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Deadline:**

9:00 am, February 24, 2020

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**Weekend
announcement items
are due by 9:00 am Wednesday
morning**

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Saints Alive!

FEBRURARY NEWSLETTER

January 27th, 2020

Food Bank February

**Join us for one of the following activities and donate food for a good cause.
Lutherans get restless in the winter!**

January 25 – February 2: Soup – R -Bowl

Vote with your \$\$ on who you think will (or should) win the Super Bowl. How good will our congregation be in selecting the winner?

Saturday, February 8: Volunteer at the Food Bank!

The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri

2101 Vandiver Dr.

9 – 11:30 a.m.

Adults and children aged 9 and older will help package food that will be distributed to the various pantries across central Missouri.

Saturday, February 15: Volunteer at the Food Pantry!

Central Pantry

1007 Big Bear Blvd.

Noon – 2 p.m.

Help stock shelves and sort through donations at the major food distribution pantry in Columbia. Volunteers must be at least 13, able to lift 15 pounds, and able to stand and bend.

Saturday, February 22: Kids Helping Kids

The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri

2101 Vandiver Dr.

Noon – 2 p.m.

Parents and children between the ages of 4 and 12 can tour the warehouse and help stuff Buddy Packs for school children. Children must be accompanied by an adult! Supervisors do not have to be parents. Can be youth leaders. I currently have spots for 10 kids reserved. Let me know if we need more.

All Month: Donate Food!

Barrels for food donations will be in the narthex. Fill them up!

-Susan Goldammer

ENDOWMENT BOARD ENCOURAGES PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

The Board has increased the limit on proposals to support Community Ministries from \$500 to \$1,000. Application forms are on display in the narthex, so pick one up and encourage your favorite organization(s) within Boone County to apply. The deadline for receiving applications is February 21, 2020. Funding decisions will be made on March 2, 2020.

To encourage diversity and to reach more ministries, the Board tends not to support agencies that have received a "Fifth Sunday" offering (City of Refuge, Job Point, Literary Action Center, MedZou Health Clinic, Reality House and Room at the Inn) or Endowment Board funding (Meals on Wheels, Rainbow House and Children's Grove) within the past two years.

PASTOR'S DESK

How do we know?

Over the past year the Mutual Ministry Committee has been reading a book entitled *Pastor and People: Making Mutual Ministry Work*. It has been enlightening to gather each month and discuss what we have found in each chapter.

The Committee arrived at the chapter about evaluation. On one hand Mutual Ministry Committees really are not tasked with doing the work of evaluation and performance appraisal. That rightly belongs to the personnel committee, or the executive committee of the Congregation Council. However, the Mutual Ministry Committee can encourage and facilitate such appraisal.

Without stopping to take stock of the past year, several things can happen. Sometimes the notion is that everything is going along swimmingly, without attending to trends that should rightly raise concern. Other times, the notion is to focus on all the things, perceived or really wrong, without acknowledging the positive activities of personnel and congregation. The better course is to take inventory, much as twelve step groups encourage. What's going right? What's not quite right? What really needs to change?

In truth, without such inventory, without such appraisal, the congregation risks blind spots that can eventually be debilitating.

Perhaps members of Saint Andrew's are a bit like me. On a good day, when I am well-rested and well fed, when my prayer life is solid, and my trust in God is well-rooted, I can look around and note all the incredible things that Saint Andrew's members are doing. It truly is impressive.

But there are other days when all I can see is what needs to be done, what is not getting done, when my impatience with myself, and with the congregation, comes to the fore, and all I can see is bad news. I get a little cranky on those days.

Interestingly, the Annual Report of the Congregation can be a remedy for both being too positive and being too negative. It is worth a read. Taken altogether it points to the incredible and rich ministry that this congregation is engaged in *and* it points to trends and challenges that stand before this community.

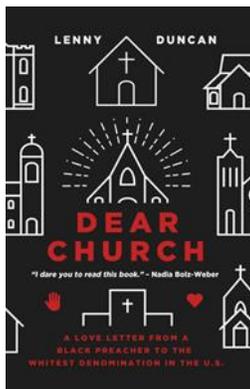
In the end, though, it is the role and responsibility of our whole congregation to discern and embrace what God is calling Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church to do and to be. And whether members attended the Annual Meeting or not, this congregation has much to discern together in the coming months and years.

