

FROM PASTOR TRUMP

Let's talk about the future, shall we? In many ways such a conversation is over before it begins. We don't know the future. We might be able to identify a lot of the issues we face in the future but what direction will it take? Covid continues to be a part of our future for now. The recovery from Covid will be gradual. Returning to worship as we desire it is a step-by-step process. There are few things left other than singing inside, which we are investigating as best we can. Unfortunately, there is not a definitive study or document on the risks to do so at this time. While I believe that the percent of those in our community who are vaccinated is very very high, I do not know this.

In the meantime, I truly don't know many reasons to not come back to worship. There are some of course. There are those who are truly worried about getting sick and who are not vaccinated. However, if we are to be honest, I am afraid that there are those who simply have come to enjoy their Sunday mornings at home. There, I said it. Shoot me.

We went on vacation in June. It was wonderful but this year while away, I did not exercise for two whole weeks! For those who know me well you know that has basically never happened before. I have to tell you, at times, it was nice. I could sit and drink coffee in the morning. I wasn't as sore at times. It's easy to get out of practice, out of shape, and out of a healthy habit.

Let's look at our worship habits. How does worship help us "stay in shape" with God and each other? How is your future molded and directed by worship? And please let us know of any and all concerns you may have as we move into the future together.



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VANDERBILT BASEBALL, THE COLLEGE WORLD SERIES, COVID, AND YOUR CHURCH

Musings, by Pastor Trump

If South Carolina isn't playing, due to our boys, my family cheers for Vanderbilt baseball. Nowadays not many people are. On twitter there is a lot of chatter (I am told by our sons, since I do not tweet) about how unfair it is that Vanderbilt is in the final of the College World Series this year. For those of you who do not follow this sport, let me explain.

Vanderbilt lost to NC State, which put them in the "losers" bracket of the tournament. They played their way out and now, on their side of the bracket, they once again faced the Wolfpack of NC State and would have to beat this very good team twice to advance to the final. However, before the first game, due to what the coach called "a bug" going around the team, NC State was tested for Covid and several players and coaches tested positive. Several players were not vaccinated. We do not know the exact number.

Now, the coach said that he doesn't "indoctrinate" his players. He is there to coach baseball. That is very true. However, look what his, or the Athletic Director's, failure to act did. Young men who dreamed of such an opportunity to play for the national championship were not able to do so. They played shorthanded and lost, and then the second game was simply forfeited by NC State due to Covid protocol. Should that coach not have considered the risk he was taking by not asking his players to be vaccinated? If a player did not want to, well, that player should keep his scholarship, should also get a ring if they win, but should not be with the team because he puts the team and their season at risk.

We as a church struggle with the "right thing" to do with Covid. We study, we talk, we argue. As a church we are doing our best to not put others at risk. The risk we must measure is the health risk for others. However, how do you measure the risk? Can we be protected even without the vaccination of all? We do not seek to indoctrinate anyone. We are forced to respect other people's opinions, and long for all to be a "part of the team." The Covid Task Force will meet again this week. Pray for them. You are welcome to contact any of them. Included are Curtis Amick (Congregational President), Judy Venturella (Worship Team Chair), Doctors Birdsong and Ray, Deacon Holland, Jenny Walrath (Music Director), and myself.

A LESSON IN GIVING FROM THE DODGEN FAMILY

Your Stewardship Team will be talking to you further in the near future about planned giving and estate giving. There are churches that have deep traditions and practice of such giving. It becomes a part of the culture of the church that individuals and families make sure to not only remember their church in their estate but also to give large extra gifts as they can during their lives. Tommy Dodgen did both of these.

Some of you may remember that Tommy Dodgen donated \$30,000 for the purchase of the piano in the sanctuary in memory of his son Robert and his wife Nomalee. Just this week we received a \$10,000 check from the estate of Tommy Dodgen which his family directed to the Narthex Fund.

Wayne and John and their families are not poorer for their father's gift but so much richer. They grew up in this church and treasure it as did their dad. So, thank you. Are there others who can say thank you in such a way now and in the future?

BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

Jul 2	Jay Folk
Jul 2	Jonathon Varco
Jul 3	Paulene Cruse
Jul 3	Nikolin Patel
Jul 3	Mike Vickers Jr.
Jul 6	Sarah Cook
Jul 6	Jamie Sanders
Jul 8	McKenna Bare
Jul 11	Sandy Bartlett
Jul 12	Elijah Wanek
Jul 13	Mary Lynn Kemick
Jul 13	Steve Slice
Jul 13	Michael Smith
Jul 17	Robert Amick
Jul 17	Brian Peterson
Jul 17	Dusty Ratliff
Jul 18	Hal Ray

Jul 19	Jason Wheeler
Jul 20	Rebecca LaSalle
Jul 20	Maya Skillman
Jul 21	Dana Perry
Jul 23	Addison Connaker
Jul 23	Megan Patel
Jul 26	Jacob Semones
Jul 28	Claire Birdsong
Jul 28	Layne Birdsong
Jul 29	Bobbie Bell
Jul 29	Steve Blackwell
Jul 29	Deanna Osteen
Jul 29	Darrick Williams
Jul 30	Debra Ouzts
Jul 31	Owen Driggers
Jul 31	Shawn Skillman

BIRT-PAY

REJOICE with Josh, Pauline and Paige Cruse on the birth of Jesse Henry Cruse on June 14, 2021.

Jul 19 David Britt

REJOICE with Thomas Birdsong and Ellie Hadden -Ford upon their wedding on Saturday, June 26, 2021.

REJOICE with Bryan and Susanne Senn upon the baptism of their son Tyler, on Sunday, June 27, 2021 with his godfather, Jesse Canniff-Kuhn officiating.



Paulene, Paige, Josh, and Jesse

PRAYERS AND MEMORIALS

FRIENDS & RELATIVES

- 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
- Sally Thompson, sister-in-law of Patsy South
- Janette Gardner, aunt of Vickie Barfield
- Phil Johnson, cousin of Vickie Barfield
- Mark Bogard, cousin of Theresa Henry
- Ernie Davis, friend of Lee Bowling
- Jimmy Asbill, son of Shirley Swanson
- Bonnie Seibert, cousin of Jada Mitchell
- Sharon Hixon, friend of Vern Free
- Edna Wheeler's granddaughter,
 Emily Wheeler
- Mike Chase, cousin of Vicky Henderson
- Frances Dyches, sister of Bobbie Bell

HOMEBOUND

- Sarah Cook
- Jackie Darby
- Linwood Swittenberg
- Shirley Sanders
- Pete Cox

MEMBERS IN EXTENDED CARE

- Adrian Trexler, The Brian Center
- Madge Bartsch, Generations of Chapin
- Mitch Mayer, Lexington Extended Care
- Jim Chapman, Lowman Home

MEMBERS WITH PRAYER CONCERNS

- Allen Semones, cancer treatments
- Tom Henry, cancer treatments
- Jenny Land, cancer treatments
- Susan Beeler, recovering at home
- Susan Young, recovering at home

IN OUR PRAYERS...

- The family of Mike Beeler upon his sister's death.

 Please keep Mike's family in your prayers.
- The family of Cindy McManus upon the death of her brother-in-law. Please keep Cindy's family in your prayers.
- Mari and Abby Frye upon the loss of their cousin.
 Please keep their family in your prayers.

MEMORIALS

- In memory of Dr. John Brown, given by Barbara Stoudemayer.
- In memory of Richard Iva Metz, given by Barbara Stoudemayer.
- In honor of Robert and Dollie Lunsford given by C.L. & Barbara Ridgeway.
- In memory of Martha Ferguson, given by Bernice Sims.
- In memory of Martha Ferguson, given by Mary Ann Jacobs.
- In memory of Justin Drake Riley, given by Kristine
- Thompson & Drake Riley.
- In memory of Martha Ferguson, given by David Crapps.
- In memory of Martha Ferguson, given by Joseph & Joyce Cawley.
- In memory of Martha Ferguson, given by Barbara Weaver.
- In memory of Martha Ferguson, given by SC Restaurant and Lodging Association.

St Andrew Lutheran Church Statement of Income and Expense

May of Fiscal Year 2021 Fund: 01 - General

	May Actual	_	2021 YTD Actual
Current and Benevolence Giving	\$ 41,290.05	\$	197,692.12
Expenses	\$ 40,150.39	\$	197,666.77
Expenses under (over) Giving	\$ 1,139.66	\$	25.35
Current and Benevolence Giving	\$ 41,290.05	\$	197,692.12
Budget	\$ 49,141.16	\$	248,645.80
Giving (under) over <u>Budget</u>	\$ (7,851.11)	\$	(50,953.68)
Debt Retirement Fund Balance as of 1/1/2021	\$ 17,500.82		
Funds received in 2021	\$ 12,836.00		
Thrivent Principal Payments in 2021	\$ (21,306.73)		
Thrivent Interest Payments in 2021	\$ (553.27)		
Current Debt Retirement Fund Balance	\$ 8,476.82		
Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance as of 1/1/21	41,332.59		
Principal Payments in 2021	(21,306.73)		
Current Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance	20,025.86		

