



# ST. ANDREW'S Lutheran Church

OCTOBER 2021



## St. Andrew's Church Picnic

**October 17, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Saluda Shoals Park in the Paw Paw Shelter**

9:30 a.m. worship will be at the church as usual.

11:00 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.

You may bring a folding chair, but some will be provided.

***The Saluda River Band  
(a bluegrass band) will be helping lead worship  
and also perform at the picnic.***

*Please join us for this fun worship and fellowship experience!*

*This is a great opportunity to invite a friend.*

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## PASTOR'S PAGE



Baptism.

Do we think enough about baptism? I do. These past few months have caused me to. We had baptisms in worship, including Reagan Gibbons and Jesse Cruse. Reagan laughed the whole time and Jesse slept! What was the same in these two moments of grace were that the parents of each child I know without a doubt will fulfill their promises. I also am confident that the church, including St. Andrew's, will work to do the same. We are responsible for providing the fertile soil in which these children will grow in God, learning of God's goodness and mercy, and knowing the love of Jesus in community and worship.

I also thought about baptism when I stood on two occasions before a young man (Tom Birdsong) and then before a young woman (Brittany Lucas) both of whom I baptized, and now I was asking them to say "I do" in a wedding ceremony. What joy, though it made me feel a little old! They too will fulfill their vows, of this I am sure.

However, I also thought about baptism when I had to perform the funeral service for someone I baptized a mere 18 years ago, Maliya (Clack) Scott, Mariko's daughter, tragically killed in auto accident. At that service I spoke of the Easter Vigil where we poured water on her head in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, proclaiming her God's child. Mariko and her family fulfilled their vows, faithfully bringing her to God's house. The good news is that God still fulfills God's promises to Maliyah and to us. We are offered comfort and grace in the midst of incredible pain and sadness. This community must be servants and ministers of the comfort and mercy of God to all in need. That is part of our promises we must keep. There are a lot of things in this newsletter, many of which may strike you as just "church business." I encourage you to see everything in light of baptism. How does a stove help us cook a meal where people of God gather? How do your gifts enable us to provide worship? A church staff? How does Bible study fulfill our promise in baptism to teach God's word? Everything, but everything we do in the church, we must do because we are baptized and because we seek to fulfill our promises.

In fact, I challenge you to see everything you do each and every day, in all aspects of your life, in the same glow of your baptismal candle. "So let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven."

## KITCHEN NEWS

### GET READY TO COOK!



**Refrigerator:** The “old refrigerator” went out. Thanks to Memorial Funds we were able to pay for a new one at the cost of \$4100. THANK YOU!

**Stove:** The present stove has troubles. When we leave the gas on the pilot lights go out and then there are leaks. So, to be safe we turn off the gas. Then when we want to use the stove the pilot lights have to be lit. The burners on top are no problem. However, people just can’t reach the pilot for the oven. It’s nearly impossible. It is a total shame but it is not repairable and the only answer is to get a new stove. The good news is that there is a single individual who, upon hearing about this, wants to give a gift to cover the cost! We will see if we can get any value for the old stove. Generosity continues!



