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Send entries to:
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**Weekend
announcement items
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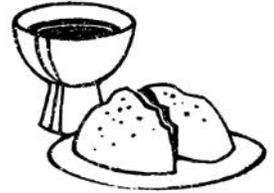
Saints Alive!

JUNE NEWSLETTER
May 28, 2021

HOLY COMMUNION RETURNS TO SUNDAY WORSHIP

At the time of this writing, the details about expectations (sign up for worship, physical distancing, masks, etc.) have not been set. One expectation is that Holy Communion will resume as part of Sunday worship beginning on June 6. For the time being, Saint Andrew's will use prepackaged Communion elements. For the time being, assume that members need to sign up before worship. Stay tuned for announcements from the Task Force C-19 following the June 1 meeting.

~Pastor David



SYNOD ASSEMBLY

For those interested in the work of the church at Synod Assembly, this year provides a wonderful opportunity to visit the assembly without registration. Anyone may attend by visiting the Central States Synod Assembly website (www.css-elca.org/assembly) and following the link to the synod Facebook Page or YouTube channel. Synod Assembly will be held on June 4 and 5.

After opening worship at 6:30 on Friday, the Keynote Address will be offered by Ms. Judith Roberts, Senior Director for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion with the ELCA.

The Saturday sessions begin at 9:00 a.m. and include the Bishop's Report, as well as votes on Constitutional Amendments, Compensation Guidelines, a presentation on Faithful Innovations and Vitality, a report from the ELCA, and much, much more.

Synod Assembly, and Churchwide Assembly are two opportunities to see the church in the wider expressions of church. They afford opportunity to see the breadth and depth of shared ministry all across Missouri and Kansas as well as throughout the ELCA.

SUNDAY FORUM – A GATHERING OF IDEAS: THE FUTURE OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AT SAINT ANDREW'S

Please join us at Sunday Forum on June 6 at 9:45 am for an open discussion of lessons learned during a year of Zoom Sunday School. We will talk about our hopes and ideas for the future.

How can we best serve all our families?
How can we forge connections among different generations?
How can we empower our youngest participants as they begin their journeys in faith?

Please bring all your wildest ideas to the forum, or e-mail Cathy Richter.

PASTOR'S DESK

Some of the most exciting times in my life before seminary were the years when my family was a part of a mission congregation. I worked with the youth. I served on the worship team. In the latter capacity, the team was so very aware that every decision we made about worship was setting a precedent for "the way we've always done it." Working with the youth was pure delight.

We still have some charter members of this congregation, who can tell stories of those early days.

I've been thinking a lot about what happens next. As hope that the pandemic is receding, there are so many decisions.

I suspect that churches that do best will be those who have learned how to do things differently this past year.

I suspect that churches that thrive will embrace new possibilities.

I suspect that churches who bear the most effective witness will burn with the *need* to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

I suspect that each and every participant in the life of the congregation needs to have a short story about how they meet Jesus in this congregation...then shares that story at every chance they get.

I suspect that this congregation needs to revisit the energy and excitement and hope of being a mission congregation just starting out.

I believe with all my being that this congregation needs to resist the siren song of returning to business as usual, the way we always have done it, as this church moves forward into the emerging, and new reality.

May Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church live faith emboldened by the wild and uncontrollable and bold activity of the Holy Spirit that we have encountered in reading the Acts of the Apostles these past seven weeks.

Hoping with crazy abandon,
Pastor David Frerichs

SAINT ANDREW'S BUILDING AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS/MINISTRY

Task Force C-19 reiterated its position from last fall that the building is open for meetings as long as the responsible leaders ensure compliance with mask expectations, with physical distancing in solidarity with those who are not yet vaccinated. In addition, the Task Force relaxed the set seating for meeting rooms. Mindful of concerns about aerosol spread and occupancy load on the HVAC system, the Task Force recommends meetings be kept to a maximum of 2 hours.

The calculated maximum capacity for each available room is as follows, assuming the absolute most efficient arrangement of individuals in the room, with six-foot physical distancing:

Fellowship Hall: 60 people
Conference Room: 14 people
Room 105: 8 people
Room 107: 8 people
Centrum: 60 people

All groups must schedule their use of rooms so that thermostats can be adjusted accordingly, and to ensure availability. The Task Force will revisit these expectations at their June 1 meeting. Watch for new information after that meeting.