The principal and interest payments on the Thrivent loan are paid from the Debt Retirement Fund and are not part of the Budget

CEMETERY TEAM

Looking for recommendations for professionals for the following:

- Painting all wrought iron
- Spreading dirt

Any VOLUNTEERS or suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Contact:

Bobbie Bell @ <u>bbell58617@aol.com</u>, Layne Birdsong @ LayneBird@aol.com or David Britt @ d britt@bellsouth.net

WORSHIP TEAM

USHERS NEEDED:

We need a few good men and women to help with ushering at the 9:30 a.m. indoor service and 10:30 a.m. outdoor service. Any date you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Layne Birdsong @ <u>LayneBird@aol.com</u>.



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. Certain things must happen in order for worship to come together-- 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. 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 Sandra Holland at sholland@salutheran.com or Joyce Shealy at t shealy@bellsouth.net if you are interested in being a part of this meaningful ministry.



SOCIAL MINISTRY TEAM



E. E. Taylor School Supply Drive

E. E. Taylor "Boys and Girls Club" Program are sponsoring a SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE for the 2021-2022 school year. There will be a drop-off box in the gathering area for this event. Please drop off supplies in the gathering area at church by Friday, July 30. If you have any questions, please contact Kristine Thompson at k_a_thompson1326@outlook.com.

Supply List
BOOK BAGS
NOTEBOOKS
NOTEBOOK PAPER
PENCILS
PENCIL BOXES/POUCHES
ERASERS
CRAYOLA MARKERS
HIGHLITERS

SMALL HAND SANITIZERS

Family Promise of the Midlands

General Update

Family Promise has four families in the program – three in the triplex and one in the transitional home. All four families are doing well. The new family that joined the program in May is adjusting well. The mom will soon be going back to school to complete her education degree. The focus for the children of all the families is on transitioning from the school year to the summer — with the goal being a combination of academic and social activities for them during the summer months. Lunch & Learn meetings are held monthly for Day Center Volunteers (DCV). The meetings are currently focused on learning more about the local agencies to which our DCV's refer callers who are looking for shelter or other assistance. The May meeting featured Sistercare and lunch was donated by Jason's Deli. Anyone interested in becoming DCV or who want to know more about the featured agencies are welcome to join in person or via Zoom. Meeting information will be shared prior to the June Lunch & Learn.

The Future of Family Promise

Jeff Armstrong, Executive Director of Family Promise of the Midlands, has announced that the triplex – which is a static housing model - is an annual lease agreement that began February 1, 2021. Also, as we emerge from the pandemic, the current guidance from HUD & the CDC discourages congregant living arrangements like the rotational model. Therefore, the static model will continue for the foreseeable future. It is unknown when, or even if, Family Promise will return to the rotational model.

Family Promise of the Midlands is asking each host and support church to provide wish list items for two children. The wish list and link for donations are found on the following page.

(Family Promise Continued) "CAMP IMPACT" at CAMP COPE (Eastover, SC)

Family Promise is partnering with numerous other local agencies in the Midlands to send children to Camp Impact the week of July 26-30. This week-long overnight camp is for children ages 6-12 who are facing homelessness. Children from Family Promise's current and graduated families are participating as well as families associated with other local agencies and at least one other Family Promise in SC. There are 75 camper spots available with 52 spots currently filled. Registration ends May 31. The camp is being held at Camp Cole in Eastover, SC. Here is a link to the camp's website: https://www.campcole.org/. Below is a list of items requested. Please drop off any donations to the gathering area.

Thank you for your continued support!

--Steve Slice

Personal Items:	Food:		
Sleeping bags or twin sheets	Bottled water		
Pillows and pillowcases	Juice		
Bath towels	Fruit		
Goggles	Individually packaged chips		
Baseball hats	Individually packaged crackers		
Water shoes/flip flops (1 youth and 1	Fruit snacks		
adult sizes)	Cheese sticks		
Laundry bags	Boxed cereal		
Toiletries (shampoo, soap/body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, and tooth-	Granola bars		
brush)	Popsicles		
Washcloths	Ice cream sandwiches		
Books			
Coloring books and crayons			

PROPERTY TEAM



Has everyone noticed there is a lot more sky visible from the back parking lot? Last month, we discovered that several of our red oaks were infested with carpenter ants. As seen in the pictures, the trees were a potential hazard to folks using the facilities as well as any property that would be in their path if toppled by wind. For everyone's safety, Council chose to remove the trees to prevent any loss or injury. Concurrent with this, we had the entire property sprayed with insect/ant deterrent to discourage future infestations and to rid us of the abundance of mounds we've had. As we look toward returning to full use of our church and grounds, and especially as we plan VBS, we want everyone to enjoy the property and feel safe doing so. (Check out this segue!)



