to the church ministry plan that pays our everyday bills. Sometimes when people are not able to be present in worship over the summer the giving does drop. If you need to catch up, that will certainly help.

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

	May Actual	2023 YTD Actual
Current and Benevolence Giving	\$ 38,971.57	\$ 219,611.09
Expenses	\$ 44,666.08	\$ 228,147.67
Expenses under (over) Giving	\$ (5,694.51)	\$ (8,536.58)
Current and Benevolence Giving	\$ 38,971.57	\$ 219,611.09
Budget	\$ 47,488.76	\$ 235,643.80
Giving (under) over Budget	\$ (8,517.19)	\$ (16,032.71)

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

June 15, 2023

Council Vice-President Bradley called the council meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Devotions: Darrick Williams

Brian Teusink made a motion to approve the minutes of the May Council meeting. Darrick Williams seconded the motion, which was approved.

We Gather Capital Campaign Update: Pastor Trump reported that one of the bids made on the parking lot project would remain as originally stated at \$115,000.00. Other companies who bid expected an increase in price due to material costs. The fund currently does not have cash on hand to complete the project, but Council voted after a motion from Pastor Trump, seconded by Darrick Williams, that the Campaign Committee explore options for borrowing the money so that the project can be completed at the current bid, rather than risk a much higher price at a later date when cash is on hand.

Pastor Trump further reported that the kitchen is nearing completion and that the finish date is scheduled before the start of Vacation Bible School.

President's Report and Pastor's Report were accepted as information.

Deacon's Report: Deacon Holland's written report was included in the agenda packet. It was accepted as information. In addition to the written report, Deacon Holland requested guidance from Council regarding materials needed for the refurbishment of the playground area. Given its proximity to the Welcome House and its use by refugees during their time there, Brian Teusink motioned that up to \$1000.00 from the Welcome House budget be approved for use on this project. Jason Bradley seconded the motion.

Children's ministry, Worship, and Social Ministry reports were accepted as information.

Communication: Beth Mullins presented an overview of the work being done on the updated church website. Its implementation will be later this summer.

Finance: Brian Teusink referred to the written report that was included in the agenda packet. He reported that year-to-date results are satisfactory. Mr. Teusink informed Council that the Financial Activity Assessment was completed with no systemic issues noted. The committee formed to oversee the assessment will continue to meet in order to put reasonable controls in place for the receiving and distribution of monies. Members of the congregation who are interested in the entire report will receive it upon request to the church office.

Old Business: Strategic Vision/Goals: The ongoing discussion of the Vision and Goals document was tabled until next month.

New Business: Formation of Nomination Committee: There are three Council members whose terms are ending so a nomination team will be assembled to bring candidates for election in November. Included in this team will be Ingrid Driggers, Whanna Bouknight, Pastor Trump, Deacon Holland, and Ruth Lackstrom.

Pastor Trump led Council in prayer.

SC SYNOD ASSEMBLY



St. Andrew's Synod Assembly Delegates

CONGRATULATIONS!
**The following people were
elected to serve:**

Ron Walrath,
Mission Endowment Fund
Grant Committee

Beth Trump,
SC Synod Council

SOCIAL MINISTRY



CHRIST CENTRAL MEAL

Join us on Saturday, July 8 as we provide a hot meal to those who are experiencing homelessness at the Christ Central facility in downtown Columbia. All ages are welcome. This has been a joyous event in the past so we hope you can be there.

Susan Beeler and Amy Vickers are cooking on Friday. We'll need folks to help transport the food to the facility and servers/greeters/seaters on Saturday.

Christ Central is located at Hope Plaza, 2018B Main Street in Columbia. You can meet us at 10:00 at the church to help pack up and transport or at the site between 10:30 and 11:00. If you have questions contact Beth Trump at 803-920-3547. Click [here](#) to sign up on Sign Up Genius.

Thanks for continuing to be a giving community to those in need in the Columbia community.

Beth Trump

FELLOWSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

WHAT IS THE ALTAR GUILD?