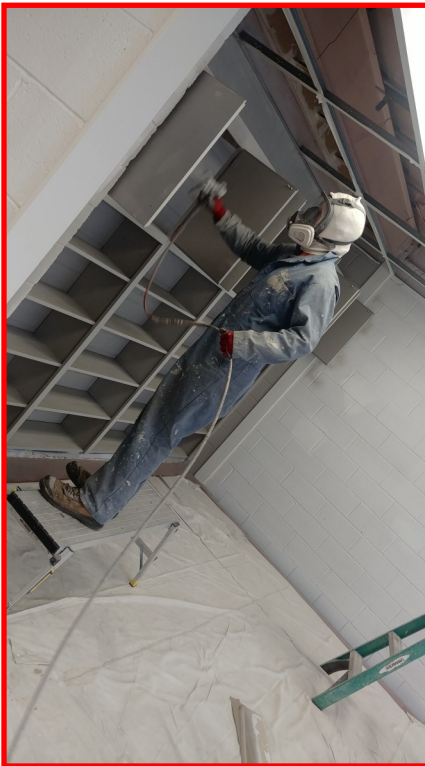


## MUSIC NEWS

### Choir and Handbells are back!



For the last 18 months, our church's volunteer musicians have been willing to try new things and think outside the box as to how to bring music to our online and in-person worship. This fall, we have begun the journey back to regular choir and handbell routines. Masks and social distancing are still with us, but our Adult Choir and Handbell Choir have begun meeting a bit more "like normal," even with pandemic precautions. The Choir was back in the loft on September 26th under the direction of Nancy Gibbons! Our Ensemble will return soon. There is always room for more singers, bell ringers and other instrumentalists! If you have a desire to share in our church's music ministry, please contact Nancy Gibbons (adult choir at [ngibbons@salutheran.com](mailto:ngibbons@salutheran.com) or Jenny Walrath (handbells and other instrumentalists) at [jwalrath@salutheran.com](mailto:jwalrath@salutheran.com)).



### Stop by and see our updated choir room!

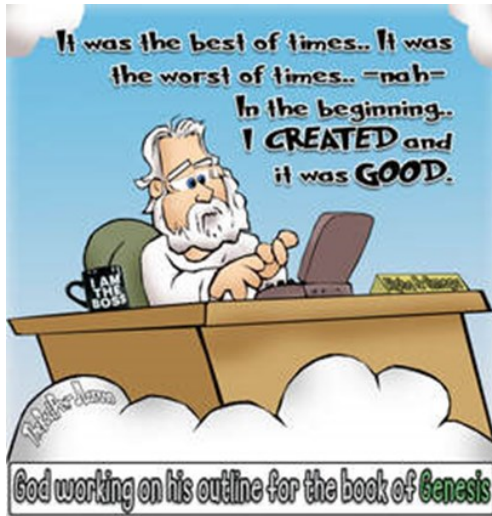
The Choir Room (located in the office wing) was overlooked when updates were done to other parts of that wing a number of years ago, and was badly in need of some attention. The carpet was especially overdue to be replaced. With the financial gifts of some individuals and families above and beyond their regular giving, we were able to have new vinyl flooring installed, replace the lights and ceiling tiles, and Bert LaSalle volunteered to give it a fresh coat of paint. A baby grand piano is being donated, and the current choir room piano will be moved to the fellowship hall to be used for worship services and other fellowship events. The project is not 100% complete, but it should soon be ready for singing, handbell ringing and other ministry activities! With its new look, the room is more welcoming to volunteer musicians, and better reflects the vital role that music ministry plays in our worship life at St. Andrew's.



Stop by and see our new space! And, while you're at it, please thank one of our volunteer musicians, who have worked hard to continue to bring music to our worship during the past 18 months.

# EDUCATION

## DISCIPLES BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR TRUMP



So, is this how you think we got the book of Genesis? Come and let's explore the truth together. God did "write" it. However, the keyboard was history, and God's people telling the stories of God over the ages. JOIN US... It's open to all! You can come once in a while. You can participate in person or on Zoom.

Mondays, 11:00 a.m. at the church

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. at the church AND ON ZOOM.

[Pastor Trump's Bible Study and Zoom Sunday School](#) - Meeting ID: 885 2910 5196

## CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULES

**October 10 — 12:30 p.m.** - 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class at Ebenezer Lutheran

**October 24—12:30 p.m.**— 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class at St. Andrew's

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will begin at **9:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 3** for preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> graders. We will be meeting outside for now. If we do need to be in the building, we ask that all involved wear masks. Please join us!

## Sunday School is Cool



# FINANCE

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**NO DEBT!!!:** As of December 1<sup>st</sup>, we will no longer be in debt. St. Andrew's has had a debt for at least 60 years, for one reason or another. There was the actual building, then all the flat roofs, then the windows—the list can be endless. There may be reason in the future that we must do so again. We cannot say for certain. However, the hope and prayer is that all those who have faithfully paid off this debt with about \$3000 per month will redirect those regular gifts to Current and Benevolence or another fund of their choosing. Right now, let us celebrate the faithful stewardship of this community.

