



ST. ANDREW'S Lutheran Church

NOVEMBER 2021



*A special call to and
remembrance of all the
saints, including those
from this
community who have
died this year.*

ALL SAINTS DAY

Join us at the church cemetery on Monday, November 1st, 5:30 p.m.

407 St. Andrew's Road

Columbia, SC 29210

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Join us Sunday, November 7th for

9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship

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Inside there is important information
you need to read.

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4. Constitution changes
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PASTOR'S PAGE

“I live by the Bible!” Well, the Bible talks about money.



Acts 4: All believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.³⁶ Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"),³⁷ sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

The basic premise of our stewardship is that God has provided for us and in thanksgiving we return to God our time, our talents and our possessions. We give to the church to enable God's ministry through us, to offer the good news in word and sacrament, and all that the church does in God's name.

Your gifts matter, to you and your relationship with God. They matter to God's church. They matter to those outside our church that are served. Your church seeks to use all gifts wisely.

Below are articles about STEWARSHIP (your gifts) as well as FINANCE (how they are used). Please read them and see that your church is being faithful, and we rejoice in the faithful giving of this community that enables ministry.

No one is asked to give what they do not have. If you have questions about any of this, there are no secrets. Ask me, or any member of council.

YOUR CHURCH IS IN GOOD FINANCIAL SHAPE

Not perfect, not rich in manna, but steaming along. Over the years we have, by the end of the year, met expenses. Like many churches we have a "physical plant" that is larger than needed and is older than we would like! Things break down. The people of St. Andrew's have been faithful. There is no one group that carries the church, such as "the older people" or "the younger couples" or that "one millionaire." There are those who can give quite generously with large gifts, and those who give quite faithfully with small gifts, but equally generous. Thank you! It is from this position and attitude of thankfulness that we move forward in our stewardship and faithful response to God.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

STEWARDSHIP

At St. Andrew's Lutheran Church everyone has a place at the table. There are not fees for a seat. There are not places of honor for those with more. Of course, this table needs the support of all.

You should have received in the mail and via email your 2022 STEWARDSHIP MAILING. Included in this mailing was an INTENTION OF GIVING card.

It looks like this:



Our goals this year are:

- To have 100 families/individuals complete a card stating an intention of what they hope to give.
- To have an increase in giving of \$1000 per week to support the ministries of your church.

HOW CAN I RESPOND?

You may mail your confidential card to the office.

You may also send a confidential email to sberger@salutheran.com. Please state your weekly/monthly/yearly intention.

WHAT ABOUT AUTOMATIC/ELECTRONIC GIVING?

Automatic giving through your bank or through the church's SIMPLY GIVING program is easy, safe, and faithful. It is a way promise to give of your first fruits. Please know that should something happen to your finances your gift can be changed with a phone call. In today's society when more and more people travel on weekends, are away for sporting events, or have other conflicts on Sunday, automatic giving can be the lifeblood of the church. Your church continues in ministry when you are not present. If you would like to give automatically please contact treasurer@salutheran.com or talk to your bank or financial representative.

BUT WAIT, YOU ARE ASKING FOR INCREASED GIVING AND THE MINISTRY PLAN IS GOING DOWN? (see page 5)

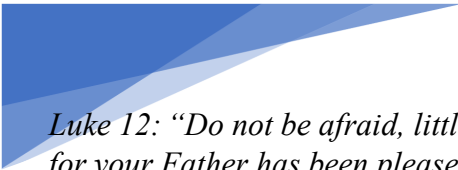
Last year's Ministry Plan set an ambitious goal with increase amounts for property and other areas. Then, Covid hit, and other factors weighed in. We hope to MEET EXPENSES in 2021 due to your generosity and faithfulness as well as careful management of expenses. This did mean that there were some things, including property items and programming, that were not accomplished or did not take place. We do expect to fall well below what was *budgeted for 2021*.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS CONTINUED

The Finance Team and Congregational Council have worked carefully to REDUCE the ministry plan so that all three items fall much more closely in line: giving, ministry plan, and spending. This would, we pray, include an increase in giving.