As you can imagine, a lot of preparation happens prior to Sunday mornings so that our services are meaningful and worship filled. Pastor Trump prepares a sermon, Jenny Walrath and others prepare to lead the worshipers in music, many other people read the lessons and assist in worship leadership but there is a “behind the scenes” ministry that you may not be aware of ---The Altar Guild. Things such as preparing the bread and wine, changing the paraments on the altar, lectern, and pulpit to reflect the current liturgical season, polishing the silver, filling the baptismal font with water, ordering all the supplies, etc. must happen for worship to

come together. Would you be willing to serve in some small way to enhance worship? This would also be a wonderful way for a family to learn and serve together. Contact Deacon Sandra at sholland@salutheran.com or Joyce Shealy at t_shealy@bellsouth.net if you are interested in being a part of this meaningful ministry.

WOMEN’S RETREAT –OCTOBER 13-15, 2023



Save the date! All adult women of the church are invited to participate in this weekend of fun, fellowship and learning as we spend the weekend at Lutheridge together. We have lodging reserved and now we need to plan the weekend. If you would like to serve on a planning team, please contact Deacon Sandra.

SUMMER SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP REFRESHMENTS

Enjoy time for fellowship this summer along with coffee and light refreshments in the narthex, July 16 from 9:30-10:15 a.m.



FELLOWSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

TABLES OF GRACE WILL RETURN FOR FALL

This spring, 56 people participated in Tables of Grace. This ministry is a great way for adults in all stages of life to get to know one another. Here's how it works:

- In August, we will open sign ups for Tables of Grace. Just let us know if you'd like to participate and if you'd be willing to host if needed.
- At the end of August, Tracy Folk will work her spread sheet magic and assign people to a group. She aims to have 8 people in a group.
- We will let you know what group you're in and the host for that group will contact everyone to find a date that works to gather during the month of September or October.
- You will attend one dinner with this group and then will be part of a new group when we do another round.

Please contact Deacon Sandra if you have any questions.



LUTHER LEAGUE KAYAKING ON THE SALUDA RIVER SUNDAY, JULY 16



All 3rd-5th graders (plus a parent) are invited to join in this fun afternoon. We will meet at **Canoeing for Kids (114 Riverchase Court in Lexington) at 12:30 on July 16.** Please plan to eat lunch after the worship service and meet us there! This will be a guided kayaking trip, but we will need one parent for each child going. The cost is \$35 per person. *If this doesn't work for your family's budget, please just pay what you can.* Please bring \$35 in cash or check (made payable to *Canoeing for Kids*) with you or pay on the church website. Please let Deacon Sandra know if you are planning to join us by **Sunday, July 9** so she can get a firm number to the kayaking company.

FELLOWSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES



Lutheran Men will meet in the Fellowship Hall, **Tuesday, July 11, at 5:30 p.m.** Chef Slice will be using his culinary skills in the NEW KITCHEN! The menu for the evening is as follows: Roasted pork loin, Home-made mac and cheese, Mixed vegetables, and Death by Chocolate.

In addition, join us August 12th for the annual Lutheran Men Night at the ballpark. We will have discounted tickets and what is sure to be the hottest day of the summer! More details to come.



LUTHERAN WOMEN
ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Lutheran Women enjoyed a delicious seafood lunch and a great presentation by our own Dr. Lilly Okoronkwo.



Will meet at church Thursday, July 20 at 11:00 a.m. and ride to the SC Farmer's Market to shop and have lunch. Please RSVP Bobbie Bell at 803-360-5115

HOME COMMUNION: What is it?

Once a quarter, volunteers take communion from the altar to those who cannot attend worship. They might be ill, or in a nursing facility. Here are some answers to questions you may have about this program.



Do I have to commit to volunteer on an ongoing basis? NO. You can volunteer to do it one time. You will probably be asked again, but you are contacted each time.

- **How many people do I visit?** One.
- **What do I say?** A short worship "script" is prepared for you with a reading from that Sunday's scripture lessons as well as a short message and the words to say with the bread and the wine.
- **Must I go on Sunday?** No, you do not have to go immediately after church. It is preferred if volunteers do so, but this is up to you and the person to whom you are going.
- **Who should I talk to about this?** You may contact the office if you are interested, and we will forward your name to the volunteer coordinators for this ministry.
- **Will I find it meaningful?** YES! There are few things you can do that are more significant than this.

