



ST. ANDREW'S Lutheran Church



January 2022

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**CHRISTMAS
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JOY!**

PASTOR'S PAGE



Dear Friends in Christ,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

And it's going to be wonderful. We don't know what it might bring pandemic wise, but this community has ministered on through 2021 and it will do so in 2022. With proper precautions and safeguards we will meet and worship. We must, simply must, do everything we can to stay connected especially with those who cannot be with us due to Covid concerns.

There are many things to which we can look forward in the new year. I expect, am almost certain, that we will have Wednesday evening Lenten worship services in person this year. The dramas are written. We will return to the theme of "For Everyone A Place At The Table." We expect to have two new adult Sunday School classes start, so keep your eyes open for them. Dramarama, a summer camp for youth, is already funded and planned for June of this year. We will have a Deaconal Intern for 6 months (see article). Also keep your eyes and ears open for information about an upcoming "capital campaign" to renovate the narthex, repave the parking lot, and redo the kitchen. All the details are not worked out but we need to start getting excited about it.

There is so much more that the new year will bring. Unfortunately, it will also bring loss. That is life. That is honest life.

Of course, the center of our community, the core of our life together, is worship. Each and every Sunday we gather for word and sacrament to be united in the love and grace of God. This year, let's continue our faithful worship. It makes all the difference in God's world.

Peace,
PT

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS/CONGREGATIONAL TEAMS

HIGHLIGHTS

Devotions were shared by Mary Lynn Fulmer.

Minutes were approved.

Curtis Amick gave his President's report and commented on the financial reports.

Pastor's and Deacon's reports were accepted.

Under "Old Business" the discussion was continued regarding donating the bus to Lutheran Services Carolinas. They do want it, but some details have to be worked out.

Elections were held for 2022.

- President: Anna Berger
- Vice President: Georgia Godfrey
- Secretary: Beth Hutchison
- Treasurer: Judy Venturella
- Financial Secretary: Sharon Berger

Team Assignments were agreed upon.

- Communication – Mary Lynn Fulmer and Darrick Williams
- Finance – Brian Teusink
- Stewardship – Beth Hutchison
- Fellowship – Whanna Boucknight
- Youth – Georgia Godfrey
- Children's Ministry – Ingrid Driggers
- Education – Mandy Glowacki
- Mutual Ministry – Anna Berger and Jason Bradley
- Property – John Bass and Robbie Derrick
- Worship – Jason Bradley
- Cemetery - open
- Social Ministry – Beth Hutchison and Ingrid Driggers

Prayers and concerns were shared

TEAMS

St. Andrew's has many "teams" (committees) that function to enable the church to minister in a variety of ways. If you are interested in helping with any of these please contact the representative or the church office.

- Property: deals with the nuts and bolts of all property issues around the church (John Bass, Robbie Derrick)
- Communication: Helps with internal and external communication efforts (Mary Lynn Fulmer, Darrick Williams)
- Stewardship: works to encourage the gifts of the congregation in financial resources as well as time and talents. (Pastor Trump, Beth Hutchison)
- Fellowship: is engaged in efforts to build community in the congregation. (Mari Frye, Whanna Boucknight)
- Youth: oversees youth activities and programs for those from 7th – 12th grades. (Georgia Godfrey, Susie Derrick, Paige Gibbons, Sandra Holland)
- Children's Ministry: oversees activities for those below the 6th grade in such things as Bible Playday, Luther League and Little Lutherans. (Ingrid Driggers, Sandra Holland)
- Education: works to offer Sunday school and other educational programming. (Mandy Glowacki, Sandra Holland)
- Mutual Ministry: serves as the "personnel" arm of the church. (Anna Berger)
- Worship: Along with staff oversees all areas of worship. (Judy Venturella, Jason Bradley, Pastor Trump, Jenny Walrath)
- Cemetery: deals with all issues involving St. Andrew's Lutheran Church cemetery. (Bobbie Bell, Layne Birdsong)
- Social Ministry: is the "outreach" team of the church, working with members in many areas of service such as Family Promise, Refugee Ministry, feeding programs, and more. (Beth Trump, Erin Johnson, Beth Hutchison, Ingrid Driggers)

INTERN/SEMINARY ENDOWMENT

A NEW FACE DURING THE NEW YEAR!