For more information contact Pastor David Frerichs.

LOAVES AND FISHES

Our gratitude to the awesome volunteer team who helped feed the hungry on Sunday, April 25 at Loaves and Fishes. Thank you to Kim Hickey, Gwen Gray, Phil Wood, and Jean Kirsch Holliday for donating brownies or cookies.

Also, thanks to Dawn Lessiack, Bobette Rose, Kim Hickey and Jenine Loesing for preparing, packaging, and delivering the meals. One hundred twenty "to-go" meals were prepared for distribution. We are grateful to the serving team who distributed meals: Lauren Lessiack, Alex Weber, Gwen Gray and Shari Freyermuth.

We are grateful for the congregation's donations and

support as we continue to feed those in our community who are in need. We are always looking for volunteers to bake or distribute meals each month.



Meal distribution begins at 4:00 p.m. at Wilkes Boulevard Methodist Church. The next opportunity is Sunday, June 27, 2021. If you are interested, please contact Susan Goldammer or Mona Freidrichs.

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.

USING YOUR PHONE TO JOIN ZOOM

Sundays at 11 am and Wednesdays at 6 pm
 You can use your phone to join worship every
 Sunday at 11 am and Wednesday at 6 pm.
 To join, call (312) 626-6799.

You'll be asked for a meeting ID. The ID you need to enter
 on your phone is 573 449 5674.

- Call: (312) 626-6799
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- Password: 65203

THANK YOU FROM MEALS ON WHEELS

Dear Friends,
 Thank you for your gift of \$1,323.50 to Meals on Wheels.
 Meals on Wheels is such a great service to our community
 and we could not do it without your help, a community of
 volunteers, and a great group of seniors accepting help. As
 you may know, Meals on Wheels of Columbia does NOT
 receive any Federal funds or United Way funds. That
 makes your gift so valued and appreciated!

Sincerely,
 Jonetta Weaver,
 Executive Director

DRIVE-IN HOLY COMMUNION ON JUNE 13TH

For those anxious about attending worship in-seat, Saint
 Andrew's Lutheran Church will offer Holy Communion on
 Sunday, June 13th, weather permitting. Individuals will need
 to pre-register for specific worship times beginning at 2:00
 p.m. Once registered, confirmation will be sent from the
 church office. The brief Order for Holy Communion will be
 celebrated on the north parking lot by the Fellowship Hall.
 Anyone who has any symptom of COVID-19
 should not attend.

When members arrive, their attendance will
 be checked against the signup sheet.
 Distribution of Holy Communion will involve
 individual serving Communion elements.
 Those attending will need to have adequate
 dexterity to open the sealed Communion kit.

Those who cannot sign up using the
 Flocknote sign ups can call the church office
 at 573-449-5674 during office hours before
 April 8th.



HOSPITALITY AND OTHER MINISTERS NEEDED FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP



Visual Projectionist

Throughout the summer quarter, signups for all worship
 leadership roles will be through Flocknote sign ups. Even if
 the signup for worship itself is suspended at the June 1
 Task Force C-19 meeting, there will be need for Greeters,
 Worship Hosts, Assisting Ministers, Visual Projectionists,
 Zoom Tech Directors and Zoom Worship Hosts. Contact
 Kay in the office for a full list of links to sign up for any
 Sunday during the Summer. Or, check your weekly update.

THANK YOU FROM STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Dear Members of St. Andrew's,
 Your very generous gift of \$1,000 is more deeply
 appreciated than we can say. Stop Human Trafficking
 Coalition of Central Missouri will use it in transportation
 service to our needy survivors. They work hard to renew
 their lives and need ways to travel to work, medical and
 counseling services, and in providing necessities for
 themselves.

We are very grateful for your generous help.

Sincerely,
 Marlene Lee
 Member SHTCCM Advisory Board

Stop Human Trafficking Coalition of Central Missouri
 received an award from St. Andrew's Endowment Board.

HOLY BAPTISM

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church
 rejoices with those who are recently baptized in the name
 of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Oscar Cox

May he continue to grow in relationship
 with Jesus in and through the Saint
 Andrew's community, seeking to Share
 Christ in Faith, Fellowship, and Service.





