



January 26, 2017

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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.*

SAINTE ANDREW'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SAINTS ALIVE !

Sometime in the future, there is a sentence that will be spoken with great joy in the middle of worship at St. Andrew's:

After prayerful deliberation, we, of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church have called \_\_\_\_\_ as pastor. I present *him/her* and this letter certifying the call.

The bishop or bishop's representative will greet the pastor, and ask questions of him or her about his or her willingness to serve. Then the bishop or bishop's representative will turn to the congregation with a few questions:

People of God, will you receive \_\_\_\_\_ as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard *him/her* as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Will you pray for *him/her*, help and honor *him/ her* for *his/her* work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Today, that sentence and those questions are well in the future. We don't yet know whose name to put in that blank, or whether to say "him" or "her." But now we are a step closer.

Earlier in January, the council voted to name a call committee, comprised of John Farmer, Susan Goldammer, Brent Lewis, Jenine Loesing, Dave Murphy, Beth Shapiro, Michelle Froese (alternate), and Harry Lewis (alternate). We installed them as the call committee in worship on January 28/29, praying for them and promising our support to them.

But what does that mean?

It means we will speak to them, offering them our best wisdom about what God is doing among us and where we see God leading us. It means we will listen to them, as they offer us their best wisdom about what they have heard – from us and from the Holy Spirit. It means we will gather with them when they call us, and we will allow them to work among themselves when confidentiality is called for. It means we will

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Saint Andrew's Staff

Peter Rehwaldt, *Interim Pastor*  
George Varghese, *Parish Administrator & Newsletter Editor*  
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Sheryl Mehrhoff, *Organist*  
Crystal Lee, *Youth & Family Ministry*  
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**Next Saints Alive Newsletter Deadline,  
Monday, February 20, 2017**

Send entries to:

[georgev@saintandrewslutheran.org](mailto:georgev@saintandrewslutheran.org)

**Items for the weekend announcement page  
are due by 9 am Tuesday morning**

**WORSHIP AT SAINT ANDREW'S**

Holy Communion is offered at all weekend services.

**February 4/5 – Epiphany 5**

Saturday 6:30 p.m.  
 Sunday Morning 8:30 and 11:00 – *ELW 1*  
 Scripture: Matthew 5:13-20

**February 11/12 – Epiphany 6**

Saturday 6:30 p.m.  
 Sunday Morning 8:30 – led by Resurrection  
 11:00 – *ELW 1*  
 Scripture: Matthew 5:21-37

**February 18/19 – Epiphany 7**

Saturday 6:30 p.m.  
 Sunday Morning 8:30 and 11:00 – *ELW 1*  
 Scripture: Matthew 5:38-48

**February 25/26 – Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Saturday 6:30 p.m.  
 Sunday Morning 8:30 and 11:00 – *ELW 1*  
 Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9

**Women's Circles:**

**Esther Circle**—meets on the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting is February 9th at 6:45 pm.

**Ruth Circle**—meets on the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is on February 21st at 12:45 pm at the church.

**Men's Breakfast**

Saturday, February 4th  
 at 7:30 am in  
 Church Fellowship Hall



**Are You Interested In Jail Ministry?**

St. Andrew's sends a team to the Boone County Jail on the 5th Sunday of every month (4 times a year) to hold a Bible study for the female inmates. It is a meaningful and powerful experience for all involved. Are you interested in joining the team? If so, please contact Susan Goldammer at [susan.goldammer@gmail.com](mailto:susan.goldammer@gmail.com) or 573-489-0338. A background check is required, so plan ahead! The dates for this year are Jan. 29, April 30, July 30, and Oct. 29.

**High School Hub**

These events are for anyone in grades 9-12  
 Friends are always welcome!

**February 11: Movie Night**– 7 pm

Snack will be provided. Please provide Crystal with your choice of movie.

**February 20: Lunch Bunch**– noon

Lunch will be provided. If you need a ride, please let Crystal know!

**February 25: Service Project**– 10:30 am

We will be serving at the Food Bank from 10:30-12:30 and we can plan to do lunch  
 We will meet at the Food Bank.