A DIACONAL INTERN

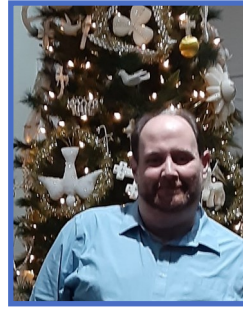
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church has been asked by Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary to host a 6-month part-time diaconal intern during 2022. Council has approved this request. The cost to the church will not exceed the amount presently in the "Internship Support Fund" (approximately \$7000) established for just such a purpose!

We are blessed and honored to have an extremely close relationship with our seminary. Professors, administrative staff, the school chaplain, and dean worship with us. We have had many field-ed students over the years as well as an intern. Our church is recognized as a place of learning and the shaping of future leaders in the church.

Our intern will be Stephen Abbott. He hails from Tennessee. The other part of his internship will be centered in prison ministry and will be overseen by another supervisor. He also has an interest in drama, which should prove of use at St. Andrew's. The expectation for his time at St. Andrew's is approximately 20 hours a week.

It is critical that we recognize that the intern is here to learn. He will be asked to be involved in many ways, and while he will be doing many tasks, he will also require the work of the congregation and staff. Since he seeks to be a deacon, Deacon Holland will be his immediate supervisor with Pastor Trump also participating.

We look forward to meeting and greeting Stephen in the new year. Look for further details. If you have a specific desire to help with this ministry in any way, please contact Deacon Holland.



Greetings to the faith community at St. Andrew's in the name of Christ our Lord! My name is Stephen Abbott and beginning in January 2022 I look forward being the Diaconal intern within your community.

I was born in Memphis, Tennessee on March 7, 1979. I have a BFA in theater and enjoy the arts greatly.

When I am not in school or studying, I get great joy out of spending time in nature to take in the beauty and wonder of God's Creation. I do enjoy the movies and reading but love spending time with friends and their dogs...I am a dog person.

When I graduate I hope to become a prison chaplain. I have a heart for people and love listening and being a help in any way I can. I look forward to working with you all and getting to know you all...though... I may have to ask for names to be repeated at times. My memory is not what it once was. Thank you all again for this opportunity and opening your doors to me. God bless!

—*Stephen Abbott*
MACM student at LTSS

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.



Ding Dong, the DEBT IS GONE!

Just in case you missed it, the DEBT HAS BEEN PAID OFF! St. Andrew's has had a debt of some sort well, it seems forever. There were building programs, then the roof, and the windows, and more. The argument was made that it was "good to have debt" because people would pay toward it, and you did! You paid it off. Thank you for all the gifts over the years that went toward this bill. Now, however, we are debt free. What might those dollars do in ministry? How might they help? People who gave to the debt are also asking how they should now direct those dollars. Current and Benevolence is a critical need. There are other funds to which anyone can donate. So, once again: THANK YOU SO MUCH!

St Andrew Lutheran Church Statement of Income and Expense

November of Fiscal Year 2021

Fund: 01 - General

	November Actual	2021 YTD Actual
Current and Benevolence Giving	\$ 44,803.02	\$ 441,918.47
Expenses	\$ 41,720.51	\$ 447,770.25
Expenses under (over) <u>Giving</u>	<u>\$ 3,082.51</u>	<u>\$ (5,851.78)</u>
Current and Benevolence Giving	\$ 44,803.02	\$ 441,918.47
Budget	\$ 48,141.16	\$ 543,972.76
Giving (under) over <u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ (3,338.14)</u>	<u>\$ (102,054.29)</u>

Debt Retirement Fund Balance as of 1/1/2021	\$ 17,500.82
Funds received in 2021	\$ 25,780.00
Thrivent Principal Payments in 2021	\$ (41,328.81)
Thrivent Interest Payments in 2021	\$ (834.56)
Current Debt Retirement Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,117.45</u>

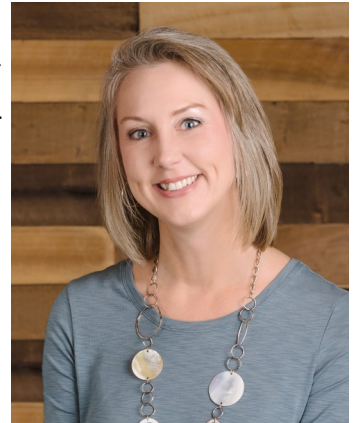
Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance as of 1/1/21	41,328.81
Principal Payments in 2021	<u>(41,328.81)</u>
Current Outstanding Thrivent Loan Balance	<u>0.00</u>