YAY! WE ARE OUT OF DEBT!

St. Andrew's has traditionally carried some debt due to large property expenses. Over the past 30 years we have financed a new roof, HVAC, and windows. As of December 1st we will be OUT OF DEBT! Thank you to all who have paid this down over the years. There has been an average of about \$3000 per month given to this effort. These are faithful, regular givers. It is our hope that these gifts will continue to Current and Benevolence (regular giving to the ministry plan) or to a fund of the person's choosing.



Luke 12: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

WHY CAN'T WE JUST REDUCE SPENDING MORE?

That can be a good question. Your church has two kinds of cost: fixed and flexible. The vast majority of our expenses are fixed: Salaries, energy bills, office expense, etc. Your council also considers our "tithe" (the requested amount from our Synod) to be a fixed cost. We are a part of the ELCA and benefit from that relationship. Just like church members we are asked to give beyond our walls. We also consider other giving to such organizations as Family Promise or Cooperative Ministries to be critical. While these amounts are not "fixed" they are important to continue. Not all property costs are fixed, but what happens is we defer important property concerns. The bottom line is that our "flexible" costs are a small portion of our Ministry Plan. Regarding salaries, your church strives to meet guidelines as established by the synod and by professional organizations.

WHAT ABOUT SAVINGS?

Good question. As of this present writing your church has approximately \$120,000 in undesignated savings. That is about 3 months of operating expenses. What does "undesignated" mean? There are funds set aside for specific purposes by those who gave them. For instance, there is a Cemetery Fund, Narthex Fund, Pastor's Discretionary Fund (used for those in need), Worship Furnishing Fund, and more. These cannot be used without permission for other purposes. Anyone can give to these funds at any time.

WHAT DOES THE SYNOD DO WITH OUR GIFTS?

Most of what we give goes to the ELCA (the national church). To learn more about your church just go to ELCA.org. You can learn more about your Synod at scsynod.com. One of the ministries with which we are most involved is the resettlement of refugees through the refugee program of the United States. The ELCA is the one of the largest providers other than the government of social ministry programs in the United States. There are adoptions programs, hunger ministry, disaster ministry and much more. Your church is directly affected by programs to support your staff, and when the day comes, in the search for and securing of a pastor who has been educated and trained through the church.

MINISTRY PLAN

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church 2022 Ministry Plan		:		:		
		:	2021	:	Proposed	
		:	Ministry Plan	:	2022	Increase/ (Decrease)
		:		:	Ministry Plan	
Benevolence	:		58,550.00	:	50,050.00	(8,500.00)
Staff Expenses	:			:		
Salaries/Contracted Services	:	221,130.25		:	227,081.91	
Total Staff Expenses	:		330,723.61	:	339,045.87	8,322.26
Worship Team	:		17,200.00	:	16,200.00	(1,000.00)
Christian Education Team	:		12,050.00	:	9,350.00	(2,700.00)
Youth Ministry	:		3,800.00	:	3,800.00	0.00
Children's Ministry	:		1,000.00	:	1,000.00	0.00
Fellowship & Witness Team	:		5,200.00	:	1,850.00	(3,350.00)
Stewardship Team	:		12,250.00	:	5,200.00	(7,050.00)
Social Ministry Team	:		11,400.00	:	10,400.00	(1,000.00)
Finance Team	:		450.00	:	750.00	300.00
Church Council	:		1,500.00	:	1,400.00	(100.00)
Administrative	:		19,150.00	:	18,900.00	(250.00)
Communications	:		1,600.00	:	1,000.00	(600.00)
Utilities	:		38,480.00	:	29,280.00	(9,200.00)
Maintenance	:		78,700.00	:	54,012.00	(24,688.00)
Total Current & Benevolent	:		592,053.61	:	542,237.87	(49,815.74)
Debt Retirement	:		33,264.00	:	0.00	(33,264.00)
Total Ministry Plan	:		625,317.61	:	542,237.87	(83,079.74)