## STEWARDSHIP NEWS

You will be receiving your annual Stewardship Appeal in the mail very soon. PLEASE take the time to read and respond. Some of the highlights are:

- We give to support the ongoing ministry of God in and through your church. The question is: Do you see the value of what God is doing? Do you see how God feeds you at the table prepared here?
- The goal for 2022 and the MINISTRY PLAN for 2022 will be closely aligned. We are asking you to give what we honestly expect to spend. The Ministry Plan for 2022 will be less than in 2021.
- The goal is always to have 100% return of "Estimate of Giving Cards." Those who do so are more likely to fulfill their own goals.
- You are being asked to honestly examine your giving. There are plenty of those in the congregation who give just as they can. There are others who maybe have not truly looked at their giving as compared to their resources and income.
- There is real excitement as we expect to come out of the pandemic. This year we were able to spend less because quite frankly we had less activity due to Covid. We hope that there will be more gatherings, more meals, more outreach as we can gather as together and serve as a community.
- **AUTOMATIC GIVING** works. When you schedule a regular gift to your church from your bank you are making this gift a priority. It is secure and easy and can be changed with a phone call. Contact the church for more information or speak with your financial institution.

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

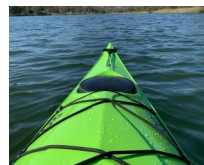
- Congregational Council met on September 16, 2021.
- Reviewed the proposed ministry plan for 2022. Council members asked the finance team to make a few adjustments. The council is scheduled to approve the plan at its October meeting.
- Asked the gift task force to consider and recommend to the council whether to accept a donor's offer to purchase a new stove for the kitchen.
- Considered changes to the church constitution. The potential changes will be reviewed by the S.C. Synod office. The council is scheduled to vote on the changes in October.
- Agreed to pay for a new refrigerator with money from the building use fund rather than the property team's budget.
- Received reports from Pastor, Deacon, and several Teams.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Please welcome **Cathi Cooper** to the St. Andrew's family. She has been worshipping with us for a while and has offered to help reach out to some of our homebound members. Don't be surprised if you get a phone call from her asking you to share your stories about church.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

### Kayak Outing



**When:** October 17 after 11:00 a.m. worship and picnic

**Where:** Saluda Shoals Park

**What:** We will be renting kayaks and doing some paddling down the river. There are 1 or 2 person kayaks available. Bring clothes that can get wet and a change of clothes for after.

**Cost:** \$10 per person

**RSVP:** to Paige by text (704) 604-4033 or email [pgibbons@salutheran.com](mailto:pgibbons@salutheran.com) by **October 10**

### Sunday School



**When:** Every Sunday at 9:30 AM

**Where:** Youth Group Room

**What:** We will be following a combination of the *Faithlens* curriculum put out by the ELCA and *Boundless* curriculum intended to be used leading up to the ELCA National Youth Gathering.



# MAKUSI WATER MISSION PROJECT

Rev. Trump,

We're so thankful for you and all of our friends at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. I've messaged with our team in Tanzania, there have been some challenges this year, but water continues to flow. I've asked our Tanzania Project Manager for a more full update and will send it to you when I hear back. A few victories to share in the meantime. I pray that this encourages all of you!

- Initially, you all supported the Magoye project but shifted to a community call Makusi.
- Makusi is serving an estimated 1,615 people with safe water on a daily basis.
- Since its initiation in March 2019, Makusi has produced 43,321,432 liters of safe water.
- The Makusi Safe Water project is producing around 50,000 liters on a daily basis.
- I've attached a few pictures of water flowing and some recent meetings with the leadership in the community.

I'll send another full update soon.