In the midst of it all, may our guiding light be Jesus who calls us by the power of the Holy Spirit to lives of communion with him and one another, to be nourished by grace in Word and sacrament, to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ Jesus, to serve others following Jesus' example, and to work for justice and peace in all the earth. When Saint Andrew's is doing that, God's mission is being lived. When Saint Andrew's is living into this call to faith, we know that in the messiness of life together, God is working for good.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor David

DEAR CHURCH

The book discussion will finish the discussion of chapters 10 & 11 on February 11th. Everyone is welcome.



HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Join us in giving back this February! Volunteer opportunities include working at the Food Bank on February 8 from 9:00-11:30 am (ages 9 and up) and volunteering for Kids Helping Kids on February 22 from 12:00-2:00 pm (ages 4 through 12). Come out and bring your friends to these fun and exciting volunteer opportunities!

SERMON PODCASTS

Miss worship? If for any reason you want to hear the sermon from Sunday worship, there is now a podcast available at saintandrewslutheranchurch.podbean.com. Check it out!



STEWARDSHIP

This Sunday, January 26, 2020, we have our annual congregational meeting beginning at 9:45 am. It is vitally important you attend and participate. Among other important considerations of mutual interest, we will approve the annual spending plan for our congregation. After months of work by our finance committee and careful consideration by our Church Council the 2020 spending plan for St. Andrew's is generous, well crafted and ready to put to work.

Just what is the work of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church? Through the many programs we deliver, as expressions of God's Grace, we change lives. It is certain that everyone among us who attends and worships here experiences enrichment personally with direct impact on their life. But God's Grace, through us, goes far beyond even the profound impacts of our worship together. Myriad programs like Loaves and Fishes, God's Work, Our Hands, the St. Andrew's Endowment (funds several programs), Growing Hope Globally, Jail Ministry, and various programs for our youth each make God's work happen through organized activity by us.

Without you, results will be something less. Each and every one of us, our personal investments of money and volunteer time make the difference. The limits to our service are not set by God's Grace, or by our facilities or even by our staff...these limits are rightly set by you and what you choose to contribute.

As your Stewardship Chair, I ask you to prayerfully consider

and act upon the following: 1) attend the Annual Congregational Meeting to approve our budget this coming Sunday, if at all possible; 2) over the weeks between this meeting and Consecration Sunday on February 23, estimate what your contribution will be toward the spending plan, including consideration of how you may contribute as a volunteer; 3) bring your estimate of giving to Consecration Sunday in February so our leaders may plan best to serve us in the coming year.

God's Grace plus our best contributions make all things possible. Please be generous. Needs are great and ever increasing. Together we can do much, much more than any of us can do alone. Peace be with you always.

Dave Murphy, Stewardship Chair

Our role as God's stewards is one of many dimensions - grateful, responsible, self-sacrificing, willing, sharing, proportionate, committed, regular, genuine, and challenged. By generously giving of ourselves, we discover joy in Christ.

"... you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7

DUSTING OFF THE SMALL CATECHISM

The Small Catechism is not just the Lutheran equivalent of a political slogan: sounds nice but means nothing. It actually reveals the heart of Christian life... (Wengert, Martin Luther's Catechisms, p. viii)

During Lent, Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church will journey through the *Small Catechism* on Wednesday evenings, both in worship and in an offering with Pastor David. The primary text for the class will be *Luther's Small Catechism with African Descent Reflections*. This volume reminds the church that Luther intended the *Small Catechism* to be a resource, a paraphrase, that supports the faithful in sharing their faith.

Those who desire a copy of the *Small Catechism with African Descent Reflections* can contact the office (office@saintandrewslutheran.org) to order a copy. The cost is \$9.25 and orders need to be placed by February 24. Augsburg Fortress has published a free *Small Catechism* app available

for smart phones. Search for "Luther's Small Catechism", listed as reference, from "Publishing House ELCA".

Then join the conversation on Wednesdays, beginning March 4 at 7:00 p.m. Come for them all, or the ones you can attend. For more information contact Pastor David.

Pastor David Frerichs



SCOUT SUNDAY

For over fifty years Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church has had a rich history with Scouting. One hundred fifty young men have achieved the highest rank of Eagle Scout through Troop 706. Join us on Sunday, February 2, at the 8:30 a.m. Worship Service as we welcome the Scouts and acknowledge their contribution to our congregation, and our community.

For more information, contact Pastor David.