The condensed Annual Ministry Plan is available in the narthex. A full Ministry Plan is available through the church office for your review. It should be no surprise to anyone that the pandemic has played havoc on the St. Andrew's finances. While the church is striving to meet expenses by the end of the year, overall giving is projected to be less than 2019. Through it all, St. Andrew's members have remained faithful to the mission of St. Andrew's church. While there are no new line items in the Ministry Plan, the Finance Team and Congregational Council have worked carefully to reduce the 2022 Ministry Plan to reflect the level of giving in 2021. Team budgets

are reduced approximately \$50,000 in 2022. The overall 2022 Ministry Plan is an increase of 8.4% from projected end of year 2021 giving. Staff salary increases represent our goal to move closer to and maintain Synod guidelines but remain on the lower end of the guidelines and below cost of living estimates for the year. Percentages of giving to the Synod (based on our ministry plan total) and other charitable giving remain the same. Additional increases such as health insurance, utilities, supplies and maintenance were adjusted to reflect actual expenses.

CONSTITUTION CHANGES

The St. Andrew's constitution has been revised as per the action of the 2017 General Assembly of the ELCA in 2019. Our constitution contains articles required by the ELCA and articles specific to St. Andrew's practices. The changes have been reviewed and approved by the Congregational Council and the SC Synod. Articles pertaining to St. Andrew's are *C10-*C13. Important additions are: *C10.08 which will allow congregational meetings to be held electronically, and *C11.01.06 and *C12.05.e that clarify the duties of the Treasurer and the financial responsibilities of the Council. Many revisions are highlighted. Copies of the revised constitution will be made available on the church's website and paper copies on a table in the narthex. Finally, the congregation will be asked to adopt the revised constitution at the Annual Meeting in November. Questions may be directed to Ruth Lackstrom, 803-240-1823.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, November 14th 10:15 a.m.

AGENDA

Elect Congregational Council Members

Vote on the 2022 Ministry Plan

Vote on changes to the Constitution

(All information about the agenda is in this newsletter)

FINANCE

St Andrew Lutheran Church Statement of Income and Expense

August of Fiscal Year 2021

Fund: 01 - General

August

2021 YTD

Actual

Actual

Current and Benevolence Giving

\$ 40,172.84

\$ 312,841.95

Expenses

\$ 45,866.26

\$ 328,635.84

Expenses under (over) Giving

\$ (5,693.42)

\$ (15,793.89)

Current and Benevolence Giving

\$ 40,172.84

\$ 312,841.95

Budget

\$ 48,141.16

\$ 392,819.28

Giving (under) over Budget

\$ (7,968.32)

\$ (79,977.33)

Debt Retirement Fund Balance as of 1/1/2021

\$ 17,500.82

Funds received in 2021

\$ 19,991.00

Thrivent Principal Payments in 2021

\$ (29,438.73)

Thrivent Interest Payments in 2021

\$ (737.27)

Current Debt Retirement Fund Balance

\$ 7,315.82

Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance as of 1/1/21

41,332.59

Principal Payments in 2021

(29,438.73)

Current Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance

11,893.86

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

COUNCIL NOMINEES

ANNA BERGER



Anna Berger is the Senior Director of Operations for the South Carolina Association of Counties. In this role, she leads the association's research efforts and training programs for county officials and employees, publications, and communications. Prior to joining the Association in 2012, Anna worked with the University of South Carolina's Institute for Public Service and Policy Research for 14 years. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Columbia College and a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of South Carolina. Anna has served as adjunct faculty for the University of South Carolina and Columbia College. She is a graduate of Columbia College's LeaderSHIFT program and has served as a mentor for Columbia College students.

Anna joined St. Andrew's Lutheran Church when she and Bart married in 1998. She currently serves on the church's youth committee and served on church council for two terms shortly after she joined the church. Anna and Bart have two children – Kaitlyn who is a sophomore at Winthrop University and Michael who is a junior at River Bluff High School. She enjoys spending time with her family and reading.

