



ST. ANDREW'S Lutheran Church

January 2024

"The true light that gives light to everyone has come into the world... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son... full of grace and truth" (John 1)



Thank you to all who made this Advent and Christmas shine gloriously in worship and service. Inside you will see pictures and read stories of ways this community shared the light of Christ with all.

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Happy New Year!

Our Christmas celebration was wonderful. Thank you to all who made it possible.

As of November, it appears that our year will end with giving close to even with expenditures. Thank you for your gifts that support all the ministries.

Very, very soon in this new year we will be able to celebrate the completion of the second stage of the We Gather Campaign projects, namely the sanctuary and the narthex. Thank you for all your gifts that have made this possible.

We can look forward to an exciting and vibrant year of ministry together. The critical goal for the year needs to be to “build community.” How can we get to know each other better? How can we support one another? How can we reach out in care and concern? How can we welcome the stranger into our community?

In a society that is all too divided and where people seem to just want to blame and judge the other, this community can be a blessing to so many. Thank you for the ways you help make this church a place of grace where indeed there is a place for everyone at the table.



BIBLE STUDY RESUMES: All are welcome to join at any time. We are working our way through the Gospel of Matthew.

Mondays, 11:00 in person.

Wednesdays, 5:45 in person and ZOOM.

This would make a GREAT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION!!!

OH HOLY NIGHT...





Doctor's reports: When you go to your doctor, he or she will take your vitals. You know, blood pressure, pulse, and maybe do labs to get a whole bunch of other data and numbers, such as cholesterol. Then the doctor tells you what these numbers mean. Are you pretty healthy? Do you need to change something in your diet or lifestyle? The numbers can be revealing.

What do our financial numbers tell us?

They tell us that you are faithful in your support of all the ministries of this church. It looks like all of our expenses should be met for 2023, if we have a December like we usually have. The numbers tell us that you agree with the priorities of the church as laid out in the Ministry Plan. The first priority is of course worship. That is what takes a great deal of the support, with preaching, worship leadership, music and more. Worship is where we all gather together, where we are fed in word and sacrament, where we grow in grace and are even challenged to change things in our lifestyles!

This church does not live off of million-dollar endowments or large gifts from just one wealthy person. All gifts make a difference. Your gifts make a difference, in the life of this church and in the life of others. Your gifts tell us that this church is making a difference in YOUR life. Thank you.

On the next page you will find the financial reports of the church through the month of November. What do they tell you? They say a picture is worth a thousand words, how about numbers?

These numbers tell us that people are feeling very positive about their church. You are supporting the ministries of this community. The good news is that we are not simply looking inward but are also doing for others. It is good that we should be able to meet our complete goal for support of the Synod and the ELCA. This year, YOU have fully enabled the ministries of the church, AND we have almost fully funded the renovation "We Gather" projects.

On top of all this we have reduced the Ministry Plan for next year so that it, your giving, and our expenses might line up a little more directly.

**Thank
you**
FOR GIVING

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Statement of Income and Expense November of Fiscal Year 2023 Fund: 01– General		
	November Actual	2023 YTD Actual
Current and Benevolence Giving	\$ 43,571.71	\$ 481,882.89
Expenses	\$ 40,286.04	\$ 491,570.66
Expenses under (over) Giving	\$ 3,285.67	\$ (9,687.77)
Current and Benevolence Giving	\$ 43,571.71	\$ 481,882.89
Budget	\$ 44,763.76	\$ 510,551.36
Giving (under) over Budget	\$ (1,192.05)	\$ (28,668.47)

COUNCIL MINUTES

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

December 14, 2023 Church Council meeting in the SALC conference room.

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

Devotions: Robbie Derrick

Meeting Next Month: January 18, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

President's, Pastor's, Deacon's, reports were submitted written reports that were included in the agenda packet. The reports were accepted as information.

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.

Old Business

Strategic Vision/Goals: The ongoing discussion of the Vision and Goals document was tabled until the Council retreat to be held in January 2024.

New Business

Council Committee Assignments for 2024

Members		Members	
Jill Areheart	Fellowship	Pat Gagliano	Communication
Anna Berger	Stewardship	Beth Mullins	Worship
Jason Bradley	Mutual Ministry	Debra Outzs	Children's Ministry
Lindsay Canniff-Kuhn	Communication	Jim Tener	Property
Cathi Cooper	Social Ministry	Brian Teusink	Finance
Deb Varco	Education	Darrick Williams	Youth

Congregational Officers:

Council President – Deb Varco

Council Vice-President – Darrick Williams

Council Secretary – Jason Bradley

Treasurer – Judy Venturella

Financial Secretary – Sharon Berger

Council positions were chosen by ecclesiastical ballot. Treasurer and Financial Secretary positions were nominated by Jason Bradley, seconded by Darrick Williams, and approved unanimously.