Speaking of enjoying the grounds and facilities, there are quite a few small jobs, inside and outside, that the Property Committee needs help to accomplish. Over the years, the church has been blessed with the time and talents of many members who would volunteer to repair and maintain lights, plumbing, ceiling tiles, organization, flowers, shrubs, office and finance tasks, etc. Unfortunately, many of those folks are no longer available and the void they left is huge. We are a different generation now, but we still have lots of talented folks who are willing but just don't know how to help.



Next week, there will be a special edition of the e-news, which will contain a link to a sign-up page for small tasks. Please consider your availability and how volunteering for just an hour (or two) could refresh our space so that it reflects the vibrancy and joy of those who worship in it. If you cannot physically assist, there will also be the opportunity to financially sponsor an activity. There are a multitude of verses in the New Testament letters that call for community among believers. We'll leave you with this one: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

Peace,

Beth Mullins and John Bass (Council Reps and Property Co-chairs)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH



Youth (Rising 7th-12 Graders)

Sunday, July 11 - 11:30 a.m. - Water Wagon in Downtown Columbia. We will eat lunch at the church and then head downtown to pass out water to those in need on a hot day.

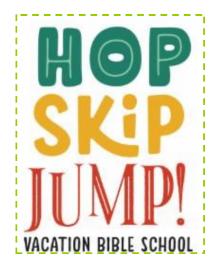
GraceWorks-July 25-29 – This week of service in downtown Columbia will be held at Ebenezer Lutheran Church this year. Lutheran youth from the midlands will come together to serve their community, grow in faith and have fun. Let Sandra Holland know if you would like to participate.



Luther League Kayaking Trip

Luther League kids, parents and a grandparent kayaked on the Saluda River on a beautiful day in June. The Canoeing for Kids organization was top-notch and provided 3 guides on the trip so we were assured a safe and fun time! Canoeing for Kids uses proceeds from trips like ours to fund kayaking experiences for children in need who wouldn't get the opportunity to be out on the water in God's beautiful creation right here in our city! Several parents commented how wonderful it was to have one on one time with their child in a kayak for a couple of hours--no screens involved!

EDUCATION



VBS 2021

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS JULY 18-21, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

This year we will be hopping, skipping, and jumping into God's love as we learn Bible stories from the Gospel of John based on water, women, and Jesus!

This year will look a little different than previous years, but we will be in person and will be spending more time outside so we can all be safe. Sign-up using the red button below.

Volunteers are needed in a big way! Please contact <u>Sandra Holland</u> or <u>Susie Derrick</u> if you are ready to serve again or for the first time!

Pastor Trump will be teaching an Adult VBS class.
More information to come!

IN THE MEANTIME

This month we will meet in person at Steel Hands Brewery on Sunday, July 25 at 6:00 p.m. This is a time to come together to talk about faith in daily life as we discuss a current event or news article. For more information, contact Deacon Sandra or Pastor Trump. Please join us!

PASTOR TRUMP'S BIBLE STUDY

We meet each Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Join in faith filled conversation as we study the lessons for the week.

RETIRED AND RESTLESS BIBLE STUDY

Join us in the church conference room every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month to discuss the upcoming Bible readings for that week. Faith, fellowship, and friendship abound!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School will continue to meet this summer at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom.



"Take me out to the ballgame. Take me out to the crowd."

LUTHERAN MEN

Please join the Lutheran Men for the Sixth Annual Night Out at the Ballpark set for Saturday, August 14th to see the Columbia Fireflies at Segra Park.

- The game begins at 6:35 p.m. and there will be fireworks after the game.
- The ballpark is family friendly, so bring everyone!
- Tickets will be \$10. Lutheran Men will sponsor a hot dog, bag of chips and a soft drink for all tickets sold!
- Parking is \$4 (last we know).
- We need all tickets purchased by the end of Sunday service, August 1st.
- Please see Darrick Williams (or any Lutheran Man) if you want to purchase a ticket.
- Tickets will be provided closer to the date.



The women's book club will meet on Friday, July 23 at a place to be determined. We will be discussing the book *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. For more information, contact Beth Mullins at mullins417@hotmail.com.

YOGA

Relax and unwind from a long day with an exhilarating session of yoga. Linda Anderson and Vicky Henderson are master instructors. Join our Zoom meeting each Monday. Check schedule for times.

