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Almighty God, as the apostle Andrew readily obeyed the call of Christ and followed Him without delay, grant that we, called by your holy word, may in glad obedience offer ourselves to your service.

SAIN T ANDREW'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SAIN TS ALIVE !

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ~Hebrews 10:23

I don't know about you, but I am not one who likes being provoked. In fact, in current culture, provocation is decidedly something to avoid. It feels inherently dangerous. To be sure the United States lives in a time that is at once safer than it has ever been and at the very same time filled with news of violence. Sometimes there is a sense that the violence is unprovoked. Other times there is a back story, even warning.

In times like this there are many ways to respond. Without necessarily thinking about it, every member of society answers key questions about where they ultimately put their faith. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews addressed a community that was wavering in their trust. For them, God's salvation through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ was, well, fainting a bit.

It is no accident that the church hears from Hebrews on Good Friday. The author asserts the promises of God are true and trustworthy. The author exhorts followers of Jesus, believers in Jesus, to trust in God, "hold fast to the confession of hope without wavering."

Then it comes. With a delicious little gem the author continues with these words: "And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds." (10:24)

Now this is a different kind of provocation. Perhaps it is not unlike the words of one who greeted me after the installation service: "Congratulations! Now it's time to get to work."

Yes, it is time for us to get to work imagining together what God is calling Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church to be and do. Yes, it is time to get to work wrestling with God and with the Columbia context. Yes, it is time to get to work paying attention to those areas of shared ministry that are worthy of celebrating. I can think of the prayer ministries of this congregation, the rich and varied Bible study opportunities, the worship life, the music. To be sure, there are some areas that we all need to get to work building up for the sake of the reign of God. I suspect each person has their own pet list.

At the same time, opportunities abound! There are so many places to serve in worship, in faith formation ministries (Sunday School, Confirmation Ministry, Youth Ministry as well as adult faith explorations), in community life, in service, in generosity.

I was happy to find Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church on my "Give Plus Church" smartphone app from Vanco. I have set up my regular offering as a recurring event. I'm happy to speak with you about my stewardship commitments. For now, let it suffice to say that

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FOR MORE INFORMATION
ABOUT ACTIVITIES**

www.saintandrewslutheran.org
**Next Saints Alive Newsletter Deadline,
Monday, March 19, 2018**

Send entries to:
georgev@saintandrewslutheran.org
**Items for the weekend announcement page
are due by 9 am Tuesday morning**

WORSHIP AT SAINT ANDREW'S

Saturday 6:30 p.m., worship in an informal setting
Holy Communion is offered at all weekend services.

On the Wednesdays between Ash Wednesday and Holy Week, we will gather for a simple soup supper at 5:30 p.m., followed by worship at 6:30p.m. (with choir rehearsals following worship). Please look for more information in the bulletin.

March 3/4 – 3 Lent

Saturday 6:30 p.m.
Sunday Morning 8:30 and 11:00 – *ELW 5*
Scripture: John 2: 13-22

March 10/11 – 4 Lent

Saturday 6:30 p.m.
Sunday Morning 8:30 - *ELW 8*
led by Resurrection
11:00 – *ELW 5*
Scripture: John 3:14-21

March 17/18 – 5 Lent

Saturday 6:30 p.m.
Sunday Morning 8:30 and 11:00 – *ELW 5*
Scripture: John 12:20-33

March 24/25 – *Passion/Palm Sunday*

Saturday 6:30 p.m.
Sunday Morning 8:30 and 11:00 – *ELW 5*
Scripture: Mark 15:1-39, 40-47

Mid-Week Worship

Wednesdays, February 21 – March 21

5:30 p.m. – Soup Supper
6:30 p.m. – Lenten Evening Prayer

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCOOP

Faith Stepping Stones recording:

Feb 25: (record Pre-K and K)
Mar 4: (record 1st and 2nd grade)
Mar 11: (record 3rd and 4th grade)
Mar 18: (record 5th grade)

We've got two exciting stories left for the year. The dates and rotations are below. Please join us!

Feb 25: Faith Stepping Stones
March 4, 11 & 18: "Ruth" with Games, Cooking & Video workshops
No Sunday School on 3/25 (Palm Sunday) or 4/1 (Easter)
April 8, 15, 22 & 29: "The Storm" with Art, Games, Cooking & Science workshops

Lent is about New Life!

The middle of February brought Ash Wednesday. Lent began. As March approaches so does the half-way point in the Lenten Journey. This journey is a time for self-examination taken with a discipline that can rework neural pathways. In short, for those new to faith, Lent has historically been a time of final preparation for Baptism. For those active in their faith, it is an opportunity to reflect on relationship with God and God's creation, seeking to more clearly follow the ways of the reign of God. And for those who have pretty much given up on the faith, Lent can be a time for renewed faithful living within the community of the church. Such reworking of our being suggests that Lent is a season not to be taken lightly.