Sunday mornings there is Sunday school– a chance to talk, have a Bible study, and enjoy some good food.

**Annual Garage Sale**

As you start your spring cleaning, keep in mind the church garage sale which will be on **Saturday, March 18th**. We will welcome your donations in the week prior to the sale. Thanks for your support of the youth.

**Happy February Birthday!**



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

Leo Elsasser	2/1	Kathy Hagen	2/15
Marj Vandepopuliere	2/1	LaVern Provancha	2/15
Sam Blanchard	2/2	Suzanne Neff	2/16
Joshua Miller	2/2	Pat Ehlmann	2/17
Olive Newman	2/2	Willie Provancha	2/17
Adelaide Reaser	2/3	Jill Hurt	2/18
Aarika Bock	2/4	Claire Follett	2/19
Devan Kelley	2/6	Laurie Arbuckle	2/20
C.L. Neill	2/6	Melena Casey	2/20
Chris Fishman-Weaver	2/7	Ryan Studt	2/21
Charles Chapman	2/8	Erin Wegner	2/21
Declan Johnston	2/8	Sophie Froese	2/22
Katherine Mazurek	2/9	Jason Havey	2/24
Deedee Schlichting	2/10	William Hose	2/24
Theo Volz	2/10	Kody Plowman	2/24
Nikia Chapman	2/12	Juanita Spilker	2/24
Brandon Mott	2/12	Haley Chapman	2/27
Emalia Kileo	2/13	Keith Hickey	2/27
Daniel Shapiro	2/14	Noah Huff	2/27
Katrice Williams	2/14	Evan Nickell	2/27
Phil Wood	2/14	Madi Donaghy	2/29
Nancy Gillig	2/15		

### **Sunday School Scoop**

Sunday School starts with Opening in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45. The children will then head to their classes at 10 and Sunday School is over at 10:45. Please pick up your child in their classroom:

PreK/K: Rm. 103  
1st/2nd/3rd: Rm. 105  
4th/5th: Rm. 108

**Feb. 5:** Salt and Light– Matthew 5: 13-20

**Feb. 12:** Jesus Teaches about Anger–  
Matthew: 5:21-37

**Feb. 19:** Love Your Enemies– Matthew 5: 38-48

**Feb. 26:** The Transfiguration– Matthew: 17: 1-13

Faith Stepping Stones will begin recording on Feb. 26.

**6th-8th grade meets in Room 112.**

### **CONFIRMATION CORNER**

#### **6th,7th, 8th graders**

**Sunday, February 5**– Whylie 10  
Super Bowl Sunday  
Meet at noon (lunch provided)

**Sunday, February 12**– small group activities  
Check with your guides

**Friday, February 17**– Lock-in (more info to come)

**Sunday, February 19**– Whylie 11

**Sunday, February 26**– Guides' Huddle

### **January 5th Sunday Offering:** **Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry**

Every month with 5 Sundays St. Andrew's collects a special offering for a community group. On Sun, Jan. 29th, we will collect for the **Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry**. This ministry provides spiritual and emotional support to elderly persons in long-term care and retirement communities through visits, worship opportunities, Bible study and devotions. This ministry is supported by the Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian, United Church of Christ and ELCA Lutheran congregations. Please donate to this worthy organization! Envelopes will be provided or indicate on your check that your donation should go to the 5th Sunday offering.

trust that in all things, they truly have the best wishes for the entire congregation in mind.

We have taken a big step in naming our call committee, but many steps remain. As we proceed down this new path, we will talk about mission and leadership and gifts for ministry. We will talk about our past and talk even more about our future. In a very real way, the call committee will be our guides as together we discern what God has in mind for St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.

And I can't wait to see what that looks like!

Peace,

Pastor Peter

P.S. Many thanks for the cards and gifts at Christmas! I am grateful for your support and partnership, as together we seek to serve God and God's people at St. Andrew's, in Columbia, and around the world.