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

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Now that most of the Christmas decorations and gifts have been put away, many of us may turn our thoughts to identify goals for the new year. As we consider the areas of our lives we want to improve, we are called to think about our faith journeys. Epiphany is an important part of the Christmas season in our church and in our journey as Christians. The nativity star shone brightly to guide the wise men to meet the Son of Man and proclaim His birth. How does the nativity star shine for you and me? How has the birth of Jesus shaped who we are and how we live our lives? We are called to reflect and ponder what God has done, is doing, and will do in our lives. In what ways can we serve Him and others out of thanksgiving and love?



Being part of our church community is an important part of my life. I am fed and nourished during worship, Sunday School discussions, and sharing life's joys and challenges with church friends. Though these opportunities have been different during the past two years, I am grateful for our church staff that has worked diligently to provide a multitude of worship opportunities in the safest manner possible during COVID. Whether you've participated in outdoor services, socially-distanced indoor services, online worship or Sunday School discussions, or virtual story time with the children, we pray the Holy Spirit has been at work. Thank you for your gifts that have supported our ministry.

Immanuel means God is with us in each step we take in our lives and in every relationship we have. God has given us the magnificent gift of His son – the gift of joy, hope, peace, and love. Just like the first Noel more than 2000 years ago, we need Immanuel today. May our relationship with Christ and each other bring us joy, peace, and hope in our lives and spur us on to serve and love.

—Anna Berger

CONFIRMANDS

We rejoice with our confirmands,
Rebecca LaSalle and
Makenna Schodowski, on their
affirmation of baptism.



EDUCATION

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR TRUMP

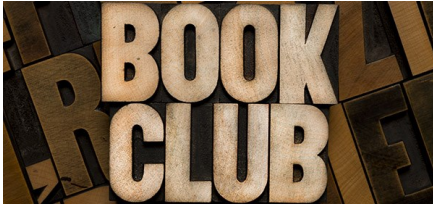
Disciples Bible Study meets every Monday at 11:00 a.m. in the conference room, and every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room and via [Zoom](#).

Retired and Restless Bible Study meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children and Youth Sunday School classes meet at church every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The Genesis Adult Sunday School class meets at church and via [Zoom](#).

FELLOWSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES



As we turn our calendars to a new month and a new year, **All Booked Up**, the book club for all ladies of St. Andrew's, will also be ushering in the new year with a few changes. We are moving to a new day and time. **All Booked Up** will meet on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 6:30p.m., for our first book club of 2022! While we had hoped to begin the new year afresh, unfortunately we will gather in the same manner as we began last year . . . Zooming!! As the Covid numbers are trending upward, **All Booked Up** will once again be a Zoom meeting until such time as we can return to in-person gatherings.

The book, *"No Cure for Being Human,"* by Kate Bowler was suggested by Joyce and Sandra, but no decision was made. That being said, let's Zoom on January 20th and we can decide if *"No Cure for Being Human"* will be the book of the month for February, or for a future month. Please bring your list of book ideas for 2022 to discuss so we can plan out a few months of reading.

If you are interested in being a part of this group or would like more information, please contact Kristine Thompson (k_a_thompson1326@outlook.com).

YOUTH NEWS

(7th-12th graders)



PARENTS' MEETING

When: January 10 at 7:00 p.m. via [Zoom](#)

Where: At your home

Details: Parents only conversation with Paige, PT and Deacon Holland, about youth group matters, scheduling, and summer service projects. Bring your questions, concerns, activity suggestions, and calendars!

SERVICE PROJECT PLANNING AND PASSING OUT HOT CHOCOLATE



When: January 23 at 11:30 AM

Where: Youth Room

Details: The youth group will be partnering with Keepin' It Real Ministries SC for a February supply drive. We will spend the afternoon learning about how we can serve the homeless population in our community and how God calls us to do so. We will be planning for and setting up the service project and then we will head to Finley Park to pass out hot chocolate to those staying in the park. Congregation: Look for a special e-news in coming weeks with more information about the February supply drive.

FELLOWSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

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 this month.



Lutheran Men meet the second Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be January 11 at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please welcome our new officers:

President: Shawn Skillman

Vice President: Steve Slice

Secretary: Andy Connaker

Treasurer: Darrick Williams

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.



The 2 WELCA circles have joined. We have renamed the group **Lutheran Women of St Andrew's Lutheran Church. (LWSALC)**

Lutheran Women meet the first **Wednesday** of each month at **10:30 a.m.** in the conference room. Our next meeting will be **February 2, 2022**. All women are invited to join our group.



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

A week of camp can make a difference in the lives of children! It's time to register your child or teenager at Novusway.org. The church will help pay for part of your registration fee. Questions about camp - contact Deacon Sandra.

FELLOWSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

HANDBELL RINGERS NEEDED!



We have several dedicated handbell ringers that can't play for the spring season, and we need some new ringers to help prepare for Lent and Easter. If you are able to serve in this aspect of music ministry, please contact Jenny Walrath at jwalrath@salutheran.com. Handbell choir meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and you will be warmly welcomed!

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL WRITERS NEEDED



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2, and with that will be our Lenten devotional book written by people in the St. Andrew's family. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry project, please contact Deacon Holland.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

January

14 to 16 oz. jar of peanut butter
20 to 24 oz. jar of jelly/jam
Dry cereal (box or bag)
14-16 oz. can of fruit

February

14 to 16 oz. jar of peanut butter
Box of macaroni and cheese
Large can of spaghetti sauce
Medium box of noodles
1 lb. box of rice



FAMILY PROMISE OF THE MIDLANDS 2022 **HOST DATES FOR ST. ANDREW'S**

January 23—30

May 15—22

September 25—October 2

December 25—January 1 (Christmas and new Year's Eve)

It has not yet been decided if families will be able to spend their weeks at church, but, more information forthcoming.



APPRECIATION

December 2, 2021

Dear St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Family,

Thank you for helping my family. Due to my health problems I have been out of work for two years with no help for my family. I can't work and my wife can't work because she has to stay with me. Your gift has been a blessing. I can't thank you enough for helping a family in need. Keep helping families in need. God Bless your church.

—Steven, Ellen, and Tykia Smith
Family Promise Family

BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

Jan 1	Beth Mullins	Jan 16	Georgia Godfrey	Jan 22	C. Joe Meador
Jan 2	Brian Haley	Jan 16	Allen Semones	Jan 23	Ed Bruce
Jan 3	Grant Erd	Jan 17	Mariko Scott	Jan 24	Keenan Shealy
Jan 5	Tara Taylor	Jan 17	Jessica Ray	Jan 25	Jake Derrick
Jan 6	Nathan Mullins	Jan 18	Darrin Player	Jan 25	Susan Young
Jan 8	Robbie Derrick	Jan 20	Jill Areheart	Jan 26	Gillian Gilmer
Jan 9	Kaitlyn Berger	Jan 20	Austin Parks	Jan 26	Foster Hastie
Jan 10	Bryan Potts	Jan 20	Noah Trump	Jan 28	Stacey Bradley
Jan 12	Pedro Robles	Jan 20	Samuel Trump	Jan 28	Lisa Player
Jan 12	Edna Wheeler	Jan 21	Erin Daly	Jan 29	Claude Galarneau
Jan 14	Barb Teusink	Jan 21	Helmut Von Schweinitz		



PRAYERS AND MEMORIALS

FRIENDS & RELATIVES

- Katie, Tom and Theresa Henry's niece
- Corbett Anderson, nephew of Amy Vickers and grandchild of Mike and Susan Beeler.
- Stephen Finger, friend of Jan Bass
- Sandra Ouzts, sister of Debra Ouzts
- 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
- Edna Wheeler's nephew, Gary Todd
- Mike Chase, cousin of Vicky Henderson
- Frances Dyches, sister of Bobbie Bell

HOMEBOUND

- Sarah Cook
- Jackie Darby
- Sharon Guest
- Shirley Swanson
- Shirley Sanders
- Charles Dawkins

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
- Vern Free, Generations of Chapin

MEMBERS WITH PRAYER CONCERNS

- Pete Cox, PruittHealth Rehab
- Jolene Stalzer, cancer treatments
- Jeanne Thompson, cancer treatments
- Steve Slice, recovering at home
- Robert Lunsford

CONDOLENCES...