Please join in worship on Sundays as the readings lead from testing in the wilderness to the entry into Jerusalem. In addition, join in mid-week Evening Prayer as the focus will be on the many ways God seeks relationship in creation, salvation, and new life. The Evening Prayer services are relatively brief—30-40 minutes—and can be a way to stop for just a bit and reflect on God's presence in life.

When the church enters Holy Week with Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday, the mood intensifies. It is not too late to commit to the disciplines of Lent, to commit to renewed clarity in relationship with God.

Each Week

Saturday Worship is at 6:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship is at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

March 7, 14, 21

Wednesday Lenten Mid-week Evening Prayer is at 6:30 p.m.
A simple soup supper precedes Evening Prayer.

Holy Week Worship

Saturday, March 24th, Worship with Communion at 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 25, Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, March 29, Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, March 30, Good Friday Worship at 7:00 p.m.

The Resurrection of Our Lord!

Saturday, March 31, Easter Vigil Service at 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 1
Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m.
Easter Festival Worship at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Contacting the Senior Pastor

As the transition has progressed, Pastor Frerichs now has an email address available for contact. Feel free to reach out to him at pastordavid@saintandrewslutheran.org.

In case of pastoral emergency outside of office hours, you may reach Pastor Frerichs at 402-741-2935.

CONFIRMATION CORNER

- Schedule for March and April
- Sunday, March 4:** Whylie 12
- Sunday, March 18:** Whylie 13
- Sunday, April 8:** Whylie 14
- Sunday, April 22:** Whylie 15

Our gratitude to those who volunteered at **Loaves and Fishes** to help feed the hungry on Sunday, January 28, 2018. Thank you to Jayne Young, Alexis and Erica Garrison, Lauren Lessiack, Brock Loesing, Josh and MariBeth Couch, Sarah Whitson, Bobette Rose, Dawn Lessiack and Jenine Loesing for serving and cleaning up. Our thanks to Bobette Rose, Dawn Lessiack and Jenine Loesing for cooking the meal. Thank you also to Bobette Rose, Dawn Lessiack, Jayne Young, Jenine Loesing, The Garrison Family, and the Berg Family for donating groceries and supplies.

The menu was: Chili mac casserole, garlic bread, lettuce salad, brownies, milk, coffee and water. There were 70 people served (additional 8 second servings). There were 38 take-outs distributed as well.

Please consider helping with this life-giving ministry. The next time for service is Sunday, February 25, 2018. Sign-up sheets for the calendar year are in the narthex. We remember the words of Jesus . . . just as you did to one of the least of these . . . you did it to me. Matthew 25:40.



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even when folks do not see me putting anything in the plate, the offering is being made. That may be true for many of you. This too is an opportunity.

Perhaps the author of Hebrews is absolutely correct. Perhaps this is a season for “provoking one another to love and good deeds.” Perhaps this time of Lent is precisely the time for us all to explore together the new life that God is calling Saint Andrew’s Lutheran Church to live next.

Thank you all for partnership in this journey.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor David Frerichs

Saint Andrew’s Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, March 17, 8am-1pm
Benefits 8th graders going to Rainbow Trail

Drop off your items:

During church hours on Sundays

Thursday, March 15: 9am-5pm

Friday, March 16: all day

Please contact Wendy Fischer if you need an evening time or need help transporting items

****We will not be accepting Tube TV’s****

Set-up will begin on Thursday and will continue Friday until finished.

We would love some extra volunteers!

If you are willing to help set-up, please contact Wendy at carterwj@missouri.edu 573-881-3909



Men’s Breakfast

Saturday, March 3rd
at 7:30am in the Church Fellowship Hall

Altar Flowers

Please consider signing up to provide flowers for the altar. You may dedicate them to celebrate, honor, or remember a person or an occasion. We print the dedication in the weekly bulletin insert. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex near the kitchen. Thank you for sharing in this ministry.

We Remember in Prayer . . .

