

ST. ANDREW'S Lutheran Church

SOCK IT TO ME!

SEPTEMBER SOCK DRIVE

Keep little feet warm by donating *new* socks to 500 children at Rhame Elementary School. (Ages 4-11)

That's 1,000 little feet!



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Please place socks in the bin in the narthex by October 1.

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September 2023 NEWSLETTER





Worship is meant to be a time when we look into infinity and consider what is most important in our lives. Now, one thing I might discuss with Calvin is that what we do each day is often quite important. We do relationships, and jobs, and learning, and so much more. All these things are critical. Maybe what we need to simply ask is how they relate to the infinite? To God? Worship is that time when we stop and try our best to consider all the important things in our lives that God has given us to treasure. Join us.

Peace, PT

DISCIPLES BIBLE STUDY

You have heard about it.
You have read about it.
You have been invited. NOW JOIN US!

Mondays, 11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m. – in person and Zoom

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

RETIRED AND RESTLESS BIBLE STUDY

Second (September 13th) and Fourth (September 27th) Wednesday of each month. 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!





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

WE GATHER update!

We recently were able to meet with Boudreaux Architects to chart a path forward. Many of you may know that we hit a roadblock when we applied for our building permit to remove the parlor glass walls. This simple "construction project" required us to update our narthex bathrooms to handicap accessible. We met with Richland County to no avail.

We've decided not to waste more time trying to appeal the county's decision that we have to make an accessible bathroom in the narthex. The county building official has the final say and has made it clear he reads the code to require an accessible bathroom in that space. We agree we need to update the bathrooms in the narthex and will work on those and remove the parlor walls in a separate project that we'll refer to as Phase II (see further below).

We have signed a revised contract with Springhill Construction for Phase I of the renovation to include:

- Paint and carpet in sanctuary and balcony;
- Paint in gathering area;
- All work in original narthex plan with the exception of removing the glass walls of the parlor. We're ordering extra carpet and can replace the carpet tiles when the parlor walls are removed.
- Replace carpet and paint in the back hallway leading to sacristy and choir loft. This area is in desperate need of attention, and it makes sense to address it as part of this project.

It will likely take 6 weeks or so for the carpet delivery. Springhill plans to have a crew on-site very soon to begin working. Although we want the sanctuary work completed ASAP, they may need to wait until the carpet is delivered to tackle all aspects of the sanctuary at one time to minimize the time we'll have to be out of the space. Our goal will be for the sanctuary work to be completed early October.

Phase II - based on conversations Justin Varco and Tom Bane have had with Boudreaux over the past few weeks and our most recent meeting it appears we may be able to make the current women's restroom an accessible men's restroom and the current men's restroom an accessible women's restroom. We've asked Boudreaux and Springhill Construction to send us a cost estimate for this work and removing the parlor walls. This would trigger the permit requirement from the county and based on what we're told there shouldn't be any issues.

As of this writing we do not have all the funds necessary for the bathrooms. Any additional gifts to the WE GATHER CAMPAIGN would go toward completing Phase II. The parking lot work will not be affected by this. We have come in on budget. The problem is that we have been required to add the extra work for the bathroom renovations. We'll update you as soon as we have the details for Phase II. Thank you for your support and patience! Despite the challenges we are excited. In the end we will have updated and welcoming gathering spaces for all!

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GIFTS AND PRAYERS THAT HAVE MADE THIS POSSIBLE.

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Statement of Income and Expense July of Fiscal Year 2023 Fund: 01– General						
		July Actual	2023 YTD Actual			
Current and Benevolence Giving	\$	41,510.74	\$ 301,473.39			
Expenses	\$	45,534.80	\$ 315,675.64			
Expenses under (over) Giving	\$	(4,024.06)	\$ (14,202.25)			
Current and Benevolence Giving	\$	41,510.74	\$ 301,473.39			
Budget	\$	44,563.76	\$ 325,396.32			
Giving (under) over Budget	\$	(3,053.02)	\$ (23,922.93)			



VIRGINIA WINGARD FOOD PANTRY

First of all, I would like to thank each of you for your contributions to the Virginia Wingard Food Pantry. Both your food and financial donations help fulfill a great need in our community. The Pantry, which is federally recognized, serves approximately 240 families each month. The USDA gives the pantry a limited amount of food at no cost based on the average number of families served, and the pantry can also buy additional food as needed at a relatively low cost. The food is provided through Harvest Hope Food Bank. Each week either Ron Walrath or I assist members of Virginia

Wingard in picking up a trailer load of food from Harvest Hope and restocking the pantry. Also, each week, Sandy and I drop off your food donations left in the shopping cart in the gathering area.