BRIAN TEUSINK



Brian Teusink has been a member of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church since 1986 when he and his wife Barbara moved to Columbia from Michigan. Retired from a career as a CPA in the financial services industry, he lives in Chapin with Barbara and their dog (Phoebe) and cat (CacheKitty). Brian enjoys boating and playing golf and recently joined the Chapin Theatre Company. He will be performing in the CTC's upcoming Christmas production – *Closed for the Holidays*. Brian has served on Council twice previously.

WHANNA BOUKNIGHT



Whanna Bouknight has been a member of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church for over 30 years. She has taught Children's Sunday School, assisted with VBS and the nursery. She has 2 daughters, Megan Patel and Michelle Bouknight, and 4 grandchildren: Zoey 14, Brady 12, Reagan 10 and Nikolin 7. She is semi-retired from the City of Columbia, she assists with lobbying and serves as the United Way Campaign Director for the City of Columbia.

COUNCIL NOMINEES CONTINUED

JASON BRADLEY



Jason Bradley has attended St. Andrew's Lutheran Church for over 20 years. He is married to Stacey Bradley, and they have two children: Luke (16) and Jessica (9). Jason is active in the church; he has prior experience on the Church Council from several years ago and currently serves as a member of the mutual ministry committee. Jason also enjoys golfing, reading, and going to his children's sporting events. He is honored to have been nominated for the Church Council and would be happy to further serve the Church in that capacity.

Professionally, Jason is an attorney and has worked in BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina's legal department for over 17 years. In his current capacity, Jason deals with a wide variety of people in many different areas of the law, including labor and employment, contracts, and information privacy and security.

Jason grew up in the Irmo/St. Andrews area. He was graduated from Irmo High School in 1990 and from Davidson College in 1994. Jason received his juris doctor degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1997 and then spent two years as a judicial law clerk at the South Carolina Circuit Court and Court of Appeals levels before joining the then McNair Law Firm as a litigation associate for four and a half years.

INGRID DRIGGERS



My name is Ingrid Driggers, and I am very happy to be a part of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church. My family began attending before the pandemic began, and I appreciate the welcoming atmosphere and meaningful worship and service opportunities. I am honored to be under consideration for serving on church council.

My family has lived in South Carolina for fourteen years. Before that, we lived in Concord, North Carolina, and Princeton, NJ. My childhood homes are Guatemala, where I was born, and Florida, where I spent most of my youth. For college, I headed north to Wake Forest, where I studied Philosophy and art, and met my husband Brent. After graduating with my degree and having no idea what to do with it, I studied education and became an elementary school teacher. Fast forward many years, and now I have experience teaching elementary and preschool aged children. Currently, I work as an instructional assistant for kindergarten in District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties.

When not at work, I enjoy walking my dog, hiking in the woods, watching soccer, reading, and watching movies. I love spending time with my family, which includes Brent and our three boys, Harry, Owen, and John. Harry is working and making music in Philadelphia, Owen is a freshman at USC, and John is in fourth grade.

DARRICK WILLIAMS



Darrick Williams has been coming to St. Andrew's for worship with his family since 2012. Darrick has been married to Kelly Williams (a teacher) for almost 11 great years and has 2 amazing children: Xavier (10) and Jocelyn (6). He currently works at Aflac as a Sr. Implementation Manager and has worked there for 4.5 years. Darrick graduated from the University of SC in 2002 as a Theater major and Business Administration minor. On weekends, you can usually find him watching Gamecock football (in the fall), grilling outside or watching his kids in whatever sport they are playing at the time!

ADVENT DAY ACTIVITIES (Sunday, November 28th)

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD



PREPARE, CELEBRATE, DECORATE! Please join us as we prepare for the Advent Season. We will have stations set up outside with a variety of activities. There will also be a Food Truck where you can purchase your lunch. Come enjoy the delicious food of Carolina Cookin'. Join us for fellowship, food, and fun on **November 28th** following the 10:30 worship service. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

If you would be interested in leading a craft, please contact Deacon Sandra.

