



ST. ANDREW'S Lutheran Church



St. Andrew's Church Picnic

October 1 - 10:30 a.m.

Saluda Shoals Park in the Paw Paw Shelter

8:30 a.m. worship will be at the church as usual.

10:30 worship at the park.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided.

If your last name begins with a letter between A-M,
please consider bringing a side.

If your last name begins with a letter between N-Z,
please consider bringing a dessert.

There will be some seating provided but you may want to bring a camp chair.

*The Saluda River Band (a bluegrass band) will help provide music for
worship and also perform at the picnic.*

Please join us for this fun worship and fellowship experience!

Invite a friend!

October 2023

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From PT:

October is upon us. Up in God's country (Pennsylvania) the leaves are changing. Our football team would take our bus trips for away football games through the hillsides and see the beauty of the countryside. I have very fond memories of this time of year. The church year also picks up with Reformation Sunday, All Saints and yes, even Advent and Christmas fast upon us. There are many things that pull at each of you. The church is in "competition" for your time, but in truth, the church doesn't compete against anything, because the church is different. It is not a sport or a hobby or a vacation. Worship is that which is meant to shape our lives and sustain us through all our days. The truth is that church cannot out-entertain other things. We can't out-tailgate your tailgate parties. What the church offers is something that the world cannot offer, namely God's grace and forgiveness, and quite frankly, the most honest part of all our lives.

This month we will not see all of you all of the time. However, we do hope to see all of you at one point or another. There are so many activities and opportunities for fellowship, learning, service, and of course worship. Please take time to read and join in!

Peace,
PT

DISCIPLES BIBLE STUDY

Mondays, 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m. – in person and [Zoom](#)

We are continuing in the Gospel of Matthew and you can jump in any time.

**RETIRED AND RESTLESS BIBLE STUDY**

Second (October 11th) and Fourth (October 25th) Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room

We examine the lessons for the upcoming Sunday.

This is a great group of committed students and disciples. You can come one day or all days!

WE GATHER PROJECT UPDATE

We Gather



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

As of this writing your gifts have been very generous. You have pledged and given a total of \$550,000. Due to the costs of adding the bathroom renovations we need approximately \$20,000 and hopefully there will be a few surprise gifts to get us there.

The work in the narthex and gathering area has begun and we expect work in the sanctuary to take place in October. As of this writing we just are not sure when. The carpet is on order and expected soon. There are various pieces that have to be juggled. We MAY be in the Fellowship Hall several Sundays in October. Please check your E-news and bulletins for any updates.

It's going to be great! Thank you for your generosity that has enabled us to care for the gifts of previous generations and look toward the future.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Below are the financial numbers as of the end of September. Due to paying the insurance bill and some other expenses, the report is not good. As you can see, we are \$30,000 in the red against giving. While we are not in panic mode, this is concerning. Thank you for all your support of the ministries of your church. If you have fallen behind in giving, maybe you can catch up in the final part of the year? If you have the opportunity and means to give an extra gift to help us close the gap before the end of the year, that would be wonderful. Please know that your Finance Team is working on a Ministry Plan (budget) for next year that will decrease. We continue to seek ways to cut expenses, remain faithful to your giving, and still provide the quality worship and ministry that we desire to give.

| St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Statement of Income and Expense August of Fiscal Year 2023 Fund: 01– General | | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | August Actual | 2023 YTD Actual |
| Current and Benevolence Giving | \$ 38,787.36 | \$ 340,260.75 |
| Expenses | \$ 53,784.22 | \$ 369,459.86 |
| Expenses under (over) Giving | \$ (14,996.86) | \$ (29,199.11) |
| Current and Benevolence Giving | \$ 38,787.36 | \$ 340,260.75 |
| Budget | \$ 44,763.76 | \$ 370,160.08 |
| Giving (under) over Budget | \$ (5,976.40) | \$ (29,899.33) |

September 14, 2023

Council President Berger called the council meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Jill Areheart made a motion to approve the minutes of the August Council meeting. Deb Varco seconded the motion, which was approved.

We Gather Capital Campaign Update: Painting in the parlor is completed and other narthex areas are being completed. Due to production issues, the carpet for the sanctuary will not be available for at least 60 days, which delays the ability to paint the sanctuary. Tom Bane is coordinating with the contractors to complete all work that can be completed with minimal impact on December worship services. If continued work in the Narthex does not damage new pavement, the parking lot repaving may take place ahead of schedule. Based on the current estimate of Phase 2, the Campaign is within \$10,000.00 of being fully funded.