*Almighty God,
you gave your apostle Andrew the grace
to obey the call of your Son
and to bring his brother to Jesus.
Give us also, who are called by your holy word,
grace to follow Jesus without delay
and to bring into his presence those who are near to us,
for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen*

**O God, bring into your presence those who
wrestle with illness, addiction, and other struggles
of body and mind, especially . . .**

Vern Provancha	Shirley Drummond
JC Delamore	Robert Aho
Stephanie Hsiung	Joanne Boomer
Rebecca Schroeder	Ella Romine
Barb Lewis	Sandy Roberts
Nadine Thurman	Jim Waldrip
Christy Provancha	Amy Macy
Bill Lowe	Fay Stormont
Eloise Hoff	Rhyan Loos
Charles Behrens	Daniel Rickwa
Phyllis Glasker	Kate Donaghy
Jim Krupski	Sonny Rickards
Walter Rehwaldt	Siri Bruhn
Jim Steele	Connie Pelley
Roger Stocker	David Anliker
Debbie Franklin	Elsie Moed
Arlene Cunningham	Chris Grice
Jackie Tucker	Paula Schmitz
Milly Cheak	Judy Joseph
Dave Goesen	Holly Larson
Jagger Smoot	Cecilia Antunes
Ida Gastler	Sue Nord
Liz Strong	Valencia Clemons-Bush
Bill Morgan	Gayle Buzard

and the women of the Boone County Jail with whom
we minister:

Marie, Lesli, Melissa, Tanya, Melinda, Demetres, Heather,
Carrie, Aleasha, Eden, Demetria and Amber.

Those recovering from mudslides and rain, from hurri-
canes and earthquakes, from ice storms and blizzards, from
extremes of heat and cold, and from natural disasters of
every kind;

**O God, bring into your presence those who grieve
the loss of loved ones, especially the family and
friends of . . .**

the family and friends of Greg Cupp, family friend of Jeff
Skinner, who died on February 8th.

the family and friends of Alvin Swearingen, father of Al
Swearingen, who died in February.

the family of Danny Steen, cousin of Stephanie Lee, who
died on February 1 after battling cancer.

the family and friends of Olive Newman, a charter member
of St. Andrew's, who died on January 24th.

**O God, bring into your presence those who
celebrate, especially . . .**

Alexis Diane Skinner, daughter of Beth and Jeff Skinner,
grand-daughter of Patti Skinner born Thursday of last
week.

**O God, bring into your presence those who serve
in the military, that they may serve honorably and
return home safely, especially . . .**

Will Parker and David Desmond, deployed in Central
Asia; and Brayden Coy, Matthew Lee Nick Miller, Travis
Miller, Kevin Grove, Grant Hopwood and those serving
elsewhere.

**O God, bring into your presence all for whom we
pray, that they may know your grace, your love,
and your peace.**

We are grateful!

Thank you to our bulletin volunteers for the past month: **Kay Maas** and **Joyce Sandin**. Thank you to the Ruth
Circle volunteers who assembled the January 25th *Saints Alive* newsletter for mailing: **Kathy Hagen, Dorcas
and Red Leighton**.

Thanks

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Dawn and I have appreciated our welcome to Saint Andrew’s Lutheran Church and to the Columbia community so much. In many and various ways this congregation has been thoughtful, kind, and attentive. So many people worked together to host and lead the installation worship service. Volunteers and staff alike have really pulled together to make this transition a delight.

Thank you for the gifts—the framed Saint Andrew’s Prayer and Cross necklace, the mystery quilt that appeared in the study, the generous offers of information about local establishments and hidden treasures. All of this has given us a clear sense of welcome.

Many of you have said, “We are so glad you are here.” Please know that we are glad to be here as well. We look forward to sharing in ministry with this congregation for as long as it pleases the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor David and Dawn Frerichs



We rejoice in the baptism of Eislyn Johnston on February 11th. Her parents, Jason and Ashley Johnston and her siblings, Declan and Fenton , and family and friends celebrated this day with her.

Happy March Birthday!



If your birthday is missing from this list, please contact the church office (449-5674).

Buddy Anliker	3/2	Taylor Florence	3/18
Paige Boomer	3/2	Stephanie Hose	3/18
Laverne Detert	3/3	Olivia Heimsoth	3/19
Kate Forward	3/3	David Ehlmann	3/20
Sara Studt	3/3	Randy Lee	3/20
Gabriel Zamora	3/3	Linda Buchheit	3/21
Gideon Hynek	3/5	Jonathon Zars	3/21
Bob Reys	3/6	Paul Boomer	3/22
Carol Waudby	3/6	Amanda Taylor	3/23
Doug Cornelison	3/6	Stephanie Lee	3/24
Mary Hussmann	3/8	Owen Wegner	3/24
Lynn McIntosh	3/8	Elizabeth Edler	3/25
Timothy McIntosh	3/9	Joseph Howland	3/25
Brian Canaday	3/10	Emma Keicher	3/25
Konnor Kite	3/10	Jerry Nelson	3/25
Katie Koopman	3/10	Melanie Pancoast	3/25
Blake Tekotte	3/10	Shari Freyermuth	3/26
Chris Arbuckle	3/11	Katy Howland	3/27
Josie Heimsoth	3/11	Emma Fischer	3/28
Erica Garrison	3/12	Taylor Jersak	3/28
Lori Mott	3/12	Douglas Hurt	3/29
Anthony Hose	3/13	Linda Markgraf	3/29
Trygve Veum	3/16	Rick McKernan	3/29
Stella West	3/16	Richard Chapman	3/30
Kaitlin Westbrook	3/17	Joyce Fobes	3/30
Ryan Florence	3/18		



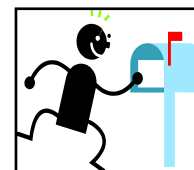
Women’s Circles:

Esther Circle—meets on the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting is March 8th at 6:45 pm

Ruth Circle—meets on the third Tuesday of each month. They will meet next on March 20th at 12:45 pm.