The family of friends of Tish Brown who passed away on December 24. A memorial service will be held at St. Andrew's on Sunday, January 16th at 3:00 p.m. Visitation will be at 2:00 p.m.

The family and friends of David Fisher who passed away on December 22. A funeral service will be held in Greenville, SC where his family lives.

MEMORIALS

- In memory of Alice and Charlie Thompson, given by Marjie Mills
- In memory of Jimmie Lee and Catherine Koon, given by Kathy, Dan, Danny, and Katie Kirkland
- In honor of David and Lenora Britt, given by Kathy, Dan, Danny, and Katie Kirkland
- In memory of Jeep and Mary Rogers, given by Joyce R. Ellisor
- In honor of Pastor Trump, given by Joyce R. Ellisor
- In honor of Mary DeHihns, given by JG and Deborah DeHihns
- In memory of Joe Berger, given by Anna and Bart Berger
- In honor of Claude Galarneau and Robert Lunsford, given by Anna and Bart Berger
- In honor of Sharon Berger, Sybil Long, Dollie Lunsford, Bobbie Bell, Bernice Sims and Barbara Galarneau, given by Anna and Bart Berger.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

January 9

Lay Assistant: Jay Folk
Reader: Brian Teusink (10:30 a.m.)
Acolyte: John Driggers
Council Collections: Beth Hutchison
Recycling: Claire and Layne Birdsong
Altar Guild: Sharon Berger
9:30 Ushers: Beth Mullins, Curtis Amick
10:30 Ushers: Robert Luther, Paul Osmundson
Counters: Sharon Berger, Bobbie Bell
Nursery: Birdsong

January 16

Lay Assistant: Pat Gagliano
Reader: Stephen Abbott
Council Collections: Beth Hutchison
Acolyte: Jonathon Varco
Recycling: Claire and Layne Birdsong
Altar Guild: Sharon Berger
9:30 Ushers: Mari Frye, Brian Haley
10:30 Ushers: Layne Birdsong, Curtis Amick
Counters: Sharon Berger, Mary Ann Jacobs
Flowers: TBD
Nursery: Connaker

January 23

Lay Assistant: Beth Mullins
Reader: Mary DeHihns (10:30 a.m.)
Acolyte: Hannah Smith
Council Collections: Beth Hutchison
Recycling: Claire and Layne Birdsong
Altar Guild: Sharon Berger
9:30 Ushers: Beth Mullins, Curtis Amick
10:30 Ushers: Mari Frye, Brian Haley
Counters: Bobbie Bell, Susan Beeler
Flowers: TBD
Nursery: LaSalle

January 30

Lay Assistant: Robin Semones
Reader: Linda Hughes (10:30 a.m.)
Acolyte: Ligaya Ratcliff
Council Collections: Beth Hutchison
Recycling: Claire and Layne Birdsong
Altar Guild: Sharon Berger
9:30 Ushers: Beth Mullins, Curtis Amick
10:30 Ushers: Mari Frye, Brian Haley
Counters: Sharon Berger, Anita Murphy
Flowers: TBD
Nursery: Skillman

JANUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Youth Group	3 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study	4	5 10:30 a.m. WELCA 5:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6	7	8
9 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship	10 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Youth Parent Meeting via Zoom	11 6:15 p.m. Lutheran Men	12 11:00 a.m. Retired and Restless Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Disciple's Bible Study in person and via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	13 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	14	15
16 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship	17 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal	18	19 5:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	20 6:30 p.m. All Booked Up Ladies book club	21 8:45 a.m. Soup Kitchen Washington Street Methodist	22
23/30 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship 23rd—11:30 a.m. Youth Service Project 23—30 Family Promise	24/31 11:00 a.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal Family Promise	25 Family Promise	26 11:00 a.m. Retired and Restless Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Disciples Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Family Promise	27 Family Promise	28 Family Promise	29 Family Promise

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS





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Nancy Gibbons

Office Administrator

Mari Frye

Youth Ministry Associate

Paige Gibbons

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