President's Report: The President submitted a written report that was included in the agenda packet.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Trump's written report was included in the agenda packet. It was accepted as information. Additionally, he reported that Lutheran Services has asked permission to hold twice-weekly English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at the church. This will be allowed.

He also informed Council that during a recent storm, a tree from the Welcome House yard fell onto the adjacent property, causing power failure and minor damage. According to the church's insurance agent, the liability is on the homeowner, who does not have insurance. Pastor Trump will provide further information via email to Council, who will decide if a "good-neighbor" donation will be made to assist with repairs.

Deacon's Report: Deacon Holland's written report was included in the agenda packet and accepted as information. Deacon Holland asked that Council consider adding a budget line item for 2024 to be used for a neighborhood outreach day (like the one held in May 2023). The discussion was tabled.

Children's ministry: Ingrid Driggers submitted a written report for the agenda packet. It was accepted as information.

Finance: A written report, with monthly financial statements, was submitted and included with the agenda packet. There is no significant difference from the same period in 2022, given the expenses and receipts. The Finance Team will meet before the end of September to draft the budget proposal for Council's consideration in October.

Mutual Ministry: Updated position descriptions for staff were presented and will be approved at the October meeting.

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

Pastor Trump led Council in prayer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

IN THE MEANTIME – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 6:00 p.m.



All adults are invited to join for fellowship and discussion about faith in daily life as we start back up our monthly gathering for the fall. This time, we will meet at Iron Hill Brewery on Bull Street near the baseball stadium.

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT TO LUTHERIDGE – OCTOBER 13-15

There are still a couple of spaces available if you would like to join us for this fun weekend of fellowship, worship, learning and exploring God's beautiful creation! Contact Deacon Sandra if you are interested.

ALL BOOKED UP- LADIES BOOK CLUB

All women who like to read and discuss books are invited to join us on Friday, October 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Beth Hutchison, 906 Shadetree Lane, 29212. We will be discussing our first book this season, *A Wrinkle in Time*. Please contact Deacon at sholland@salutheran.com if you have any questions.



Apple picking in Hendersonville NC. Wonder where the trees are hidden?

YOUNG AT HEART will meet at the Trump house on October 19th. All are invited. John's world famous slow cooked barbeque will be served as well as anything you want to bring. We eat at 12:00! 525 Woodrow Street. John, Beth, Loosey, Frank, and Pearl look forward to seeing all of you! You don't have to be a "regular" participant in Young At Heart to come!



Lutheran Woman will resume on **October 4, 2023**, meeting in the conference room at **10:30 a.m.** ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME.



Lutheran Men will meet at church on **Tuesday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m.**



LUTHER LEAGUE AND LITTLE LUTHERANS PLAY AT THE PARK OCTOBER 1, 12:30 P.M.

All children 5th grade and younger will meet at Leo's Landing at Saluda Shoals Park to play after the church picnic.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us in the church parking lot by the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 29, immediately following the 10:30 service for Trunk or Treat for the children. We are looking for 20 people/families to decorate their trunks so our Little Lutherans can do some trick or treating with their church friends. Children can bring their costumes to change into after church. Please contact Deacon Sandra, sholland@salutheran.com to sponsor a trunk.



ELEMENTARY MUSIC NEWS:

Calling all 1st-5th graders! Join me for elementary music select Sundays this fall! We will explore lots of different types of music and instruments and prepare some music for worship!
—Paige Gibbons

Important Dates:

October 8: Rehearsal 11:45-12:30
October 22: Rehearsal 11:45-12:30
October 29: Children's Music in 10:30 worship
November 19: Rehearsal 11:45-12:30
December 3: Rehearsal 11:45-12:30
December 17: Rehearsal 11:45-12:30
January 7: Rehearsal 11:45-12:30
January 14: Children's Music in 10:30 worship

SALC FALL FAMILY NIGHT



When: Friday, October 27 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall

Join us for a new opportunity for fellowship! Bring the whole family out for an evening of food and fellowship with your church family. We'll host a potluck dinner so bring a dish to share. The kids can play, the adults can converse, and we can take advantage of the great space and village our church provides! Contact Paige Gibbons with any questions.

pgibbons@salutheran.com

YOUTH NEWS

OCTOBER YOUTH GROUP NEWS:

YOUTH VS PARENTS KICKBALL GAME

When: Sunday, October 1 after congregational picnic

Where: Saluda Shoals Park

Details: Following the outdoor worship and picnic at Saluda Shoals we will have youth and their parents face off in a game of kickball. This has been a favorite event in the past so bring your game face and get ready for some friendly competition!