Council Retreat: The 2024 Congregational Council will meet at the church on Friday evening, January 5 and Saturday January 6, 2024 for discussion and planning for the upcoming year.

Pastor Trump led Council in prayer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

CREATIVE CAROLING THIS YEAR

The day we chose to visit the homebound for caroling turned out to be very rainy. We knew folks would not want a bunch of wet people traipsing into their homes so we decided to sing as a big group and record it for everyone to see. It was a blast singing all together. Hopefully next year we can do in person visits, but this was a fun second-best option!



SOCIAL MINISTRY

Lil' Bit really appreciated her gifts! She said to tell everyone, "Thank you from the bottom of my heart!"





The coalition of four area churches - St. Andrew's Baptist, Virginia Wingard Methodist, Westminster Presbyterian and SAL - provided food bags and Christmas gifts to HB Rhame Elementary families in need and a Christmas luncheon for the staff. We also funded the Harvest Hope backpack program which provides weekend food to 35 students. We received the following note from Dr. Carter, the principal:

We are so appreciative of the time, effort, and support from the consolidated congregations. It means so much to know you care and are willing to be in the trenches alongside us every day. Please have a happy and safe holiday.

There are many opportunities to serve the children and staff of HB Rhame - which is just down the road at 1330 Arrowwood Road - including lunch buddies, Reading Matters program, mentoring, chaperoning field trips, or participating in various volunteer events for the children and staff. In January we will provide pizza and prizes for children who made the honor roll. If you would like to participate in this meaningful ministry, go to the Richland One website to register as a volunteer (requires a background check, which is performed and paid for by the school district). For more information see Beth Hutchison or Beth Trump,.

Thank you for being a giving, caring community.





Santa made a quick stop at Walter's Residential Care, to spread the Christmas cheer with St. Andrew's Lutheran Church!



Thank
you to all
who gave
gifts!



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FELLOWSHIP

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL WRITERS NEEDED

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14 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. There is an online sign-up in the weekly e-news.

LUTHER LEAGUE

Luther League (3rd -5th graders) will go bowling after church on Sunday, January 28. We will eat lunch at the church and then head over to AMF Bowling on Bush River Road. A sign-up link will be sent to all families with Luther League age children. The cost for the event is \$15 per person which includes lunch, bowling, shoe rental and video game card. Don't miss this fun time with your church friends!

ALL BOOKED UP/WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Our book for February is *I know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou. Library copies of this book are available in Deacon Sandra's office. Come by and check one out. We will be meeting on **Friday, February 2** at Deacon Sandra's home to discuss this book.



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

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.

TABLES OF GRACE



Tables of Grace is a supper club type gathering for members of St. Andrew's. If you would like to participate, you will 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. 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 is available in the weekly e-news with groups being assigned at the beginning of February. Don't miss being a part of this ministry of fellowship! See Deacon Sandra if you have questions or email her at sholland@salutheran.com

FELLOWSHIP



LUTHERAN WOMEN will NOT MEET IN JANUARY, but will meet on **FEBRUARY 7** in the conference room at **10:30 a.m.**



LUTHERAN MEN will meet at church on **Tuesday, January 9, at 6:30 p.m.**



Keep your eyes open for upcoming events that will be listed in Sundays' bulletin inserts.

ELEMENTARY MUSIC NEWS:

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

Important Dates:

January 7: Rehearsal 11:45-12:30

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



YOUTH NEWS

FORMATION CO OP LISTENING SESSION



When: January 7 12:00-1:30 PM

Where: St. Andrew's

Details: Our Formation Co Op team is looking to hear from a diverse selection of people within our congregation and in our community that impact and care about young people. We are interested in hearing stories of youth ministry, congregational and community assets, and realities facing young people today. We are also looking to strengthen existing partnerships and seek new partnerships to enrich youth ministry at our church.

This is an opportunity for youth group age kids and parents to have their voices heard. There will be separate meetings for parents and youth to allow for open sharing.

FORMATION CO OP UPDATES

This month Deacon Sandra and Paige will travel to New Orleans to take part in Formation Co Op training and the Extravaganza Youth Ministry Conference. We hope to come back with lots of new ideas and the start to an awesome 2024 ministry plan for our youth!

The team has been working diligently to schedule and prepare for listening sessions where we aim to hear from many of you in our congregation. We are holding a listening session on January 14 from 9:15-10:15 AM in the fellowship hall for anyone interested in having their voice heard!

We thank you for your continued support of this project.

SERVICE PROJECT

When: February 10

Where: Harvest Hope Food Bank

Details: More details to come



Serving Our Seniors

Are you 60 or older?
Reach out to Central
Midlands Area Agency on
Aging to get assessed for
the below services.