LITTLE LUTHERANS AND LUTHER LEAGUE will be packing gift bags for refugee children in support of Lutheran Services Carolinas. Many children arrive in the United States alone and without anything. We would like to provide some comfort and joy to the refugee children. We will decorate gift bags and fill them with items. We are looking to create 25 gift bags. Please consider donating the following items:

- Coloring Books or Paper Pads
- Crayons or Colored Pencils
- Small Soft Toys (Beanie Babies, Stuffed Animals, etc)
- Small Action Figures (Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Star Wars, Avengers, etc)
- Pre-packaged Snacks
- Travel Size Toiletries (body sprays, deodorants, lotions, soaps)

We will have a box in the back of the Narthex labeled "Little Lutherans Advent Day Project" to collect donations. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Joseph Casey at josephwilliamcasey@gmail.com.

WHAT IS LUTHERAN SERVICES CAROLINAS?

"Lutheran Services Carolinas provides case management to unaccompanied minors who enter the United States searching for a parent or relative. The majority of these children are fleeing extreme violence and abuse in their home countries. While looking for their sponsor in the US, the LSC program provides safe housing and medical, educational and counseling support for the children. They attend a bilingual school in Columbia while they're here."

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Cleaning out your closet? Let us help. We are looking for tennis shoes, men's sizes 9, 9.5, 10, 10.5 and 11. No new Walmart brands please; those just don't hold up. We also are in need of men's used but in-good-condition khaki pants, any size **but** sizes 32-38 waists. A collection box will be in the narthex. Thanks!

—Beth Trump



Follow along with the 30 days of Thanks on St. Andrew's Facebook, and practice thanksgiving with the whole family all month long. We would love for people to document their thankfulness journeys on Facebook, either with daily posts, stories and photos, or even just one. Please tag St. Andrew's us in your posts to encourage others to practice thankfulness as well. And of course, you can still follow along and practice daily thanks without social media!

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| Nov. 1 - Thank a family member. | Nov. 18 - Make a thankfulness music playlist and share it on Facebook (tag St. Andrew's on Facebook) |
| Nov. 2 - Share a photo of a place you are thankful for (tag St. Andrew's on Facebook). | Nov. 19 - Write a letter of Thanks. |
| Nov. 3 - Send a "Thank You" card. | Nov. 20 - Pray for someone! |
| Nov. 4 - Thank someone who nurtured your faith (who isn't a family member) | Nov. 21 - Thank someone who has prayed for you. |
| Nov. 5 - Leave a Sticky Note to say thanks. | Nov. 22 - Share a photo of something in your home you are thankful for (tag St. Andrew's on Facebook) |
| Nov. 6 - Send a casual email just to say "Thank You!" | Nov. 23 - Set aside items for the Virginia Wingard Food Pantry. |
| Nov. 7 - Thank a healthcare worker. | Nov. 24 - Thank a local police or fire department. |
| Nov. 8 - Use food to say thanks! (Breakfast in bed, dinner, coffee) | Nov. 25 - Share a photo of a person you are thankful for (tag St. Andrew's on Facebook) |
| Nov. 9 - Share a photo of something outside that you are thankful for (tag St. Andrew's on Facebook) | Nov. 26 - Thank someone who cleans up after you or others. |
| Nov. 10 - Make a small handmade gift for someone. | Nov. 27 - Sing out loud a song of thanksgiving. |
| Nov. 11 - Thank an educator. | Nov. 28 - Write a Thank you note to someone who has made a difference in your life. |
| Nov. 12 - Volunteer to babysit, walk a dog, or run an errand. | Nov. 29 - Because you are thankful, donate to your favorite cause. |
| Nov. 13 - Thank your employer. | Nov. 30 - Thank someone who isn't expecting thanks. |
| Nov. 14 - Share a song, Bible verse, or book that you are most thankful for. (Film and tag St. Andrew's on Facebook) | |
| Nov. 15 - Call someone just to say, "hi." | |
| Nov. 16 - Because you are thankful, pick up garbage. | |
| Nov. 17 - Thank a delivery person or garbage collector. | |

*"Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever."
Psalm 106:1*

YOUTH NEWS



ZOOM GAME NIGHT

When: Monday, November 8th at 8:00 p.m.

Where: Wherever you are!