Growing Hope Continues During the Pandemic

Although U.S. staff members haven't been able to visit countries, the pandemic hasn't stopped overseas programs. Read some highlights below.

• Dominican Republic San Juan and Dajabón Program

Nelson had been studying mathematics at the university in 2020. When the university closed because of Covid, his monthly scholarship he'd been receiving for excellent grades was suspended, affecting him and his family. He wanted to create a project that would help with the mass unemployment caused by the pandemic. So Nelson, with help from our Growing Hope local partner, joined his community in building a tree nursery and was inspired with an idea: why not plant fruit



trees on a nearby vacant plot of land?

Nelson says: "The tree nursery project is very important for all of us, especially for youth, because it will create jobs. If young people can make a decent living here, then at least we have the option to stay if we want, rather than being forced toward the big cities to look for work."

• Paraguay, The Lower Chaco Program

The Covid pandemic came during a severe drought in the Chaco region. The only two municipal water tankers in the area were unable to meet the demands of the far-flung indigenous and Latino communities. Growing Hope's local partner, Pastoral Social, was unable to visit until after May 2020, when pandemic restrictions were eased, but kept in regular communication to monitor the condition of potable water reserves.

Women began advocating for wells to be dug, and our local partner responded by digging five shallow ones at the height of the drought in September. The women had been walking two miles to get contaminated water for their families – resulting in diarrhea for their children. But the manual-pump wells improved lives by bringing water to communities, animals and farm fields.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL BAGS



This year's LWR school bags have been sewn by some of our dedicated Saint Andrew's seamstresses. On Tuesday, June 15th, 6:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall, we will add the drawstrings to turn them into back packs.

Come to help and enjoy the fellowship. No special talents are needed! We will follow the Covid 19 team's suggestions as we meet together.

A Lutheran World Relief display will be in the Narthex beginning, Sunday, June 27th. The finished bags will be available to take home and fill with new school supplies as back to school sales begin. There will be lists of the needed items for these backpacks and also personal care kits.

All kits are due back by Labor Day weekend.

Many thanks to those who sewed these special bags: Mary Ellen Degnan, Kathy Hagen, Elizabeth Henderson, Amanda Huff, Maggy Kirby, Jenine Loesing, Mindy Nelson, Linda Romine, Bobette Rose, Karon Speckman and Linda Vedder.

Also thank you to all who have made donations of cash and material!

MAKING AN OFFERING

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church provides a variety of means for making an offering. Those means include:

- **Envelope:** participants may send their offering by mail (or drop it in the plate when we worship in-person);
- **Online:** participants may follow the SaintAndrewsLutheran.org link and find the "Donate Now" button to enroll (<https://youtu.be/Umzu9YxombQ>);
- **Smartphone App:** participants may download the Give+ mobile app from iOS App Store or GooglePlay, then search for Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church (<https://youtu.be/PAjqUxK8YRk>);
- **Text:** participants may text their offering amount to (844) 989-4094 and follow the instructions (<https://youtu.be/Nj7AiH6rty0>);
- **Bill Pay:** participants may use their bank's bill pay feature to send an offering to Saint Andrew's.



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*

We continue to offer prayers of hope and healing for:

Gerry Brezenski	Becky Kulpa
Judith Panko	Jim Peters
Vena Champion	Robin Eskridge
Ranata Washington	Dan Allie
Marybeth Champion-Garthe	Joyce Todd
Madalyn Gramke	Vera Leip
Peg Gibson	Amy Hossfeld
John Wolfe	Joanne Boomer
Patric	Ellie Hanney
Scott Delamore	Stephanie Hsiung
Beverly Brooks	Christy Provanca
Ida Gastler	Jim Steele
Christian	Debbie Franklin
Michelle Thomas	Kate Donaghy
Mike Alexander	Valencia Clemons-Bush
Resa Kerns	

We pray for those in the military:

Will Parker deployed in Central Asia; Eric Childers, Brayden Coy, Matthew Lee, Nick Miller, Travis Miller, Kevin Grove, and those serving throughout the world.

We pray for those with other kinds of needs:

For all who are recovering from natural disaster near and far.

In thanksgiving for emerging signs of society returning to life beyond Pandemic restrictions, in thanksgiving for researchers and scientists, doctors and all medical professionals, first responders for their response to this pandemic, for patience and clear minds as society begins to explore life without masks and physical distancing. In additional thanksgiving for all who continue to wash their hands as if it were still a pandemic.