Our "thanks" to those who volunteered at **Loaves and Fishes** to help feed the hungry on Sunday, January 22, 2017. Our thanks to Dawn Lessiack, Annette Molitor, Bobette Rose, Karon Speckman and Jenine Loesing for cooking the meal. Also, thanks to Bobette Rose, Karon and Paul Speckman, Jeanette Barnhart, Dawn Lessiack, Erica and Lanette Garrison and Jenine Loesing for volunteering to serve and clean up. Thank you also to Mona Freidrichs, Annette Molitor, Bobette Rose, The Garrisons, The Speckmans, and Jenine Loesing for donating groceries.

The menu served included cheesy burger rice casserole, hot vegetables, lettuce salad, bars, cookies, milk, coffee, lemonade and water. There were 91 people served. An additional 12 take out sack lunches were distributed.

Please consider helping with this life-giving ministry. The next time for service is **Sunday, February 26, 2017**. 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.

## We Remember in Prayer....

*Almighty God,*

*you gave your apostle Andrew the grace to obey the all 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*

### **We add to our prayers this week:**

Kale Rose, the daughter of Bobette Rose, who is undergoing serious diagnostic testing

### **We continue to offer prayers of hope and healing for:**

Larry Leip	Gayle Buzard
Susan Krings	Amy Macy
Bob Buzard	David Anliker
Molly Zitsch	Elsie Moed
Pat Davidson	Chris Grice
Douglas Miller	Paula Schmitz
Lesli Briggs	Tom Joseph
Rhyan Loos	Holly Larson
Daniel Rickwa	Cecilia Antunes
Konnor Kite	Sue Nord
Mary Fricke	Cleo Uhrig
Joan Chadwick	Juanita Spilker
Mary Goldammer	Olive Newman
Rich Vedder	Valencia Clemons-Bush
Ray Blumenschein	Michael Byrne
Kate Donaghy	Donald Gram
Barbara Fischer	Ken Levy
Sonny Rickards	Jen Mayfield
Siri Bruhn	Jerry Kvasnicka
Connie Pelley	

### **We pray for those in the military:**

Will Parker and Matthew Lee who are deployed in Central Asia, and Brayden Coy, Nick Miller, Travis Miller, Kevin Grove and others, serving in the military.

### **We pray for those with other kinds of needs:**

Those involved with transitions in political offices, especially in Washington DC and Jefferson City; and

Those dealing with harsh winter weather, especially the elderly and the homeless.

### **We pray for our partners in ministry in the Central States Synod:**

Prairie Winds Parish: Trinity Lutheran, Abilene, KS; Faith Lutheran, Junction City, KS; Marion Hill Lutheran, White City, KS; United Evangelical Lutheran, Cole Camp, MO

### **We pray for the those involved in the call process:**

The council;  
The newly named call committee: John Farmer, Susan Goldammer, Brent Lewis, Jenine Loesing, David Murphy, Beth Shapiro, Michelle Froese (alternate), and Harry Lewis (alternate); and

The next pastor of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, whoever that may be.

### **Thank You!**

Thank you to our bulletin volunteers for the past month: **Bill Feickert, Joyce Sandin, and Liz Strong.** Also, thanks to the volunteers who assembled the Dec. 15th *Saints Alive* newsletter for mailing: **Charlotte Gaither, Elaine Grev, Kathy Hagen, Dorcas Leighton, and Mary Ragan.** You are appreciated!

### **\*\*\* Weekend Worship Volunteers \*\*\***

It's almost time to prepare the schedule for the spring quarter. Please submit dates away for March thru May by **Mon, Feb. 6th** using the web terminal, calling the church office at 449-5674 or emailing at [office@saintandrewslutheran.org](mailto:office@saintandrewslutheran.org).

**Thank you for your time and support of Saint Andrew's!**

**We give thanks....**

On behalf of Voluntary Action Center, thank you so much for the generous gift of \$200.00 towards our Holiday Program. Your gift will make a real difference in the lives of families, through this assistance program offered by VAC.