Spring Volunteer Schedule is Out!

Ministry volunteers—please check your mailbox for your spring ministry schedule! Thank you for all your help!





Love an overseas farmer ... offering March 17-18



Did you know?

- Joining with Peace UCC-Hartsburg farmers, we've raised more than \$286,000 to help overseas farmers learn sustainable agriculture since 2003!
- That amount of money has helped more than 5,208 overseas farmers!
- We've also supported Peace Lutheran-Salisbury in the past three years. That project has raised more than \$30,000 in those years – helping 545 overseas farmers!
- Our offering goes to the Missouri farmers to pay for crop costs. They sell the crops – and the profits go to FRB. We designate our share to FRB/LWR programs. Check the display in the narthex for pictures from those programs.
- Overseas farmers learn conservation methods, irrigation, marketing and more. Helping a farmer means his/her family's health is improved and the children will be able to go to school.



Need help with LWR quilts

- Join us for tying quilts – only need to know how to tie a knot! Next quilting dates: Feb. 23, March 9, March 23 from 9-11:30.
- We really need people who can cut squares – fabric provided. If interested, contact Meg Tuttle, lmtuttle@sbcglobal.net.

Finances for the Mission of St. Andrew's			
Budget/Giving Analysis through January 2018			
		January	Year
January Summary		2018	to Date
	Giving toward the Budget(1)	\$ 38,005	\$ 38,005
	Actual Expenses for Budgeted Items	\$ 39,914	\$ 39,914
	Giving over/(under) Expenses	\$ (1,909)	\$ (1,909)
Response to Budget			
	Budget (Spending Estimate) Approved at 1/28/18 Annual Meeting (2)	\$ 39,623	\$ 39,623
	Giving over/(under) Budget	\$ (1,618)	\$ (1,618)
Nonbudget Special Offerings			
	Endowment Fund	\$ 1,504	\$ 1,504
	Hymn Society	\$ 965	\$ 965
Notes:			
	(1) January giving decreased 6.3% over January 2017		
	(2) Monthly budget is 1/12 of \$475,480 annual budget		

March 2018

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12 pm Hope for Healing (AFG) 5 pm LFCS Young Parents 7 pm Mutual Ministry Mtg.	2 4 pm Violin Group	3 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 5:30 pm Service Rehearsal 6:30 pm Worship w/ Communion
4 8:30 am Worship-Communion 11 am Worship- Communion 6 pm Confirmation—Whylic	5 7 pm Women and the Word 7 pm Troop 706 Meeting	6 9 am Quilting Prep 12 pm Hope for Healing (AFG) 7 pm Overeater's Anonymous	7 7 am Men's Bible Study 10 am Women and the Word 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Midweek Worship 7:45 pm Adult Choir	8 12 pm Hope for Healing (AFG) 6 pm Resurrection Band 6:45 pm Esther Circle	9 9 am Quilting Group	10 5:30 pm Service Rehearsal 6:30 pm Worship w/ Communion
11 8:30 am Worship-Communion led by Resurrection 10 am Christian Education 11 am Worship- Communion	12 7 pm Women and the Word 7 pm Troop 706 Meeting	13 12 pm Hope for Healing (AFG) 7 pm Overeater's Anonymous	14 7 am Men's Bible Study 10 am Women and the Word 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Midweek Worship 7:45 pm Adult Choir	15 12 pm Hope for Healing (AFG) 5:30 pm Council Mtg.	16 Church Garage Sale Set-up	17 Church Garage Sale 8 am — 1 pm 5:30 pm Service Rehearsal 6:30 pm Worship w/ Communion
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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday—March 24/25

Saturday 6:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Procession with Palms
The Story of God's Self-emptying Love

Maundy Thursday—March 29

Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
The Great Commandment

Good Friday—March 30

Friday, 7:00 p.m.
Prayers at the Cross

Easter—March 31, April 1

Saturday 6:30 p.m.
Keeping the Vigil
Sunday
Sunrise 6:30 a.m.
Glorious Light of New Life
Outdoors—dress for the weather
Festival Worship 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
He has been Raised!