Details: Join us for a zoom game night and fellowship. Look for a zoom meeting link from Paige closer to the date of the event. See you there!

YOUTH VS. PARENTS KICKBALL GAME

When: Sunday, November 14, 8:00 p.m.

Where: Church Courtyard

Details: It's the ultimate showdown for bragging rights. Youth vs. Parents kickball! Get your game face on and come out to show us what you've got. Cheerleaders also welcome and appreciated! More details to come by email to all parents and youth.



YOUTH GROUP "FRIENDS" GIVING

When: Monday, November 22 at 7 PM

Where: Fellowship Hall

Details: We will be sharing a thanksgiving meal together and packing care packages for our college students. Look for a sign up sheet by email where you can sign up to bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish or dessert.

We are asking each youth to bring some items to pack in the care packages as well. This could include: notes of encouragement for exams, candy, snacks, gift cards, playdoh, silly putty, or anything to make someone smile!

Thank you!

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EDUCATION

DISCIPLES BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR TRUMP

We are traveling with Abram, Sarai, Lot and others through Genesis. It is never a bad time to join us. You can come in person on MONDAYS at 11:00a.m., or both in person or zoom on WEDNESDAYS at 5:30 p.m.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School will meet each week via Zoom AND in person. Please join us for faithful, thoughtful discussions as we journey through the Bible.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

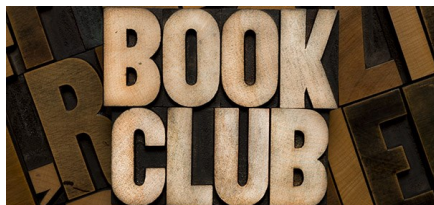
Join us each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. We will continue our journey using the Spark Bible, and experience some exciting activities to go along with our Bible stories. Don't miss out on all the fun!

BIRTHDAYS

Nov 2 Jenny Land	Nov 21 Cathy Jordan
Nov 2 Mark Scott	Nov 24 Jean Lail
Nov 3 Mary Donna Mellon	Nov 24 Treasa Thompson
Nov 5 Virginia Franklin	Nov 25 Paul Gagliano
Nov 6 Jackie Lucas	Nov 26 Taylor Daly
Nov 7 David Bare	Nov 26 Calvin Hastie
Nov 7 David Slice	Nov 26 Ally Montgomery
Nov 8 Sarah Loudon	Nov 27 Buddy Lewis
Nov 8 Sarah Luther	Nov 27 Lessia Lynch
Nov 8 Sunshine Ratliff	Nov 29 B. Keith Marsh
Nov 8 Olivia Tener	Nov 30 Tracy Folk
Nov 10 Thomas Daly	Nov 30 Kim Lentz
Nov 12 Jolene Stalzer	Nov 30 Matt Venturella



FELLOWSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES



All Booked Up is a book club for all ladies of St. Andrew's. The book club meets the third Friday of each month. This month we will meet on November 19th. If you are interested in being a part of this group or would like more information, please contact Beth Mullins (bemajor1169@gmail.com).



Please join us on November 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **We will be having elections!**

Andy Connaker will be our chef for the evening.

We are looking for a President, Vice President and Treasurer to serve the next year.

Please let Darrick Williams know ASAP if you feel that you can serve in any of these ways next year. (You may hear from him first! :))

On December 14th, we will have a catered/prepared meal in the Fellowship Hall and will swear in our new officers.

If you've never attended a Lutheran Men meeting before, please come to this one! If it's been a while, come back!

Let Darrick Williams know at darrick.williams@gmail.com if you plan to attend!

Thanks!

Darrick

The Mission of the Men at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church is to find community among one another, support one another along our journeys of faith, and to share our resources, talents, and abilities in the mission of our congregation.



WELCA welcomes all the Ladies of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

We have combined the two circles. All are welcome! Join us!

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

FELLOWSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES



Calling All Cooks

Upon the death of a church member, our congregation offers a meal for the family, generally on the day of the funeral or memorial service. We are in desperate need of helpers to continue this ministry. Could you help by cooking a dish, serving a meal, or coordinating the meal to be served? If so, please contact Mari at **803-772-6034**, or email officemgr@salutheran.com.