*Nick Foster* (Executive Director)

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Thank you to Ruth Circle for your recent gift of \$50.00. With your generosity, we will continue to support families in crisis and provide a safe haven for children and youth this holiday season.

*April Barnett* (Rainbow House)

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October 2016 Fifth Sunday Offering

I was surprised and delighted to get your letter and check for the MU Eldercare Center. We will use the funds to support the students who are developing and testing new technology to help seniors age in place. It was a very thoughtful gift.

*Marge Shubic*

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On behalf of our staff, volunteers, victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence through True North of Columbia, we would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$100.00 from Ruth Circle.

*Elizabeth Herrera* (Executive Director)

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Dear Friends,  
Lutheran Family and Children’s Services is so grateful for your recent donation to our organization. The partnership we share with St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church and all the members brings joy to the families we serve at LFCS. Blessing to all of you for the New Year,

*Michele Townes* (LFCS)

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Dear Friends:  
Thanks for your compassionate gift for farmers around the world through Food Resource Bank. Your charitable gift of \$80.00 has been received.

*Marv Baldwin* (FRB)

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt—what a treasured gift! We are all doing well here in Helsingborg, adjusting to life after Ezra’s arrival in October. We so look forward to worshipping with you during our visit to Columbia in spring. Much love,

*Anna Murphy Ballan*  
(for Joe, August and baby Ezra)

I am always thankful for the opportunity to be in ministry with the great people of St. Andrew’s! Working with our musicians is a real joy. Thank you for remembering me at Christmas with your cards, gifts, and the monetary gift collected by the congregation.

With thanks for the power of music,

*Nancy Robertson*, Music Minister

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Dear people of St. Andrew’s,  
I want to express my sincere thanks to you for allowing me to serve you as a part-time staff member while our congregation searches for a new pastor. Your kind words of encouragement and support, as well as your thoughtful cards and gifts this Christmas, warm my heart. I thank you also for your generous financial gift to the staff. I am using this gift to purchase new resources that will help me learn more about leading worship, developing sermons, and offering caring visits to our families during times of special need. I pray that the new year will bring you God’s blessings and peace.

*Patti Skinner*

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Dear Saints of Saint Andrew’s,

Thank you! Your inspiring cards, delicious goodies and generous gifts, once again, enhanced our enjoyment of Christmas. I’ve enjoyed another year of making music with lots of soloists, Nancy, the choir and the Resurrection ensemble. Your supportive words and faithful prayers throughout the year are truly appreciated. Many blessings to you in the new year!

*Sheryl Mehrhoff*

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To the Saint Andrew’s Family—Thank you so much for the generous Christmas offering for the staff. I truly appreciate the many expressions of kindness you have shown as I started in my new role here. I truly appreciate working here and serving alongside the people of St. Andrew’s.

*George Varghese*

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To my St. Andrew’s Family– Thank you so much for the cards, gifts, and donations to the staff gift for Christmas. You are all so generous to the staff and the work of the church. Thank you for the support you have provided to me and to the youth ministry!

*Crystal Lee*



## Great results from our joint FRB/LWR growing projects!

We collected \$4,500 for Peace United Church of Christ-Hartsburg farmers and \$500 for Peace Lutheran-Salisbury farmers through our 2016 FRB/LWR Lenten offering and Mission Meal. And the crop sale results are in: As of Jan. 5, the Hartsburg crops yielded \$23,535 – with \$10,000 worth of beans yet to be sold in early 2017. We split the \$23,535 between Peace and St. Andrew's with \$15,687 going to FRB/UCC projects and \$7,848 going to FRB/LWR projects. When the remaining beans are sold, we probably will have another \$1,152 for LWR projects – with a grand total for LWR from the Hartsburg-Columbia project at \$9,000. Peace Lutheran-Salisbury sent \$8,860 to FRB/LWR overseas farming projects. Even with low crop prices, yields were good!

Our designated LWR funds will be used where needed on the following LWR programs:

**India-Banka Dumka Jamui:** Working in 12 communities, the program will work with women farmers, helping them improve their sustainable agriculture practices, livestock care and diversified farming.