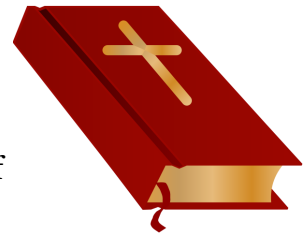


YOUTH GROUP

When: Sunday, October 29 11:45-2:30 p.m.

Where: Youth Room

Details: Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun! Lunch will be provided. Youth will have the opportunity to paint their “brick” on the wall of the youth room. We will play some games and have a devotional.



CO-OP UPDATES

This month we began our 2 year journey with the Formation Co-Op for youth ministry. The Co-Op is a unique partnership between the ELCA and the ELCA Youth Ministry Network, funded by the Lilly Endowment’s “Strengthening Congregational Ministries with Youth Initiative.” This project roots young people in a lifelong and transformative faith in Jesus that is experienced through life-giving communities. We were selected as one of 10 congregations nationwide to go through this program. We are working on assembling a team that represents our church as a whole and have had our initial training and meeting with our assigned guide. So far the members of our team have shared why we love being members of St. Andrew’s and have come up with questions we’d like answered over the next year. We will be welcoming our guide for an in person visit this month and look forward to sharing with you our vision and goals for this process!

—Paige Gibbons



OCTOBER 29TH-30TH
ALEX ENGLISH-NBA HALL OF FAME

6:00 PM AT THE COBBLESTONE PARK CLUBHOUSE

VIP RECEPTION | OCTOBER 29TH
Includes dinner and cash bar, silent auction, Celebrity Meet and Greet and a Celebrity Draft where golfers may bid for a celebrity to join their team.

8:00 AM CHECK-IN
10:00 AM SHOTGUN START

GOLF TOURNAMENT | OCTOBER 30TH
Includes breakfast, celebrity meet and greet, cart & greens fees, gift bag, and more.

Tournament proceeds will benefit Family Promise of the Midlands and The Let's Share Foundation, serving families experiencing homelessness in Columbia and surrounding communities.

**3RD ANNUAL
CELEBRITY GOLF
TOURNAMENT**

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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

MEMBERS IN EXTENDED CARE

- Miller Shealy, Wellmore
- Adrian Trexler, The Brian Center
- Mitch Mayer, Lexington Extended Care
- Vern Free, Generations, Chapin
- Betty Dawkins, Presbyterian Home

IN OUR PRAYERS

- Claude Galarneau, recovering from surgery
- Judy Bowling, recovering at home

MEMORIALS

In memory of Dot Meador, given by...

- Wylene L. Smith and Janet Hudnoll
- Blue Choice Family
- David and Beth Lever
- Claude and Barbara Galarneau
- Barbara Weaver

In memory of Shirley Swanson, given by...

- Sharon Guest
- Claude and Barbara Galarneau
- Barbara Weaver
- Lisa Dunkley

HOMEBOUND

Sarah Cook, Sharon Guest, June Steadman
Joe Meador, Christine Metts



Oct 1 Stephanie Looney
Oct 1 Addison Wanek
Oct 1 Layla Wanek
Oct 1 Noah Wanek
Oct 3 Jennifer Loschiavo
Oct 3 Jenny Walrath
Oct 3 Kelly Williams
Oct 4 Jan Bass
Oct 4 Christine Metts
Oct 5 Melinda Crenshaw
Oct 5 Carolyn Swittenberg
Oct 7 Trent Shealy
Oct 8 Mary DeHihns
Oct 8 Mari Frye
Oct 9 Michael Sheley
Oct 12 Linda Anderson
Oct 31 Landry Canniff-Kuhn
Oct 15 Ron Walrath
Oct 16 Gloria Bruce
Oct 16 Justin Varco
Oct 17 Susan Beeler
Oct 17 Chase Paschal
Oct 21 Shirley Mayer
Oct 21 Emily Tener
Oct 25 Sybil Long
Oct 26 Anita Murphy
Oct 27 Lenora Britt
Oct 27 Whitten Canniff-Kuhn
Oct 28 Ella Shealy

BLESSINGS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS

Sean Egan, Ben Godfrey, and Joe Ray have completed 2 years of confirmation classes and will be affirming their baptism at on Sunday, October 29 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Blessings to these students as they begin the next step in their journey of faith!