Calling All Cooks Part 2

In the past, there were volunteers that would cook a meal for a member of the church after having a baby. Sharon Berger has continued this tradition. She has shared that the families are very grateful for this simple offering. If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please contact Mari at **803-772-6034**, or email officemgr@salutheran.com.



YOUNG HEART

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

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. (there are 5 spaces available)

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

December—Something exciting, TBD!



YOGA

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

(Times may vary, but a reminder will be sent each week.)

FELLOWSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES



This year at Christmas St. Andrew's will sponsor families from the Family Promise program. Social Ministry wanted to go ahead and get a list of wants and needs published but keep an eye out for more information in the enews and bulletins, and we'll also have an Angel Tree. Please provide UNWRAPPED gifts by Sunday, December 12 to the Angel Tree in the gathering area. If you have any questions call Beth Trump at 803-920-3547.

Morgan - 8 year old girl

Loves dolls, Pop it, beads, legos

Favorite colors - purple and pink

Size 10 pants

Size 10 shirt

Size 3 shoes

Morgan - 8 year old girl

Loves Slime, new born doll baby with clothes, legos, marble run building, Roblox bucks gift card

Size 8 pants

Size 8/medium shirts

Size 2 1/2 or 3 shoes

She likes leggings, skinny jeans, and tights to wear under dresses and skirts.

Tyshaun - 16 year old boy

Likes GameStop gift cards, PS4 points, Axe body wash

Size medium (would like a hoodie)

Rhamiya - 12 year old girl

Would like twin size sheets and comforter (favorite color is blue)

Old Navy gift cards

Mom Diane

Would like cute boots (size 7 1/2), body wash, candles and lotion (loves Bath and Body Works)

Size medium sweaters and zip-up hoodies

Mom Neesha

Would like a comforter set (queen size), bathroom set, robe (2XL), pots and pans



CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The youth group will be packing care packages for the St. Andrew's college students and need your help! If you have a college student, please make sure Deacon Sandra has the correct mailing address for your student for this school year (sholland@salutheran.com). If you would like to donate goodies to go into the care packages, please put them in the box in the Narthex by **Sunday, November 21**. We will be sending these out to the students in time for their exams before they come home for Christmas break.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF 2021

QUILT AND KIT GATHERING

On Wednesday, October 20th, Bob Cox, Layne Birdsong, Tom Henry, and Mike Hughes helped load 349 boxes of quilts and kits for shipping to Lutheran World Relief in Maryland, and then onto those in need around the world. **A HUGE THANK-YOU** to Linda Hughes for organizing this event, and to all who helped with the Ingathering and Shipping!!



CHURCH PICNIC FUN



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
- 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

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
- Vern Free, Generations of Chapin

MEMBERS WITH PRAYER CONCERNS

- Allen Semones, cancer treatments
- Tom Henry, cancer treatments
- Jenny Land, cancer treatments
- Bob Venturella, Hospice
- Tish Brown, Still Hopes
- Robert Lunsford
- Pete Cox, Pruitt Rehab
- Jolene Stalzer, cancer treatments

IN OUR PRAYERS...

- The friends and family of Dana Perry, upon his death on October 19.
- Mike Sheley, upon the death of his sister-in-law Ruthie in Georgia.

MEMORIALS

- In memory of Linwood Swittenberg, given by Pawnee Schumpert.
- In memory of Linwood Swittenberg, given by Bert and Julie Koon.
- In memory of Linwood Swittenberg, given by Lulu Wilson.
- In memory of Linwood Swittenberg, given by Edwin and Carol Player.
- In memory of Linwood Swittenberg, given by Lenoir and Ann Amick.
- In memory of Linwood Swittenberg, given by George and Sandra Metts.
- In memory of Maliyah Scott given by Bernice Sims.
- In memory of Linwood Swittenberg, given by Claude and Barbara Galarneau.
- In memory of Linwood Swittenberg, given by Rose F. Metts.
- In memory of Linwood Swittenberg, given by Anne Mattox and Family.
- In memory of Linwood Swittenberg, given by Edward Fulmer.
- In memory of Linwood Swittenberg, given by W. O. Blackston and Co., inc.
- In memory of Linwood Swittenberg, given by Robert and Eleanor McNish
- In memory of Rachel Potts and Marian Reeves, given by Bryan Potts.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