LOOK WHAT'S
HAPPENING THIS WEEK
DURING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!



Youth Service
Project: Refurbishing
the playground!



VBS Opening begins with a little yoga and meditation. Nothing like watching friends helping friends.

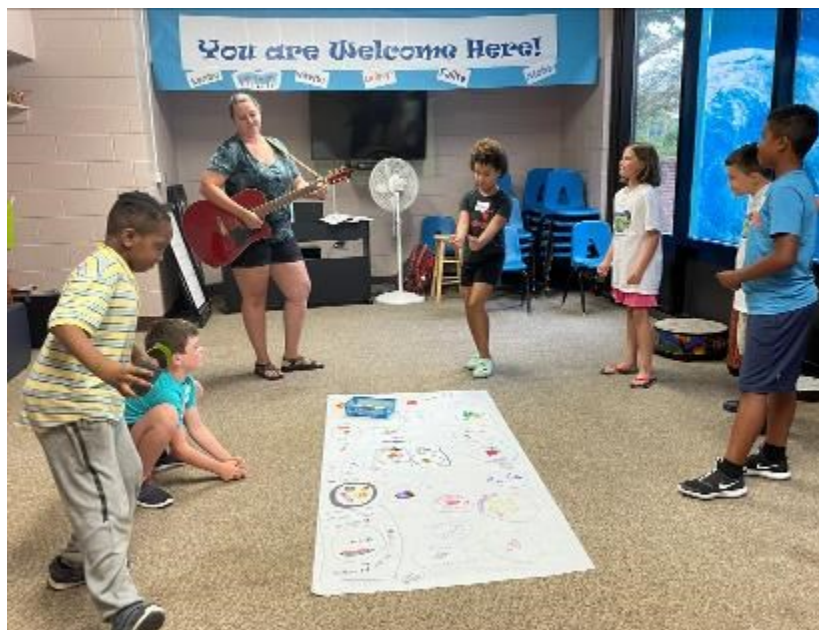
Help God mend the
earth by enriching the
soil that grows our food.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



FUTURE SCIENTIST AT WORK!



ROCKIN' AND ROLLIN' WITH PAIGE!



STORY TIME IS ALWAYS AN ADVENTURE!



ARTS AND CRAFTS!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July 2 Jay Folk

July 2 Jonathon Varco

July 3 Paulene Cruse

July 3 Nikolin Patel

July 3 Mike Vickers Jr.

July 6 Sarah Cook

July 6 Jamie Sanders

July 7 Hailey Armstrong

July 8 McKenna Bare

July 11 Sandy Bartlett

July 12 Elijah Wanek

July 13 Mary Lynn Kemick

July 13 Steve Slice

July 13 Michael Smith

July 15 Victoria Baggett

July 17 Robert Amick

July 17 Brian Peterson

July 17 Dusty Ratliff

July 18 Hal Ray

July 19 David Britt

July 19 Jason Wheeler

July 20 Rebecca LaSalle

July 20 Maya Skillman

July 23 Addison Connaker

July 23 Megan Patel

July 26 Jacob Semones

July 28 Claire Birdsong

July 28 Layne Birdsong

July 29 Bobbie Bell

July 29 Deanna Osteen

July 29 Darrick Williams

July 30 Debra Ouzts

July 31 Owen Driggers

July 31 Shawn Skillman

Congratulations to August Potts and Jessica Elahut upon their marriage on Saturday, June 17 in Beaufort, SC. They will reside in Columbia.



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
- 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 Stephen Abbott, given by Barbara Weaver
- In memory of Buddy Lewis, given by David and Beth Lever
- In memory of Buddy Lewis, given by David Crapps
- In memory of Buddy Lewis, given by Ann Petty
- In memory of Buddy Lewis, given by Aileen Sunshine

IN OUR PRAYERS

- Carolyn Swittenberg, NHC Lexington
- Judy and Lee Bowling upon the death of their nephew, Arnie Tolman on June 22nd, Wichita, Kansas
- The family and friends of Stephen Abbott who passed away on June 13, 2023.