In Christ,

JD, Partnership Director

[watermission.org](http://watermission.org)

*This year marks Water Mission's 20th anniversary of providing access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) solutions for people in developing countries and disaster areas. To join us in providing safe water for the 2.2 billion people who still are in need, visit [our website](http://our website).*



## QUILT AND KIT GATHERING



Often, when natural disasters strike or war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion but we don't know how to help. If you've wondered how to volunteer to quilt for charity, look no further. Making Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts is a tangible way to express love to our neighbors in need. Quilts can be used as warm bedding, simple tents or floor coverings. Each one reflects God's loving presence in a world rife with suffering.

LWR distributed its first quilts in 1945 to families in war-torn Europe following the Second World War. Within a decade, the ministry was reaching around the globe to villages far removed from the world's attention. Today, an average of 300,000 quilts are lovingly given worldwide each year.

LWR Mission Quilts are highly regarded throughout the world because of their quality and consistency. Your careful adherence to our quilt-making guidelines will ensure that every quilt is useful, consistent and fair.

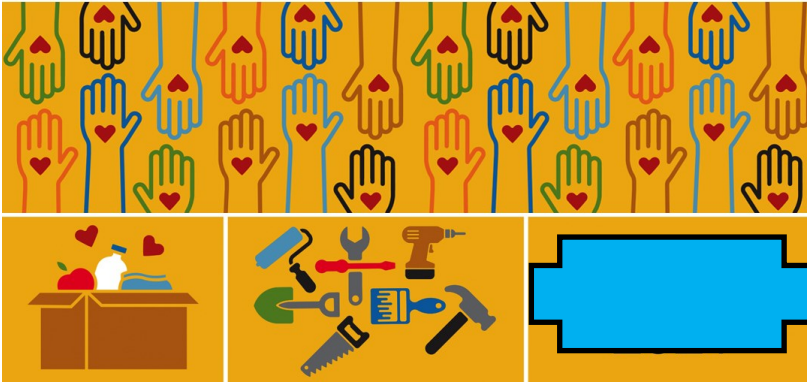
St. Andrew's collected quilts from all over North Carolina and South Carolina. Thank you to Linda Hughes for organizing this important gathering. The quilts and kits will be collected by Lutheran World Relief in mid October. For more information about this project, go to <https://lwr.org/quilts>.





# ELCA SERVICE DAY

## "God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Thank you to all the volunteers who made God's work. Our hands a big success. Activities included painting rocks to share faith around our church garden areas, gift bags for teachers at E.E. Taylor Elementary School, flower arrangements were made for nursing homes and other assisted living facilities, cards were made for healthcare workers, treat bags were made for delivery people who have

been so hard-working during the Covid crisis, and many outside jobs around the Welcome House and playground were completed (we have new picnic tables)! For more information about this service project, go to: <https://www.elca.org/dayofservice>







GOD'S  
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## OCTOBER FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

14 to 16 oz. jar of peanut butter

14-16 oz. can of green beans

14-16 oz. can of corn

Box of corn muffin mix



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## LUTHER LEAGUE



### Sunday, October 17

Luther League kids will do Geocaching after the picnic at Saluda Shoals.



## LITTLE LUTHERANS

### Sunday, October 17

Little Lutheran families will gather at the playground at Saluda Shoals after the picnic for fellowship and fun.

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**Lutheran Men** will meet Tuesday, October 12th at 6:30 pm at the church.

Election time is coming up!

Please reach out to Darrick Williams at [darrick.williams@gmail.com](mailto:darrick.williams@gmail.com) if you are interested in serving in a position for the year 2022.

Thank you,

Darrick



## FELLOWSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

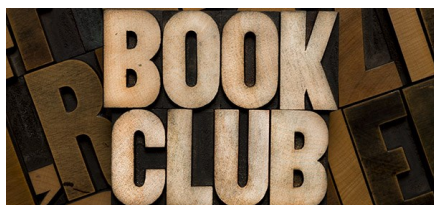


### QUILTING GROUP

Our talented quilting group meets each Thursday from 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. in the “quilting room” at church. Come by and see the magic. If you are interested in quilting, please call Mari at the church office(803-772-6034) and she will put you in contact with the right person.