November 7

Lay Assistant: Beth Mullins
Reader: Becca Kelly (10:30 a.m.)
Acolyte: Addison Connaker
Crucifer:
Council Collections: Whanna Bouknight
Grounds: Jay Folk, Ron Walrath
Recycling: Whanna Bouknight
Alter Guild: Bobbie Bell
Ushers: 9:30 – Layne Birdsong
 10:30 – Mari Frye, Brian Haley
Counters: Bobbie Bell, Barbara Weaver
Flowers: Bart & Anna Berger
Nursery: Varco

November 14

Lay Assistant: Robin Semones
Reader: Tom Bane (10:30 a.m.)
Acolyte: Reagan Bouknight
Crucifer: Joshua Bruce
Council Collections: Whanna Bouknight
Grounds: Tom Bane, Chris Land
Recycling: Whanna Bouknight
Alter Guild: Bobbie Bell
Ushers: 9:30— Robert Luther, Paul Osmundson
 10:30— Layne Birdsong, Steve Metze
Counters: Sharon Berger, Mary Ann Jacobs
Flowers: The Thompson Family
Nursery: Land

November 21

Lay Assistant: Pat Gagliano
Reader: Carole Amick (10:30 a.m.)
Council Collections: Whanna Bouknight
Acolyte: Caroline Varco
Crucifer: Michael Berger
Grounds: Steve Slice, Robert Luther
Recycling: Whanna Bouknight
Alter Guild: Bobbie Bell
Ushers: 9:30— Curtis Amick, Beth Mullins
 10:30— Robert Luther,
 Paul Osmundson
Counters: Bobbie Bell, Susan Beeler
Flowers: Paul Osmundson
Nursery: Williams

November 28

Lay Assistant: Tom Henry
Reader: Darrick Williams (10:30 a.m.)
Acolyte: Jessica Bradley
Crucifer: Luke Bradley
Council Collections: Whanna Bouknight
Grounds: Helmut Von Schweinitz, Curtis Amick
Recycling: Whanna Bouknight
Alter Guild: Bobbie Bell
Ushers: 9:30— Mari Frye, Brian Haley
 10:30— Layne Birdsong, Steve Metze
Counters: Sharon Berger, Anita Murphy
Flowers: TBD
Nursery: Godfrey

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 11:00 a.m. In person Disciples Bible Study 5:30 p.m. All Saints Day Service at the cemetery 6:00 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Handbells	2	3 7:00 p.m. Choir	4 49:30—12:00 Quilters	5	6
7 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship	8 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Handbells	9 6:30 p.m. Lutheran Men	10 11:00 a.m. Retired and Restless Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir	11 9:30—12:00 Quilters	12	13
14 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Congregational Meeting 10:30 a.m. Worship	15 11:00 a.m. In person Disciples Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Handbells	16 Poinsettia Orders Due	17 5:30 p.m. Disciple's Bible Study in per- son and via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir	18 9:30—12:00 Quilters 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	19 7:00 p.m. All Booked Up La- dies book club 8:45 Soup Kitchen Washington Street Methodist	21
22 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship	23 11:00 a.m. In person Disciples Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Handbells	24	25 NO RETIRED AND RESTLESS BIBLE STUDY	25	26	27
28 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Advent Activities and Food Truck	29 11:00 a.m. In person Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Handbells 6:00 p.m. Yoga	<div>30</div> <div>  <p>PLEASE ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY</p> <p>Order forms will be available in the Narthex, in the Enews, and posted on the website. Please let Mari know your dedication by calling the church office at 803-772-6034, or emailing oficemgr@salutheran.com. Plants are \$12 each and need to be ordered no later than November 16th.</p> </div>				



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