



ST. ANDREW'S Lutheran Church

DECEMBER 2021

Advent & Christmas

ADVENT WORSHIP

Sunday Mornings, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

November 28, December 5, 12, 19

Nursery provided.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

10:30 a.m. worship will be held outdoors and will include a special Advent/Christmas pageant!

9:30 a.m. worship will be held in the sanctuary as usual.

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24

- ◆ Service of Holy Communion, carols and candlelighting at 12:00 p.m.

Masks will be required for all worshipers.

- ◆ Service of Holy Communion, carols and candlelighting

Music begins at 5:15 p.m.; liturgy begins at 5:30 p.m.

Masks are required for unvaccinated worshipers and recommended for all. Nursery provided.

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25

Service of Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.

Masks are required for unvaccinated worshipers and recommended for all.

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PASTOR'S PAGE



Dear Friends in Christ,

When you are biking, out on the road, it is easier if you are with a group. My buddies and I will talk when we aren't going too hard. Then, when we push it we form what is called a "pace line." The person in the front is "pulling" the line, working harder than the people behind him or her. Those behind get to draft off the one in front. Then, the person in front moves to the side (left) and goes to the back of the line and the next person takes over the harder work for a while. It's important that if you are not one of the strongest riders in the group to not pull for too long. The group knows this. However, you also need to do your share of the work! Faith, and a faith life, is like this. We come together as a church because it is easier to journey in faith with others. We can talk, and share. There are times when each of us has to "pull" in the group, in whatever way we can. No one gets left behind. If someone has a flat, we stop together. Yes, there are even wrecks at times on bike rides, and we all stop to care for each other. We are all on the same team. Unlike our bike group, there are no winners or losers in the faith community.

We miss some people right now in this community. There are those who cannot be here of course, due to health or covid concerns. However, there are many people who have just gotten out of the habit of church. Faith is strengthened in worship and community. Just like biking, when you don't do it, you get out of shape! As our lesson from Hebrews said the other Sunday: "And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, *not neglecting to meet together*, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." See you in worship!

Peace,

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SEMINARY ENDOWMENT REPORT

Did you know that about 25 years ago the church established an endowment at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in honor of the late Rev. Dr. Donald E. Woolly, pastor emeritus of St. Andrew's? The market value of this fund is now at \$22,592. It was established to support any student from an ELCA congregation, approved by the SC Synod, with a preference to a member of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. This year the fund helped two students. The payout might not be enormous but every bit makes a difference.

COVID TASK FORCE

There is good news. The number of cases in Richland County are around 10 per 100,000 per day, while Lexington County remains slightly higher. Also, children over 5 can be vaccinated, and by January or so, all will have had a chance to have both doses. Now we must simply sit tight for a few more weeks for several reasons.

First and foremost, we must make sure that the numbers hold. They need to get back under 10 for several weeks, especially in light of the potential for a holiday bump. We would certainly like to avoid eliminating precautions in the church only to have to reinstate them later. The reality is that we can worship nearly as we did before. However, the goal is that by late January, after reviewing the numbers, we hope to be able to discontinue Covid protocols. This would mean we would go to one worship service at 10:30 with mask-wearing being optional for all. We would sing, return to the rail for communion by intinction, pass the peace as you choose, and sit where you want. We could also gather in small groups as we choose, with or without masks as people decide.

So, through Christmas and the end of the year we simply will keep current protocols in place. Although we don't all agree on each decision, this congregation has been so patient and understanding. Thank you for your faithfulness. We look forward to a return to a community that can fully embrace one another, and where we can more completely experience a place at the table for all.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING REPORT

- All six nominees were approved for the Congregational Council.
 - The 2022 Ministry Plan was approved.
 - The revisions to the constitution were approved.
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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Devotions were shared by Robbie Derrick. Minutes were approved. The President's report was accepted. The Pastor's and Deacon's reports were accepted. Pastor Trump reported that he completed the "Basic Boundaries Training" required by the Synod. Team reports were received (the contents of all these reports are covered in the Newsletter notices).

Under New Business:

- 1) Dramarama: Pastor Trump secured a grant for \$6500, plus the money already there, and a gift of \$2000 on the way. The cost of the camp is approximately \$13,000. Pastor Trump will continue to seek other funds but will need a commitment from the church to move forward.
- 2) A discussion was held regarding the establishment of a PROPERTY FUND to pay for large building expenditures in the future. This was referred to Finance and Stewardship.
- 3) St. Andrew's was requested to host a DEACONAL INTERN for 6 months during 2022. This was approved. More information will follow.



Will someone please tell me what John The Baptist is doing in our pageant?

Christmas Pageant, Sunday, December 12

“He’s Asking for Trouble.”

DURING THE 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE

Outside (weather permitting of course)!