The St. Andrew's Women's retreat at Lutheridge planned for **November 19-21** **has been POSTPONED** due to the rise in Covid cases. Lutheridge has allowed us to use our payment to reschedule another weekend, hopefully in the Spring. Please contact Deacon Sandra if you have any questions.



### ALL BOOKED UP LADIES BOOK CLUB

All Booked Up (Ladies' book club) will meet on Friday, October 15 (location TBD). Contact Beth Mullins (bemajor1169@gmail.com) if you would like to be a part of this fun group of women!

### TRUNK OR TREAT



Join us in the church parking lot by the Fellowship Hall on October 31 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. We will give awards for the Best overall and Most Creative trunk. Children can bring their costumes to change into after church. Please contact Joe Casey at 803-556-8263 or [josephwilliamcasey@gmail.com](mailto:josephwilliamcasey@gmail.com) to sponsor a trunk.

## FELLOWSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES



WELCA welcomes all the Ladies of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m.

We have joined the two circles. Now we will need a new name for this circle. All suggestions are welcome!

Please join us for a Salad Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on  
**Wednesday, October 6, 2021, 11:30 a.m.**

*Any questions, please call Sharon Berger (803-331-7938)*

## YOUNG HEART

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

**October 21, 2021**—Lunch at the home of the Trumps.

*Please RSVP to Bobbie Bell ASAP at 803-360-5115*

**November 18, 2021**—Lunch at the McCutchen House at the Uof SC. Reservations are limited to 13 people, so it will be on a first come, first served basis.

*Please RSVP Sharon Berger (803-331-7938) or Bobbie Bell (803-360-5115)  
no later than **November 10, 2021.***



### YOGA (ZOOM)

### YOGA

Please join us for Yoga each Monday via Zoom. A wonderful time for relaxation and reflection.

Oct 4 - 8pm/Vicky Henderson  
Oct 11 - 6pm/Linda Anderson  
Oct 18 - 6pm/Linda Anderson  
Oct 25 - 8pm/Vicky Henderson

## ***BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS***

Oct 1	Stephanie Looney	Oct 16	Gloria Bruce
Oct 1	Addison Wanek	Oct 16	Justin Varco
Oct 1	Layla Wanek	Oct 17	Susan Beeler
Oct 1	Noah Wanek	Oct 17	Chase Paschal
Oct 3	Jenny Walrath	Oct 21	Shirley Mayer
Oct 3	Kelly Williams	Oct 21	Emily Tener
Oct 4	Jan Bass	Oct 25	Sybil Long
Oct 4	Christine Metts	Oct 26	Anita Murphy
Oct 5	Melinda Crenshaw	Oct 27	Lenora Britt
Oct 5	Carolyn Swittenberg	Oct 27	Whitten Canniff-Kuhn
Oct 7	Trent Shealy	Oct 28	Ella Shealy
Oct 8	Mary DeHihns	Oct 31	Landry Canniff-Kuhn
Oct 8	Mari Frye		
Oct 9	Michael Sheley		
Oct 11	Madalynn Wessinger		
Oct 12	Linda Anderson		
Oct 15	Ron Walrath		



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS!**



Rebecca LaSalle and Makenna Schodowski will be confirmed on Sunday, October 31, at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Blessings to these youth as they affirm their baptism!



We rejoice with Brittany Lucas on her marriage to William Shafer. Mr. and Mrs. Shafer will reside in Augusta, Georgia.



# 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
- Shirley Sanders
- Sharon Guest
- Pete Cox

## MEMBERS IN EXTENDED CARE

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

## MEMBERS WITH PRAYER CONCERNS

- Allen Semones, cancer treatments
- Tom Henry, cancer treatments
- Jenny Land, cancer treatments
- Bob Venturella, recovering at home
- Tish Brown, Lexington Medical Center
- Robert Lunsford

## IN OUR PRAYERS...

- The friends and family of Audrey Free, upon the death of her sister, Mary Kate Allen.
- The friends and family of Linwood Swittenberg, upon his death on September 28.

## MEMORIALS

- In memory of Woodrow Cauble, given by Cindy and Davie Peek.
- In memory of Mary Kate Allen, given by Judy Woolly.

## MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

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### October 3

**Lay Assistant:** Ron Walrath  
**Reader:** Jake Semones  
**Council Collections:** Georgia Godfrey  
**Grounds:** Shawn Skillman, Hank Ray  
**Recycling:** Jay and Tracy Folk  
**Alter Guild:** Claire Birdsong, Mary Donna Mellon  
**Ushers: 9:30** – Layne Birdsong  
**10:30** – Mari Frye, Brian Haley  
**Counters:** Bobbie Bell, Sharon Berger  
**Flowers:** Bud Beyer

### October 10

**Lay Assistant:** Phillip Jenkins  
**Reader:** Nathan Mullins  
**Council Collections:** Georgia Godfrey  
**Grounds:** TBD  
**Recycling:** Jay and Tracy Folk  
**Alter Guild:** TBD  
**Ushers: 9:30**— Robert Luther, Paul Osmundson  
**10:30**— Layne Birdsong  
**Counters:** Sharon Berger, Mary Ann Jacobs  
**Flowers:** TBD

### October 17

**Lay Assistant:** Jay Folk  
**Reader:** Paige Gibbons  
**Council Collections:** Georgia Godfrey  
**Grounds:** Bryan Potts  
**Recycling:** Jay and Tracy Folk  
**Alter Guild:** TBD  
**Ushers: 9:30**— Curtis Amick, Beth Mullins  
**10:30**— Robert Luther,  
 Paul Osmundson  
**Counters:** Bobbie Bell, Susan Beeler  
**Flowers:** Beth Mullins

### October 24

**Lay Assistant:** Judy Venturella  
**Reader:** Jay Folk  
**Council Collections:** Georgia Godfrey  
**Grounds:** Chris Daly  
**Recycling:** Jay and Tracy Folk  
**Alter Guild:** Mari Frye  
**Ushers: 9:30**— Mari Frye, Brian Haley  
**10:30**— Curtis Amick, Beth Mullins  
**Counters:** Sharon Berger, Barbara Weaver  
**Flowers:** TBD

### October 31

**Assisting Minister:** Deacon Sandra Holland  
**Reader:** Phillip Jenkins  
**Council Collections:** Georgia Godfrey  
**Grounds:** Jason Godfrey, Beth Mullins  
**Recycling:** Jay and Tracy Folk  
**Alter Guild:** TBD  
**Ushers: 9:30**— Layne and Claire Birdsong  
**10:30**— Mari Frye, Brian Haley  
**Counters:** Bobbie Bell, Anita Murphy  
**Flowers:** Layne and Claire Birdsong

# OCTOBER CALENDAR

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30 9:30—12:00 Quilters	1	2
3 9:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Children's SS outside 10:30 a.m. Worship	4 11:00 a.m. In person Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Yoga	5 Handbells 8:00 p.m.	6 5:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study in person at the church and via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir	7 9:30—12:00 Quilters	8	9
10 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School in person and on Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Children's SS outside 10:30 a.m. Worship	11 11:00 a.m. In person Disciples Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Handbells	12 6:30 p.m. Lutheran Men	13 11:00 a.m. Retired and Rest- less Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Disciple's Bible Study in person at the church and via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir	14 9:30—12:00 Quilters  7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	15 7:00 p.m. All Booked Up Ladies book club  8:45 Soup Kitchen Washington Street Methodist	16
17 9:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Worship and Church Picnic Saluda Shoals  Little Lutherans stay and play at Saluda Shoals  Luther League goes geocaching after picnic	18 11:00 a.m. In person Disciples Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Handbells	19	20 11:00 a.m. Retired and Rest- less 5:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study in person at the church and via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir	21 9:30—12:00 Quilters	22	23
24/31 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School in person and on Zoom 9:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Children's SS out- side 10:30 a.m. Worship  31st—11:30 a.m.	25 11:00 a.m. In person Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Handbells 8:00 p.m. Yoga	26	27 11:00 a.m. Retired and Rest- less Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study in person at the church and via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir	28 9:30—12:00 Quilters	29	30





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