The pantry is open on Tuesday and Wednesday each week from 1 p.m. till 3 p.m. Families that qualify for food based on current financial status may visit the pantry only "once" per month. Each family generally receives a paper grocery bag of food. The bag is not always full. The Pantry purchases loaf bread each week which is not generally available through Harvest Hope. Some weeks, fresh fruit or meat items are available, and during the holidays the pantry purchases turkeys or hams as finances allow. On average the pantry spends about 12k per year on food items. They are very responsible with funds and stretch the dollars as far as they can.

The pantry is designed to supplement food needs to those in need in our community. Some people visit the pantry every month and some may only visit once or twice based on their current situation. Thank you again for helping in this much needed ministry in our community. Please do not hesitate to call on me if you have any questions.

August 17, 2023

Council President Berger called the council meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Devotions were led by Cathi Cooper. Minutes were approved.

We Gather Capital Campaign Update: President Berger reported that the Phase 1 renovation work on the narthex will proceed immediately. The requirement by Richland County for an accessible restroom in the narthex will be met by converting the current women's restroom off the parlor into an accessible men's restroom. The current men's room in the narthex will be converted into an accessible women's restroom. The contractor, Springhill, understands the urgency to complete the Sanctuary and a new contract will be needed to begin the work. Brian Teusink motioned that John Trump and Anna Berger execute the new contract immediately. Ingrid Driggers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Beth Mullins motioned for an addendum to the contract to order the replacement of carpet in the hallway by the sacristy rooms. Brian Teusink seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Brian Teusink reported on Financial Team findings regarding a potential loan to bridge the gap between pledges and money on hand to complete all phases of the Campaign. Council will revisit the need for such a loan in the future, as now Phase 1 costs have been received.

President's Report, Pastor's Report, Deacon's Report: All submitted and accepted as information.

Children's ministry, Worship, Social ministry: Submitted reports that were accepted as information.

Worship Team: John Slice will no longer be employed for weekly sermon recordings after August. Staff will be taking on this task.

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

Pastor Trump remarked on recent compliments he has heard about the St. Andrew's congregation and its vibrancy in ministries and in its people. He then led Council in prayer. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. At 7:45 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

WOMEN'S RETREAT -OCTOBER 13-15, 2023



All women of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church are invited to join in this time away to recharge and renew. Paige Gibbons and Deacon Sandra will be leading our time together. In addition to our structured time, there will be plenty of unstructured time for relaxing, exploring Lutheridge or the Arden/Asheville area, and getting to know each other. A registration form is available online in the weekly e-news. Please contact Deacon Sandra if you have questions or if you know you'd like to join us.

COLLEGE ADDRESSES NEEDED

Parents, please send your college student's address to Mari in the church office so that we can make sure your student receives the church newsletter each month and also care packages later in the year!



FAMILY PROMISE PRESENTATION



The staff from Family Promise of the Midlands (FPM) will give a short presentation (30 minutes) in the sanctuary on **September 10 immediately following the 10:30 Service.** They will tell about all the work and ministry they are doing to address homelessness in the Midlands. SAL has supported their ministry since 2016 – over 6 years. Over that period, their ministry has grown and helped hundreds of people experiencing

homelessness. Please plan to stay after the church service to hear about the great things this ministry is accomplishing with the help of our financial support.

ALL BOOKED UP- LADIES BOOK CLUB



All women who like to read and discuss books are invited to join us as we start up the Women's Book Club for fall. On Thursday, September 7, at 6:00 p.m. we will meet at the Main Library in downtown Columbia to choose our book club sets for the year. After the library, we will go out to dinner together. Please contact Deacon Sandra at sholland@salutheran.com with questions and to sign up for dinner.

FELLOWSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES



Young at Heart will travel to North Carolina on September 21, 2023 to go apple picking. We will have limited seating so reservations are a MUST! PLEASE call Bobbie Bell at 803-360-5115 to make your reservation, no later than **September 16, 2023**.





Lutheran Woman will resume on **September 6**, **2023**, meeting in the conference room at **10:30 a.m.** ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME.



Lutheran Men will meet at church on **Tuesday**, **September 12 at 6:30** p.m.

MAUI WILDFIRE DISASTER RELIEF

U.S. Wildfires

The Situation:

Multiple wildfires have broken out on the Hawaiian island of Maui. Exacerbated by strong winds, these fires have destroyed homes, businesses and lines of communication. Thousands of people are under evacuation orders, some moving to other Hawaiian islands. Wildfires are also burning on the Big Island of Hawaii, and the islands remain vulnerable to more fires this season.

Our Response:

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. We will work with them to provide for immediate needs and recovery amid the widespread destruction. Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to accompanying recovering communities in the years ahead.

What you can do:

Prav:

Please pray for the Maui communities impacted by the wildfires. May God's healing presence bring them peace and hope in their time of need and give strength to those working diligently to contain the fires and care for affected communities.

Give:

Your gifts will support wildfire survivors. Gifts to "<u>U.S. Wildfires</u>" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by wildfires. Or make a general <u>donation to Lutheran Disaster Response</u> so we can respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike.

FAMILY KAYAKING ON THE SALUDA RIVER- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17



All families with **3rd-12th graders** are invited to join in on this fun afternoon. The cost per person for this event is \$35. If this doesn't work with your family's budget, please talk to Deacon Sandra and the church can help to further supplement. There is a link to register in the weekly e-news.

FORMATION CO-OP

I am excited to announce that SALC Youth has been selected to be a part of the Formation Co-Op through the ELCA! 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. For more information about the Co-Op visit the ELCA Youth Ministry Website here: https://www.elcaymnet.org/FormationCo-Op

We were one of 55 congregations nationwide to apply for the program and one of 10 congregations selected to participate this year. We will be partnered with a "guide" who will walk with us for the next 2 years listening, learning, and experimenting with the way we engage young people. Our team consisting of Paige, Deacon Sandra, and members of the youth group will receive training and will have opportunities to provide feedback that will hopefully strengthen youth ministry in the ELCA for the future. This grant will also provide funding for Paige and Deacon Sandra to attend the Extravaganza youth ministry conference for the next 2 years.

One of the things that I stressed in my application and in conversations with the Co-Op team was that our congregation cares deeply about youth ministry and is open to trying new things to give our young people opportunities to grow in their faith and in our community. I am looking forward to the many ways we can involve the greater congregation in this project.

This is an exciting opportunity and I cannot wait to share this journey with you all for the next 2 years! Be on the lookout for updates from our team and ways you can participate in this initiative.

-Paige Gibbons, Children's Music and Youth Ministry Associate

FUN WAS HAD BY ALL!

The youth celebrated a back-to-school lake party and welcomed the new sixth graders to the group.





YOUTH NEWS

SEPTEMBER YOUTH GROUP NEWS

YOUTH GATHERING INFORMATION MEETING



When: September 10 after 10:30 worship

Where: Sanctuary

Details: All current 8th-12th graders are invited to stick

around for a few minutes following worship to learn more about

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana!



the

FAMILY KAYAKING



When: September 17 at 12:30 p.m.

Where: Canoeing for Kids

Details: Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fellowship and kayaking! Single

and double kayaks will be available. Cost is \$35 per person.

YOUTH AND PARENT (CARING ADULT) LEARNING DINNER

When: September 24 at 5:30 p.m. Where: Fellowship Hall

DETAILS: There will be another supper with all of the above simply to meet and share an important topic.

The title for this discussion will be: "SO MANY CHURCHES? SO MANY FAITHS? WHAT MATTERS?"