**Kenya-Majueni:** Working with 244 households in four communities, the program will help small-holder farmers struggling with unevenly distributed rainfall, high temperatures and a degraded environment.

**Peru-Castrovirreyna:** Working with eight communities, the program helps indigenous farmers increase the quantity of food available by diversifying farm plots, growing organic foods, establishing seed-banks and learning to market their crops.

<b>Finances for the Mission of St. Andrew's</b>		
<b>Budget/Giving Analysis through December 2016</b>		
<b>December Summary</b>	<b>December 2016</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Giving toward the Budget(1)	\$ 52,479	\$ 489,529
Actual Expenses for Budgeted Items	\$ 31,754	\$ 496,412
Giving over/(under) Expenses	\$ 20,725	\$ (6,883)
<b>Response to Budget</b>		
Budget (Spending Estimate) Approved at 1/24/16 Annual Meeting (2)	\$ 44,486	\$ 533,831
Giving over/(under) Budget	\$ 7,993	\$ (44,302)
<b>Non-budget Special Offerings</b>		
Lutheran Family and Children's Services	\$ 2,508	\$ 2,918
Anonymous Angels	\$ 1,595	\$ 7,016
Endowment Fund	\$ 1,600	\$ 3,135
<b>Notes:</b>		
(1) December giving decreased 14.8% over December 2015; year-to-date giving increased 1.9% over 2015		
(2) Monthly budget is 1/12 of \$533,831 annual budget		

**New Address?**

Please call the church office (449-5674) or email (office@saintandrewslutheran.org) if you have a new address, phone number or email address. Thanks!

# February 2017

**Weather Cancellations**

To learn of cancellations due to weather or other causes, please check:

Our website—  
www.saintandrewslutheran.org  
TV stations KOMU and KMIZ  
Radio stations KFRU and KBIA

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 8:30 am Worship w/ Communion 10 am Christian Education 11 am Worship w/ Communion 12 pm Confirmation	6 6:30 pm Women & Word 7 pm Troop 706 Meeting	7 12 pm Hope for Healing (AA) 4:30 pm College Connections Mtg. 7pm Overeater's Anonymous	1 7 am Men's Bible Study 10:30 am Staff Meeting 12:30 pm Men's Spiritual Gr. 6 pm District At-Anon Mtg. 6:30 pm Hump Day NA Mtg. 7 pm Adult Choir	2 11 am Prayer Group 12 pm Hope for Healing (AA) 7 pm Mutual Ministry	3 9 am Quilting Group	4 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 5:30 pm Service Rehearsal 6:30 pm Worship w/ Communion
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19 8:30 am Worship w/ Communion 10 am Christian Education 11 am Worship w/ Communion 5 pm Children's Choir 6 pm Confirmation	20 <b>President's Day</b> 6:30 pm Women & Word 7 pm Troop 706 Meeting	21 12 pm Hope for Healing (AA) 12:45 pm Ruth Circle 7 pm Overeater's Anonymous	15 7 am Men's Bible Study 10:30 am Staff Meeting 12:30 pm Men's Spiritual Gr. 6:30 pm Hump Day NA Mtg. 7 pm Adult Choir	16 11 am Prayer Group 12 pm Hope for Healing (AA) 5 pm LFCS Parenting Class 5:30 pm Council Mtg.	17 7 pm Middle School Lock-In	18 5:30 pm Service Rehearsal 6:30 pm Worship w/ Communion
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## **The Ministry of Reconciliation The Season of Lent – 2017**

*...in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself  
...and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.  
[2 Corinthians 5:17-21]*

### **Ash Wednesday *Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion***

Wednesday, March 1 – 7:00 p.m.

### **Midweek Worship *With Awe and Love: Luther's Small Catechism***

Five Wednesdays in Lent: March 8 – April 5  
Soup Supper – 5:30 p.m.  
Holden Evening Prayer – 6:30 p.m.

### **Sabbath Lenten Worship *Walking by Paths as Yet Untrodden***

March 5 — April 9  
Saturday evenings – 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday mornings – 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.