Bring your chairs or use one of ours. Put a blanket over your legs if you’re chilly. (As of this writing they are predicting 56 degrees). You can even bring a thermos of hot chocolate.

The story of Christmas will be woven into the Gospel lesson that day regarding John the Baptist. The pageant will serve as our sermon and will lead into the celebration of communion. Now, gee, what famous playwright/preacher could do such a thing? Hmmmm...

The 9:30 a.m. worship will be held indoors as usual.

Join us!

FINANCE

PAID IN FULL

Our debt is gone. St. Andrew's has been in debt for some sort of building need probably for most of its history. Now that debt is ZERO. We cannot promise that we will never have to borrow again. However, that would be the goal! It is so freeing to not have to allocate \$3000 a month to servicing this debt, however necessary it was at the time. Thank you again, to all who gave towards this end. Our hope and prayer is that these dollars will now be directed toward Current and Benevolence (i.e. paying all the cost of being the church).

St Andrew Lutheran Church Statement of Income and Expense

October of Fiscal Year 2021

Fund: 01 - General

	October Actual	2021 YTD Actual
Current and Benevolence Giving	\$ 43,728.26	\$ 397,115.45
Expenses	\$ 40,074.75	\$ 406,049.74
Expenses under (over) <u>Giving</u>	\$ 3,653.51	\$ (8,934.29)
Current and Benevolence Giving	\$ 43,728.26	\$ 397,115.45
Budget	\$ 48,081.16	\$ 495,831.60
Giving (under) over <u>Budget</u>	\$ (4,352.90)	\$ (98,716.15)

Debt Retirement Fund Balance as of 1/1/2021	\$ 17,500.82
Funds received in 2021	\$ 25,050.00
Thrivent Principal Payments in 2021	\$ (34,908.18)
Thrivent Interest Payments in 2021	\$ (811.82)
Current Debt Retirement Fund Balance	\$ 6,830.82

Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance as of 1/1/21	41,332.59
Principal Payments in 2021	(34,908.18)
Current Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance	6,424.41

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

FELLOWSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

ATTENTION LITTLE LUTHERANS AND LUTHER LEAGUE SUNDAY DECEMBER 19

Join us for a trip through Saluda Shoals' "Holiday Lights on the River." We will meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. and then caravan to Saluda Shoals together by 5:45 - 6:00 p.m. At the completion of the light show, there are optional activities to participate in: Hayride, Tube Sliding, Hot Cocoa, and Pictures with Santa. Please join us for a picture at the completion of the Holiday Lights near the activity center. Admission is \$25 per car. If you feel comfortable carpooling with another family, you can certainly do so when we all meet at the church. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please email Joe Casey at josephwilliamcasey@gmail.com.



YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH GROUP AFTER CHURCH

When: December 5 11:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Where: Youth Room

Details: Stick around after church for a youth group afternoon of pizza and games! We will have youth group shirts to tie dye, we'll listen to some music, and we'll share in a pizza lunch.



ZOO SCAVENGER HUNT

When: December 22 , 2:00 p.m.

Where: Riverbanks Zoo

Details: The annual scavenger hunt will be at the zoo again this year in an effort to remain outdoors for events. Pastor Trump is working hard to put together another awesome scavenger hunt so we hope you can join us!

Cost: \$10 per person. Can be paid by cash given to Paige Gibbons or you can pay on the church website under "Youth Activity."



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



We have a great group of readers and communion assistants (yes we will be needing them again soon) however it is important to always reach out in case there is someone who would like to fill either of these roles in worship. Just email or call the office and let Mari know and we can add you to the list. Or if you have questions just ask one of the staff to fill you in on the details.

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR CHURCH FAMILY?

If you have been worshipping with us but have not officially joined the church, please contact Deacon Sandra if you are interested in finding out more information. We would like to have a New Members gathering sometime in early 2022.



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 December 17th. If you are interested in being a part of this group or would like more information, please contact Beth Mullins (bemajor1169@gmail.com).



Lutheran Men's final meeting for the year will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, December 14th at 6:30 pm. There will be no formal agenda at this meeting...only the swearing in of elected officers. We are having a catered meal from Lizard's Thicket. All men of St. Andrews are invited to join us! Cost is free!

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

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



On Sunday, November 7th, at the 10:30 a.m. worship service, a pall was dedicated. This pall will be used to cover ashes of the deceased at funerals. The pall was given by Lutheran Women of Saint Andrew's to honor a friend and long-time member, **Ms. Pat DuBose**, who recently moved to North Carolina to be near her son. Pat served as WELCA Treasurer for many years. In fact, so many that we would need to search our archives to recount. This pall is a beautiful addition to our vestments.

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.)

EDUCATION

DISCIPLES BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR TRUMP

Disciples Bible Study meets every Monday at 11:00 a.m. in the conference room, and every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room and via Zoom.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes meet at church every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The Adult Sunday School class meets at church and via Zoom.

BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

Dec 1	Chris Daly	Dec 14	Joseph Ray	Dec 23	Samuel Eubanks
Dec 1	K. Von Schweinitz	Dec 14	Tyler Senn	Dec 23	Barbara Galarneau
Dec 4	Zach Bane	Dec 14	Andrew Von Schweinitz	Dec 24	Susan Hentz
Dec 4	Kasarah Boiter	Dec 15	Dollie Lunsford	Dec 26	Pat Blackwell
Dec 5	Sandra Ringer	Dec 16	Emma Smith	Dec 27	Abigail Amodio
Dec 9	Amy Vickers	Dec 17	Hannah Smith	Dec 28	Ruth Lackstrom
Dec 10	Reagan Gibbons	Dec 17	Eric Young		
Dec 10	Mary Ann Jacobs	Dec 19	Donna Birdsong		
Dec 11	Ben Slice	Dec 19	Geoffrey Gibbons		
Dec 12	Kristine Thompson	Dec 22	Chris Land		

Happy Birthday



God Rejoices to Claim You

We welcomed Hayden Michael Bare to the waters of Baptism on November 14 at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. We rejoice with Hayden's parents, David and McKenna, his big brother Conner and grandparents Mike and Linda Hughes.

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
- 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
- Tish Brown, Lakeside Assisted Living, Lexington

MEMBERS WITH PRAYER CONCERNS

- Allen Semones, cancer treatments
- Pete Cox, Baptist Hospital
- Jolene Stalzer, cancer treatments
- Jeanne Thompson, cancer treatments
- Shirley Swanson, Midlands Rehab
- Jake Semones, recovering at home
- Cindy McManus, recovering at home

CONDOLENCES...

The family and friends of Bob Venturella who passed away on October 31.

MEMORIALS

- In memory of Esther & Fletcher Padget, given by H. F. Fletcher III & Jacob W. Brock.
- In memory of Bob Venturella, given by Barbara Weaver.
- In memory of Alice Thompson, given by Margie Mills.



The Venturella family would like to thank all those who supported us through Bob's illness and passing. The cards, messages, and words of concern and sympathy, along with all of the wonderful meals, helped us through a most difficult time and were a great source of comfort. We are truly blessed to be part of the Saint Andrew's family.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

December 5

Lay Assistant: Mandy Glowacki
Reader: Anna Berger (10:30 a.m.)
Acolyte: Evie Casey
Council Collections: Paul Osmundson
Grounds: Advent, Christmas Clean-up
Recycling: Josh and Paulene Cruse
Alter Guild: Claire Birdsong
Ushers: 9:30 – Robert Luther, Paul Osmundson
10:30 – Layne Birdsong, Steve Metze
Counters: Bobbie Bell, Sharon Berger
Flowers: Bud Beyer
Nursery: Derrick

December 12

Lay Assistant: Ron Walrath
Reader: Steve Slice (10:30 a.m.)
Acolyte: TBD
Council Collections: Paul Osmundson
Grounds: Layne Birdsong, Justin Varco
Recycling: Josh and Paulene Cruse
Alter Guild: Kristine Thompson
Ushers: 9:30— Beth Mullins, Curtis Amick
10:30—Robert Luther, Paul Osmundson
Counters: Sharon Berger, Mary Ann Jacobs
Flowers: Kristine Thompson
Nursery: Johnson/Skillman

December 19

Lay Assistant: Darrick Williams
Reader: Beth Trump (10:30 a.m.)
Council Collections: Paul Osmundson
Acolyte: Maya Skillman
Grounds: John Trump, Hal Ray
Recycling: Josh and Paulene Cruse
Alter Guild: Mari Frye
Ushers: 9:30— Mari Frye, Brian Haley
10:30— Layne Birdsong, Curtis Amick
Counters: Bobbie Bell, Susan Beeler
Flowers: Steve and Deborah Slice
Nursery: Thomasson

Friday, December 24

Ushers: 12:00 p.m.—Mari Frye
 5:30 p.m.—Robert Luther, Paul Osmundson

Saturday, December 25

Ushers: 10:00 a.m.—TBD

December 26

Lay Assistant: Phillip Jenkins
Reader: Deborah Slice (10:30 a.m.)
Acolyte: William Thomasson
Council Collections: Paul Osmundson
Grounds: Shawn Skillman, Hank Ray
Recycling: Josh and Paulene Cruse
Alter Guild: TBD
Ushers: 9:30— Beth Mullins, Curtis Amick
10:30— Mari Frye, Brian Haley
Counters: Sharon Berger, Anita Murphy
Flowers: The Caseys
Nursery: Smith

- 14 to 16 oz. jar of peanut butter
- Medium box of noodles
- 1 lb. box of rice
- Dry cereal (box or bag)
- Large can of spaghetti sauce





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RETURN SERVICE
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