Worship at St. Andrew's February 2020

February 2
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
 Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15
 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12
Setting 6

February 9
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
 Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112:1-10
 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 ; Matthew 5:13-20
Resurrection Band plays at 8:30 am
Setting 6

February 16
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8
 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37
Setting 6

February 23
Transfiguration of Our Lord
 Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2
 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9
Setting 6

Catechism Schedule

Catechism classes continue for sixth through eighth graders. February presents reason for adjusting the schedule. Between Super Bowl and President's Day Weekend, it is necessary to watch closely.

February 2 12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Pizza provided
 Lord's Prayer: Your kingdom come.
 Lord's Prayer: Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

February 23 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. 8th Graders Only
 Faith Statement Preparation

These are exciting times of preparation for living into the faith God has given by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor David



Creation Keepers Ministry

Creation Keepers is a network of parishioners who share a concern for all of God's creation. **Our next meeting is Sunday, February 2, at 9:50 am.** We'll be formulating our Action Plan for 2020 so bring your ideas for the five areas of the covenant: worship, education, building & grounds, discipleship at home and work (personal covenant), and public witness/policy advocacy. People of all ages are encouraged and welcomed to participate at any time.

Public Witness/Policy Advocacy: "The church exists to serve the world"

Our commitment to Creation Care includes working with others to rectify the injustices which often can be traced to the degradation of creation. As expectant servants of God's coming, we are to be actively caring for our neighbors, here in our area, as well as throughout the world.

In December we sponsored an Advent Sunday Forum series using the booklet, "Nearness", published by ELCA World Hunger. Patti Skinner and I facilitated the four sessions. Each Sunday featured meditation on a Scripture passage of the day, a focus on one program supported by ELCA World Hunger, and a supplementary video. The four programs included assistance for medical needs, for adequate education (especially for

young women), for victims of human trafficking, and for those with food/nutrition insecurities.

We also collected a free-will offering which was sent to several related charities. We purchased two ELCA Good Gifts: \$75 to stock a health clinic for one week and \$40 to cover school fees and uniform for a young woman. The remainder of the offerings (\$137) was contributed to a local program, Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition, who helps 15-20 victims every day in our area.

A big thank you to everyone who came to one or more sessions of the Advent Sunday Forum and to all who contributed so generously to the free-will offering.

If you have questions, have ideas, or would like to be added to the CKM roster, please see Sheryl Mehrhoff or email smehrhoff@saintandrewslutheran.org. You may also join the Creation Keepers Flocknote group.



Growing Hope Globally Local to start in February

- We are starting the 17th year of working with farmers in Hartsburg and Salisbury to help overseas farmers learn how to be food secure.

Our Lenten drive will focus on the theme of "Changing the Next 1 Million Lives." Growing Hope is the ecumenical organization that helps overseas farmers learn how to make their families food secure. We have been a part of this effort for 16 years – through the combined efforts of St. Andrew's and farmers in Hartsburg and Salisbury.

- I had a great time visiting farmers last week from both Peace Lutheran Salisbury and Peace UCC Hartsburg who participate with us in Growing Hope Globally. What a privilege to hear from them how important they think the Growing Hope programs are for overseas farmers. And, what a joy to hear that they want to continue working with St. Andrew's for another growing season!
- If you know someone in our community who you think would be willing to help us by producing a product (crop, livestock, other items), please let me know.



Feb. 14 Love Fest Lunch for LWR Kit/Quilt Workers

Want to meet some of the LWR workers from our church? Want to get involved but you don't know how? Please join us February 14 (yes, Valentine's Day) for a Love Fest Lunch at 11:30 for LWR Kit and Quilt Workers. We'll eat and talk... and eat. RSVP to Karon Speckman.

Explore Faith and Identity with a Weekend of Inclusion

Come learn from Christian transgender theologian Austen Hartke on Friday, February 21 and Saturday, February 22 in an event co-sponsored by seven local churches and two non-profits.

A graduate of Luther Seminary's Master of Arts program in Old Testament and Hebrew Bible Studies, Hartke works to help other trans and gender non-conforming people see themselves in scripture. A recent winner of the John Milton Prize in Old Testament Writing, author of *Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians*, and creator of the YouTube series "Transgender and Christian," Hartke shares experiences as a bisexual and transgender Christian.