Here are the two ministries that were dear to Stephen:

Koinonia of Columbia
4427 N Main Street
Columbia, SC 29203

The Door Home, Inc.
P. O. Box 1032
Irmo, SC 29063

July 2

Lay Assistant: Darrick Williams

8:30 Reader: Tom Henry

10:30 Reader: Beth Mullins

10:30 Communion Assistant: Ron Walrath

10:30 Crucifer: Hailey Armstrong

Council Collections: Brian Teusink, Cathi

Cooper, Whanna Bouknight

Recycling: Frye

Altar Guild: Keith Marsh, Jill Areheart

8:30 Ushers: Robert Luther, Paul Osmundson

10:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Steve Metze

Counters: Bobbie Bell, Barbara Weaver

Nursery: Frye

Flowers: Varco

July 9

Assisting Minister: Deacon Holland

8:30 Reader: Tom Bane

10:30 Reader: Youth

10:30 Communion Assistant: Brian Teusink

10:30 Crucifer: Ben Godfrey

10:30 Acolyte: John Driggers

Council Collections: Brian Teusink, Cathi

Cooper, Whanna Bouknight

Grounds: John Trump, Bryan Senn

Recycling: Frye

Altar Guild:

8:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Curtis Amick

10:30 Ushers: Robert Luther, Paul Osmundson

Counters: Sharon Berger, Mary Ann Jacobs

Nursery: Casey

Flowers: Slice

July 16

Lay Assistant: Judy Venturella

8:30 Darr Reader: Becca Kelly

10:30 Reader: Darrick Williams

10:30 Communion Assistant:

Deacon Holland

10:30 Crucifer: Luke Bradley

10:30 Acolyte: Abby Connaker

Council Collections: Brian Teusink, Cathi

Cooper, Whanna Bouknight

Grounds: Summer Clean-up, Pro

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Recycling: Frye

Altar Guild: Jill Areheart, Keith Marsh

8:30 Ushers: Mari Frye, Brian Haley

10:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Curtis Amick

Counters: Bobbie Bell, Susan Beeler

Nursery: Thomasson

Flowers: Loschiavo

July 23

Lay Assistant: Jay Folk

8:30 Reader: Tom Henry

10:30 Reader: Kristine Thompson

10:30 Communion Assistant: Anna Berger

10:30 Crucifer: Sean Egan

10:30 Acolyte: Keith Peterson

Grounds: Curtis Amick, John Bass

Council Collections: Brian Teusink, Cathi

Cooper, Whanna Bouknight

Recycling: Frye

Altar Guild: Frye

8:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong

10:30 Ushers: Mari Frye, Brian Haley

Counters: Barbara Weaver, Bobbie Bell

Nursery: Godfrey

Flowers: TBD

July 30

Lay Assistant: Vicky Henderson

8:30 Reader: Sharon Berger

10:30 Reader: Anna Berger

10:30 Communion Assistant: Rick Gibbons

10:30 Crucifer: Addison Connaker

10:30 Acolyte: Shane Casey

Grounds: Jay Folk, Beth Mullins

Council Collections: Brian Teusink, Cathi

Cooper, Whanna Bouknight

Recycling: Folks

Altar Guild:

8:30 Ushers: Robert Luther, Paul Osmundson

10:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Steve Metze

Counters: Sharon Berger, Mary Ann Jacobs

Nursery: Hastie

Flowers: TBD

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship	3	4 Church office Closed	5	6	7	8 10:30 a.m. Serve meal at Christ Central
9 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship	10	11 5:30 p.m. Lutheran Men Fellowship Hall	12	13 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting	14	15
16 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30-10:15 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. Luther League kayaking	17	18	19	20 11:00 a.m. Young at Heart meet at church and travel to Farmer's Market	21 8:45 a.m. Soup Kitchen at Washington Street Methodist Church	22
23/30 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship	24	25	26	27	28	29



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RETURN SERVICE

REQUESTED

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Nancy Gibbons

Office Administrator

Mari Frye

Children's Music and Youth Ministry Associate

Paige Gibbons

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President: Anna Berger

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