October 1

Lay Assistant: Jay Folk

8:30 Reader: Tom Bane

10:30 Reader: Brian Teusink

10:30 Communion Assistant: Lily Okoronkwo

Council Collections: Jason Bradley, Ingrid Driggers, Deb Varco

Grounds: Ron Walrath, Jay Folk

Recycling: Birdsong

Altar Guild: Trent Shealy

8:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Curtis Amick

10:30 Ushers: Paul Osmundson, Robert Luther

Counters: Bobbie Bell, Mary Ann Jacobs

October 8

Assisting Minister: Deacon Sandra Holland

8:30 Reader: Becca Kelly

10:30 Reader: Kristine Thompson

10:30 Communion Assistant: Rick Gibbons

10:30 Crucifer: Sean Egan

10:30 Acolyte: William Thomasson

Council Collections: Jason Bradley, Ingrid Driggers, Deb Varco

Grounds: Bryan Potts, Robert Luther

Recycling: Birdsong

Altar Guild: TBD

8:30 Ushers: Mari Frye, Brian Haley

10:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Curtis Amick

Counters: Bobbie Bell, Susan Beeler

Nursery: Frye

Flowers: Jay and Tracy Folk

October 15

Lay Assistant: Phillip Jenkins

8:30 Reader: Tom Henry

10:30 Reader: Lily Okoronkwo

10:30 Communion Assistant: Beth Trump

10:30 Crucifer: Addison Connaker

10:30 Acolyte: Madelyn Loschiavo

Council Collections: Jason Bradley, Ingrid Driggers, Deb Varco

Grounds: Fall Clean-up

Recycling: Birdsong

Altar Guild: TBD

8:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong

ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

10:30 Ushers: Mari Frye, Brian Haley

Counters: Anita Murphy, Bobbie Bell

Nursery: Casey

Flowers: Bart and Anna Berger

October 22

Lay Assistant: TBA

8:30 Reader: Sharon Berger

10:30 Reader: Beth Trump

10:30 Communion Assistant: Jay Folk

10:30 Crucifer: Xavier Williams

10:30 Acolyte: MaKenna Buckles

Grounds: Tom Bane, Brian Teusink

Council Collections: Jason Bradley, Ingrid Driggers, Deb Varco

Recycling: Birdsong

Altar Guild: Mari Frye

8:30 Ushers: Robert Luther, Paul Osmundson

10:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Steve Metze

Counters: Bobbie Bell, Sharon Berger

Nursery: Thomasson

Flowers: TBD

October 29

Assisting Minister: Deacon Sandra Holland

8:30 Reader: Rick Gibbons

10:30 Reader: Kristine Thompson

10:30 Communion Assistant: Phillip Jenkins

10:30 Crucifer: Jonathon Varco

10:30 Acolyte: Madison Buckles

Grounds: Jay Folk, Ron Walrath

Council Collections: Jason Bradley, Ingrid Driggers, Deb Varco

Recycling: Birdsong

Altar Guild: TBD

8:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Curtis Amick

10:30 Ushers: Robert Luther, Paul Osmundson

Counters: Sharon Berger, Mary Ann Jacobs

Nursery: Godfrey

Flowers: Birdsong

OCTOBER 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| 1 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 p.m. Worship at Saluda Shoals, PawPaw Shelter with the Church Picnic to follow | 2 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study | 3 | 4 10:30 a.m. Lutheran Women 5:45 p.m. Disciples Bible Study in person and via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal | 5 10:00-11:00a.m. Saint A's Play Day | 6 6:30 p.m. All Booked Up Ladies Book Club | 7 |
| 8 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:40 a.m. Ensemble Rehearsal 12:30-2:00 p.m. Confirmation Class | 9 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study | 10 6:30 p.m. Lutheran Men Fellowship Hall | 11 11:00 a.m. Retired and Restless 5:45 p.m. Disciples Bible Study in person and via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal | 12 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting | 13 Women's Retreat to Lutheridge | 14 Women's Retreat to Lutheridge |
| 15 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship | 16 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal | 17 | 18 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 5:45 p.m. Disciples Bible Study in person and via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal | 19 10:00-11:00a.m. Saint A's Play Day 12:00 p.m. Young at Heart Lunch at the Trump House | 20 8:45 a.m. Soup Kitchen at Washington Street Methodist Church | 21 |
| 22 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:40 a.m. Ensemble Rehearsal 12:30-2:00 p.m. Confirmation Class | 23 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal | 24 | 25 11:00 a.m. Retired and Restless 5:45 p.m. Disciples Bible Study in person and via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal | 26 | 27 5:30-7:30 p.m. Fall Family Night Dinner and Fellowship (see p. 6) | 28 |
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