YODA RULES

Greetings and Salutations,

On August 31, 2021, we will meet to discuss more episodes from Star Trek: The Next Generation. We will be watching and discussing "Hide and Q" from Season 1 and "Q Who" from Season 2. You can stream Star Trek: The Next Generation on Netflix and Hulu. We'll discuss the parallels between Q's temptations of Commander Riker and a few stories of temptation from the Bible.

The Yoda Rules group, like our school kids, have a Summer Reading book to read: Lamb. We plan to discuss this book at our September meeting.

Yoda Rules Link, Meeting ID: 854 8861 6811 Passcode: FN2187



MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

July 4

Lay Assistant: Sandra Holland

Reader: Tom Henry

Council Collections: Mary Lynn Fulmer,

Whanna Bouknight, Beth Mullins **Grounds:** John Trump, Hal Ray **Recycling:** Josh and Pauline Cruse

Alter Guild: Mari Frye **Ushers: 9:30** – Mari Frye

10:30 - Layne Birdsong, Beth Mullins,

Steve Metze

Counters: Bobbie Bell, Sharon Berger

July 11

Lay Assistant: Judy Venturella

Reader: Nathan Mullins

Council Collections: Mary Lynn Fulmer,

Whanna Bouknight, Beth Mullins

Grounds: Shawn Skillman, Hank Ray **Recycling:** Josh and Pauline Cruse

Alter Guild: Beth Mullins

Ushers: 9:30—Layne Birdsong

10:30— Robert Luther,

Paul Osmundson, Steve Metze

Counters: Sharon Berger, Mary Ann Jacobs

July 18

Lay Assistant: Vicky Henderson **Reader: 9:30**—Sharon Berger

10:30—Jake Semones

Council Collections: Mary Lynn Fulmer,

Whanna Bouknight, Beth Mullins

Grounds: TBD

Recycling: Josh and Pauline Cruse

Alter Guild: TBD

Ushers: 9:30-Robert Luther

10:30—Beth Mullins, Curtis Amick,

Steve Metze

Counters: Bobbie Bell, Susan Beeler

July 25

Lay Assistant: Ron Walrath

Reader: Tom Bane

Council Collections: Mary Lynn Fulmer,

Whanna Bouknight, Beth Mullins **Grounds:** Steve Slice, Robert Luther **Recycling:** Josh and Pauline Cruse

Alter Guild: TBD

Ushers: 9:30—Layne Birdsong

10:30—Beth Mullins, Paul Osmundson,

Steve Metze

Counters: Sharon Berger, Anita Murphy

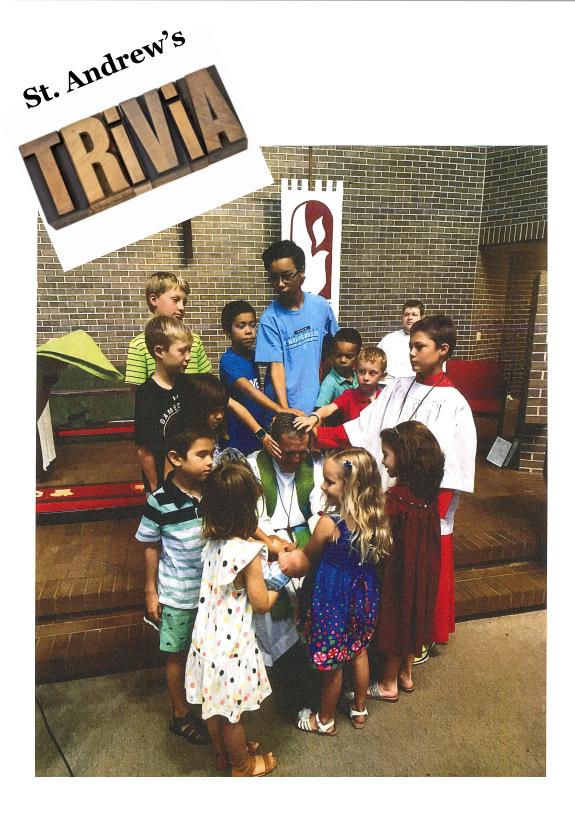


CHRIST IN OUR HOME booklets for July—September are available in the church office. Please call the office (803-772-6034) if you would like one mailed to your home.

CALENDAR



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:30 a.m. Indoor Worship 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship 12:00 p.m. Little Lutherans Sesqui Park 6:00 p.m. In the Meantime	28 6:00 p.m. Yoga via Zoom	7:15 p.m. Pajama Time via Zoom (Pajama time will take a break after 6/29 and return in mid-August.)	30 6:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study w/ Pastor Trump	1	2	3
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