We can help with:

- Dental services reimbursement up to \$2000 per year
- Medication reimbursement up to \$800 per year
- Hearing aids reimbursement up to \$3000 per year
- Wheelchair Ramps
- Portable Heating and A/C Units

***You MUST complete an assessment to receive this service.**



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Happy Birthday!

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



NEW CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL OFFICERS AND TEAM REPRESENTATIVES

President- Deb Varco
 Vice President – Darrick Williams
 Secretary – Jason Bradley
 Treasurer – Judy Venturella
 Financial Secretary – Sharon Berger
 Education – Deb Varco
 Property – Jim Tener
 Finance – Brian Teusink
 Social Ministry – Cathi Cooper
 Communication – Lindsay Canniff-Kuhn and Pat Gagliano
 Worship – Beth Mullins
 Fellowship- Jill Areheart
 Mutual Ministry – Jason Bradley and Deb Varco
 Children’s Ministry – Debra Outz
 Stewardship – Anna Berger
 Youth – Darrick Williams

FRIENDS & RELATIVES

- 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
- 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
- Christine Metts, Westminster Memory Care
- Doris Olham, Wellmore

HOMEBOUND

- Sarah Cook
- Sharon Guest
- June Steadman
- Joe Meador
- Shirley Sanders

IN OUR PRAYERS

- Jada Mitchell, cancer treatments

MEMORIALS

- In memory of Marjorie Price, given by Barbara and Claude Galarneau
- In memory of Carroll Ringer, given by Sandra Ringer

January 7

Lay Assistant: Phillip Jenkins
8:30 Reader: Phillip Jenkins
10:30 Reader: Jay Folk
10:30 Communion Assistant: Kristine Thompson
Crucifer: Evie Casey
Acolyte: Calvin Hastie
Grounds: Ron Walrath
Council Collections: Darrick Williams, Beth Mullins, Jill Areheart
Recycling: Josh and Pauline Cruse
Altar Guild: Sharon Berger
8:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong
10:30 Ushers: Mari Frye, Brian Haley
Counters: Bobbie Bell, Sharon Berger
Flowers: Mary Lynn Fulmer

January 14

Lay Assistant: Pat Gagliano
8:30 Reader: Tom Bane
10:30 Reader: Brian Teusink
Communion Assistant: Jay Folk
Crucifer: Jessica Bradley
Acolyte: Shane Casey
Communion Assistant: Sandra Holland
Grounds: Ron Walrath
Council Collections: Darrick Williams, Beth Mullins, Jill Areheart
Recycling: Josh and Pauline Cruse
Altar Guild: Sharon Berger
8:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Paul Osmundson
10:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Steve Metze
Counters: Sharon Berger, Mary Ann Jacobs
Flowers: TBD

January 21

Lay Assistant: Lilly Okoronkwo
8:30 Reader: Becca Kelly
10:30 Reader: Beth Mullins
10:30 Communion Assistant: Deborah Slice
Crucifer: Ben Godfrey
Acolyte: Whitten Canniff-Kuhn
Grounds: Justin Varco
Council Collections: Darrick Williams, Beth Mullins, Jill Areheart
Recycling: Josh and Pauline Cruse
Altar Guild: Sharon Berger
8:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Curtis Amick
10:30 Ushers: Robert Luther, Paul Osmundson
Counters: Bobbie Bell, Susan Beeler
Flowers: TBD

January 28

Lay Assistant: Rick Gibbons
8:30 Reader: Sharon Berger
10:30 Reader: Phillip Jenkins
10:30 Communion Assistant: Paige Gibbons
Crucifer: Maya Skillman
Acolyte: Nina Skillman
Grounds: Layne Birdsong
Council Collections: Darrick Williams, Beth Mullins, Jill Areheart
Recycling: Josh and Pauline Cruse
Altar Guild: Sharon Berger
8:30 Ushers: Mari Frye, Brian Haley
10:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Curtis Amick
Counters: Sharon Berger, Anita Murphy
Flowers: TBD

JANUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	4	5 Council Retreat	6 Council Retreat
7 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:45a.m. Elementary Music with Paige	8 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study	9 6:30 p.m. Lutheran Men	10 11:00 a.m. Retired and Restless 5:45 p.m. Disciples Bible Study via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	11	12	13
14 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 12:30-2:00 p.m. Confirmation Class	15 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	16	17 5:45 p.m. Disciples Bible Study via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	18 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting	19 8:45 Soup Kitchen Washington Street United Methodist Church	20
21 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	22 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	23	24 11:00 a.m. Retired and Restless 5:45 p.m. Disciples Bible Study via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27
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RETURN SERVICE

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