Our youth cross paths with people of different faiths, different Christian churches, even different Lutheran Churches. What are the differences? Which differences really matter? Statistically half of all people will eventually change denominations or even faiths. In and of itself this is not terrible, but it is good to know the differences so that people can make informed decisions. How do we avoid "judging" people of other traditions? How do we handle it when we are "judged"?

Youth and parents/grandparents/guardians are encouraged to BRING THEIR QUESTIONS!

ELEMENTARY MUSIC

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!

Important Dates:

September 10 & 24: Rehearsal 11:45-12:30 October 8 & 22: Rehearsal 11:45-12:30

October 29: Children's Music in 10:30 worship

November 19: Rehearsal 11:45-12:30 December 3 & 17: Rehearsal 11:45-12:30

January 7: Rehearsal 11:45-12:30

January 14: Children's Music in 10:30 worship





Sep 1	Christopher Blocker	Sep 21	James Tener
Sep 1	Betty Dawkins	Sep 22	Sandy Hawkins
Sep 6	Helen Birdsong	Sep 22	Wayne Scott
Sep 9	Mildred Boucher	Sep 24	Emily Lewis
Sep 9	Lindy Player	Sep 25	Kara Bane
Sep 11	Conner Bare	Sep 25	Kristen Bane
Sep 15	Robert Luther	Sep 25	Barbara Weaver
Sep 16	Beth Hutchison	Sep 26	James Chapman
Sep 16	Stephanie Lambert	Sep 27	Carol Cochrane
Sep 18	Mona Luther	Sep 27	Emma Young
Sep 19	Tom Birdsong	Sep 30	David Armstrong



We rejoice with Amy and Matt Venturella, and Judy Venturella, upon the baptism of Jace Robert Venturella on August 20.



We rejoice with Paige, Geoffrey, and Reagan Gibbons, and Rick and Nancy Gibbons, upon the baptism of Avery Ann Gibbons on August 27.



We celebrate with Zach Bane for giving bone marrow that was a perfect match with a three year old girl in need of a transplant.

SAINT A'S PLAY DAY

William Cochrane

Sep 19

"Saint A's Play Day" is a free play group for young children and their caregivers that will take place twice monthly. The play group is open to all community members and ALL ARE WELCOME! Story



time and activities are geared towards children birth to 5 years old. The goal of this group is to provide a faith centered opportunity for play, socialization, and connection. Play group will include a short circle time with songs and a Bible story, various play activities, and a snack. Please fill out this registration form to register your child (ren) at no cost for the Fall 2023 session: https://forms.gle/nVeDAcFJrStbY88B8 Please contact Paige Gibbons if you are interested in helping with this ministry.



The Rev. Rick Carter (assistant to SC Synod), Cheryl Wertz, The Rev. John Wertz

The Rev. John Wertz celebrated his 50th anniversary of Ordination in 2021, and like many of those celebrating ministry milestones during the Covid pandemic, was recognized and honored during the online SC Synod Assembly of 2021. On August 13th during the 10:30 worship we took opportunity to say thank you and to celebrate in person with Pastor Wertz and his family.

Pastor Wertz was ordained at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, in the old sanctuary, on June 6, 1971, with Bishop Herman Cauble presiding. He has served as Pastor at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Moncks Corner, SC; Christ Lutheran Church in Stanley, NC; Bethany Lutheran Church in Batavia, Illinois; St. Paul Lutheran Church in Aiken, SC; and finally Christ the King Lutheran Church in Miami, Florida. In the South Carolina Synod since his retirement, he has also served six congregations as interim pastor. He has served the ELCA nationally in many and various capacities and has enjoyed writing for the Lutheran Magazine and other publications of the church. He is married to Cheryl Wertz, and has four children: The Rev. John Wertz, Jr, serving on the staff of the Virginia Synod, Bob Wertz, Mary Wertz West, and Matthew Haines. We are honored to have John and Cheryl serving with us at St. Andrew's in many ways. Congratulations, Pastor Wertz!

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
- Joe Meador
- Christine Metts
- June Steadman
- Carolyn Swittenberg (AT HOME!)