For the United States, all citizens, all government leaders, all law enforcement personnel, as this nation navigates the realities of systemic racism.

The women at Boone County Jail with whom we minister.



Happy June Birthdays!

Ellie Keicher	June 1	Jean Kirch-Holliday	June 18
Arthur Mehrhoff	June 1	Sandy Roberts	June 18
Christopher Stock	June 1	Theo Blumenschein	June 19
Janet Farmer	June 2	Margaret Darkow	June 19
Pat Luedders	June 2	Alex Taylor	June 20
Honey Griffiths	June 3	Penny Eckles	June 21
Jim Wadlow	June 3	Henry McIntosh	June 21
Alex Drury	June 4	Linda Romine	June 21
Carter Lembke	June 4	Ericca Thornhill	June 21
Lydia Muchow	June 4	Gary Lenzini	June 22
David Stock	June 5	Ryan Swearingen	June 22
Carol Grouws	June 5	Bo Brundage	June 23
Patti Skinner	June 5	Darlene Huff	June 23
Samantha Forward	June 7	Miriam Stratton	June 23
Cindy Penrod	June 9	Jill Swearingen	June 23
Lorna Plowman	June 10	Bill Casey	June 24
Lilah Weaver	June 10	Aaron Elsasser	June 24
Solveig Geenen	June 11	Linnea Geenen	June 25
Haley Brady	June 12	Cheryl Tekotte	June 25
Amelia Holliday	June 12	Melanie Drury	June 26
Jared Edler	June 14	Andrea Follett	June 26
Barbara Overby	June 15	Larry Tuttle	June 26
Ana Wilden	June 16	Travis Thornhill	June 27
Kaleb Plowman	June 17	Avalyn Flood	June 30
Al Swearingen	June 17	John Nelson	June 30

If your birthday is missing or is printed incorrectly,
please contact Kay in the church office:
office@SaintAndrewsLutheran.org.

O God, bring into your presence those who grieve the loss of loved ones,

For family and friends of Glenn Engle, Shannon Miller's father and Madi Warhover's grandfather.

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

**Tuesday, June 1st**

6:00 pm Task Force C-19

Wednesday, June 2nd

8:00 am Men's Bible Study
 10:00 am Women in the Word
 10:00 am Staff Meeting
 6:00 pm Wednesday Worship
 7:00 pm Minister for Music Search
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 3rd

6:30 pm Minister for Faith Formation Search

Friday, June 4th

All Day Synod Assembly

Saturday, June 5th

All Day Synod Assembly

Sunday, June 6th

9:45 am Sunday Forum—The Future of Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Online Live / Hybrid
 & Anonymous Angels

Monday, June 7th

2:00 pm Prayer Team

Tuesday, June 8th

8:00 am Quilting Prep

Wednesday, June 9th

8:00 am Men's Bible Study
 10:00 am Women and the Word
 10:00 am Staff Meeting
 6:00 pm Wednesday Worship
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, June 11th

9:00 am Quilt Tying

Sunday, June 13th

9:45 am Sunday Forum— The Future of Digital Church
 11:00 am Worship Online Live / Hybrid
 2:00 pm Drive-in Holy Communion
 7:00 pm Youth Get-Together

Tuesday, June 15th

6:30 pm School Bags

Wednesday, June 16th

8:00 am Men's Bible Study
 10:00 am Women and the Word
 10:00 am Staff Meeting
 6:00 pm Wednesday Worship

Thursday, June 17th

6:00 pm Council Meeting

Sunday, June 20th

9:45 am Sunday Forum—The Future of Digital Church
 11:00 am Worship Online Live / Hybrid
 5:00 pm Youth Music & Movement

Tuesday, June 22nd

8:00 am Quilting Prep

Wednesday, June 23rd

8:00 am Men's Bible Study
 10:00 am Women and the Word
 10:00 am Staff Meeting
 6:00 pm Wednesday Worship

Thursday, June 24th

7:00 pm Women in the Word

Thursday, June 25th

9:00 pm Quilt Tying

Sunday, June 27th

9:45 am Sunday Forum—The Future of Digital Church
 11:00 am Worship Online Live / Hybrid
 4:00 pm Loaves and Fishes

Wednesday, June 30th

8:00 am Men's Bible Study
 10:00 am Women and the Word
 10:00 am Staff Meeting
 6:00 pm Wednesday Worship

WORSHIP AT ST. ANDREW'S JUNE 2021

June 6th

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
Setting 8

June 13th

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1- 4,12-15
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 4:26-34
Setting 8

June 20th

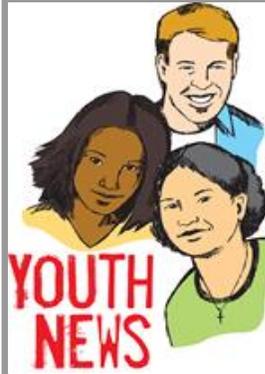
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32;
2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41
Setting 8

June 27th

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30;
2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43
Setting 8



YOUTH GET TOGETHER

Calling all youth in Middle and High School!

Join in a time for hanging out, sharing stories, playing games, and generally supporting one another in this topsy-turvy time. Check in with friends.

Pastor David and Lauren Warnken will be hosting on the south lawn at church. Sunday, June 13, 7:00-8:00

p.m. is the day, date and time!

Lauren and Pastor David are planning for a wicked (wicket?) game of extreme croquet. Flocknote messages will go out with more information about safety expectations to all youth and parents in the system.

Drop Pastor David a note

PastorDavid@SaintAndrewsLutheran.org to make sure your email is correct.

~Pastor David

From the Finance Committee

Several years ago, the Finance Committee decided that contributions received from Thrivent that were undesignated by members would be split equally between Meals On Wheels and the Food Bank.

This policy was affirmed by the Church Council and has been followed ever since. Recently St. Andrew's received a sizable contribution from Thrivent. In combination with other donations from the congregation, we were able to send out four checks as follows: Meals On Wheels \$1323.50; Food Bank \$1429; Lutheran Disaster Relief \$200; and Lutheran Family and Children Services \$195.

Some checks I really enjoy writing.

Randy Johnson, Treasurer

FINANCES FOR THE MISSION OF ST. ANDREW'S BUDGET/GIVING ANALYSIS THROUGH APRIL 2021

April Summary		April 2021	Year to Date
Giving toward the Budget(1)		\$ 47,205	\$ 182,113
Actual Expenses for Budgeted Items		\$ 35,906	\$ 142,384
Giving over/(under) Expenses		\$ 11,299	\$ 39,729
Response to Budget			
Budget (Spending Estimate) Approved at 1/24/21 Annual Meeting		\$ 47,412	\$ 189,646
Giving over/(under) Budget		\$ (207)	\$ (7,533)
Nonbudget Special Offerings			
Endowment Fund		\$ 586	\$ 4,523
Lutheran World Relief		\$ 246	\$ 496

Notes:

(1) April year-to-date giving increased 9.5% over April 2020.

(2) Annual budget is \$568,668.

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THE FUTURE OF THE DIGITAL CHURCH

Join Pastor David in a series based on excerpts from the Vibrant Faith Ministries MasterClass by this name.

The series begins on June 13, 9:45 – 10:30 a.m. Each session will include video presentation, followed by brief discussion.

The presenter is the Rev. Dr. Mark Slaughter, Minister of Worship Arts at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Burnsville, Minnesota. The core premise is that the online church is here to stay and is something that needs

investment for effective ministry moving forward.

Taken in 45 minute increments, the presentation will cover four installments, June 13, 20, 27, and July 4 (if needed).

Participants may join in as their schedule allows.

INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP: PREPARING FOR WORSHIP THAT ACTIVELY ENGAGES AND EQUALLY VALUES ALL AGES

Join Pastor David in a series based on excerpts from the Vibrant Faith Ministries MasterClass by this name.

The series begins on July 18, 9:45 – 10:30 am. Each class session will include video presentation followed by brief discussion.

The video presenter is the Rev. Sarah Bentley Allred, Director of Children and Family Ministries at St. John's Episcopal Church in Wake Forest, North Carolina. This presentation explores a process for worship

preparation and practice that seeks to actively engage and equally value the gifts of all ages within the worshipping community.

Taken in 45 minute increments, the presentation will cover four installments, July 18, 25, August 1, and 8 (if needed). Participants may join in as their schedule allows.