MEMBERS IN EXTENDED CARE

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

- Shirley Swanson, Lexington Hospital
- The family and friends of Dot Meador who passed away on August 18
- The family of Bobbie Bell upon the death of her nephew, Michael Christopher Dyches

September 3

Lay Assistant: Ron Walrath **8:30 Reader:** Tom Bane

10:30 Reader: Nancy Gibbons

10:30 Communion Assistant: Youth10:30 Crucifer: Hailey Loschiavo

10:30 Acolyte: Ellie Brown

Council Collections: Jill Areheart, Darrick

Williams, Beth Mullins **Grounds:** Ron Walrath **Recycling:** Cruse

Altar Guild: Sharon Berger

8:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Curtis Amick 10:30 Ushers: Paul Osmundson, Robert Luther

Counters: Bobbie Bell, Susan Beeler

Nursery: Birdsong Flowers: Casey

September 10

Lay Assistant: Mandy Glowacki

8:30 Reader: Becca Kelly **10:30 Reader:** Jay Folk

10:30 Communion Assistant: Paige Gibbons

10:30 Crucifer: Reagan Bouknight 10:30 Acolyte: Marshall Buckles

Council Collections: Jill Areheart, Darrick

Williams, Beth Mullins

Grounds: Layne Birdsong, Justin Varco

Recycling: Cruse

Altar Guild: Sharon Berger

8:30 Ushers: Mari Frye, Brian Haley

10:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Curtis Amick

Counters: Sharon Berger, Barbara

Weaver

Nursery: Connaker Flowers: TBD

September 17

Lay Assistant: Judy Venturella **8:30 Reader:** Tom Henry **10:30 Reader:** Phillip Jenkins

10:30 Communion Assistant: Ron Walrath

10:30 Crucifer:

10:30 Acolyte: Micheala McCutcheon Council Collections: Jill Areheart, Darrick

Williams, Beth Mullins

Grounds: John Trump, Bryan Senn

Recycling: Cruse

Altar Guild: Bobbie Bell **8:30 Ushers:** Layne Birdsong

10:30 Ushers: Mari Frye, Brian Haley **Counters:** Anita Murphy, Bobbie Bell

Nursery: LaSalle Flowers: TBD

September 24

Lay Assistant: Darrick Williams 8:30 Reader: Linda Hughes 10:30 Reader: Beth Trump

10:30 Communion Assistant: Brian Teusink

10:30 Crucifer:

10:30 Acolyte: Jessica Bradley Grounds: Curtis Amick, John Bass

Council Collections: Jill Areheart, Darrick

Williams, Beth Mullins
Recycling: Cruse
Altar Guild: Mari Frye

8:30 Ushers: Robert Luther, Paul Osmundson **10:30 Ushers:** Layne Birdsong, Steve Metze **Counters:** Bobbie Bell, Barbara Weaver

Nursery: Johnson/Skillman **Flowers:** Skillman/Johnson

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 1:00 p.m. Visitation 2:00 p.m. Dot Meador's Funeral
3 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	4 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	5	6 10:30 a.m. Lutheran Woment 5:45 p.m. Disciples Bible Study in person and via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	7 10:00-11:00a.m. Saint A's Play Day 6:00 p.m. All Booked Up meet at the RC Public Library	8	9
10 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Home Communion 11:30 a.m. Family Promise Presentation 12:30-2:00 p.m. Confirmation Class	11 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	12 6:30 p.m. Lutheran Men Fellowship Hall	13 11:00 a.m. Retired and Restless 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 5:45 p.m. Disciples Bible Study in person and via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	14 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting	8:45 a.m. Soup Kitchen at Washington Street Methodist Church	16
17 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. Family Kayaking	18 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	19	20 5:45 p.m. Disciples Bible Study in person and via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	21 11:00 a.m. Young at Heart go apple picking in NC. 10:00-11:00a.m. Saint A's Play Day	22	23q
24 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:30 p.m. Youth/Parent Dinner and Discussion	25 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study	26	27 11:00 a.m. Retired and Restless Bible Study 5:45 p.m. Disciples Bible Study in person and via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir	28	29	30



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