An LGBTQ+ Affirming Worship Service will be held at 6:30 pm on Friday, February 21, after which Hartke will share his coming out story and talk about the biblical stories that give him strength as an adult in a session called *Transgender and Christian: A Coming Out and Coming Home Story*.

On Saturday, February 22, at 10:00 am, Hartke will lead *The Bible and Transgender Christian's Seminar* in a session that explores the biblical texts historically used to discriminate against the LGBTQ+ community. Then he will dig into stories of biblical characters who didn't fit the mold when it came to gender expression.

The weekend events are sponsored by First Baptist Church, The Center Project, Rock Bridge Christian Church, Broadway Christian Church, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Columbia United Church of Christ, Unity, Unitarian Universalist Church and Heart Space Clinic.

The events are free to the public and will take place at First Baptist Church - Columbia located at 1112 E. Broadway. No tickets are necessary, and childcare is provided with reservation. For more information visit fbc-columbia.org.

Lenten Holy Week Worship Schedule

As we approach Lent, here are some things to note:

Ash Wednesday Worship, 7:00 p.m., February 26 (Wednesday Worship time transferred)

Lent Mid-week Worship with Holy Communion, 6:00 p.m., March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 (No Soup Suppers)

Holy Week Worship

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday, 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., April 5

NO Wednesday Worship, April 8

Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m., April 9

Good Friday, 7:00 p.m., April 10

Great Vigil of Easter, 7:00 p.m. April 11

Resurrection of Our Lord, 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., April 12

Come. Join the Lenten Disciplines.

For more information, contact Pastor David.



DECEMBER 2019 COUNCIL UPDATE FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Full copies of the monthly council minutes can be found in the church office

Resolution for Pastor Housing allowance declaration

Motion made to adopt the resolution for housing allowance for Pastor David; Moved by David Stock;

Seconded by Brent Lewis

Vote: Unanimous. Signed copies of the resolution were given to Pastor David and added to the STA Council notebook.

Congregational Registration for a Candidacy Applicant: David Stock has applied

1. Congregational Support for Candidate at Seminary

i. Need vote of support from congregation and support for candidacy, as follows:

ii. Two forms of registration from Pastor on behalf of the congregation--need authorization for pastor to complete these forms, including congregational statement of financial support

iii. These forms involve support for the candidacy, annual budgetary support (\$6000 currently for Crystal), and support for the cost of psychological evaluations prior to candidacy (\$400).

Motion 1: Support the candidacy of Clifford David Stock by completing the registration for candidacy and by paying the \$400 cost-sharing for the entrance process.

Moved by Pastor David; Second: Phillip; No discussion.

Vote: Unanimous yes, Stock abstaining.

Motion 2: Provide up to \$6,000 per year when enrolled as a full-time student up to four years.

Moved by Pastor David; Second: Brent; No discussion

Vote: Unanimous yes, Stock abstaining.

Follow up: Additional ministry position review

This will be a discussion at the congregational meeting, to determine if this half-time salaried position to support youth ministry (grades 6-12) is warranted at this time (\$20 hrs. @\$20.00/hr.). The position would connect to youth Sunday mornings (4-5 hrs.), be involved in teaching catechism (2-3 hrs.), and attend high school events to connect with parents and youth (4-5 hrs.), connect with youth by showing up at their events, phone calls, etc. in remaining time. This could be a starting place for future growth. Funding for the position is currently in the budget.

LENTEN THEME – WITH AWE AND LOVE

“We are to fear, love and trust God...” So begins Luther’s explanation of the First Commandment. The fear is less about trembling in terror than it is about living in awe of God’s greatness and love. Lent is a historical season for baptismal preparation. Such preparation involved teaching the basics of faith. Martin Luther wrote his *Small Catechism* to support heads of households in teaching the faith to their family. *Luther’s Small Catechism* is a treasure of wisdom and clarity that informs faith yet today. Timothy Wengert identifies this small booklet as brilliant. Indeed, it is worth visiting and revisiting often.

During this Lenten Season, Saint Andrew’s will use *Luther’s Small Catechism* as the key resource in Mid-week Worship. While each week can stand alone, Luther crafted his catechism with a particular order in mind.

Join in **Wednesday Worship for Lent**, a modified Wednesday Worship order that focuses on the basics of faith, and includes Holy Communion.

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| March 4 | Ten Commandments |
| March 11 | Creed |

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| March 18 | Lord’s Prayer | |
| March 25 | Baptism | |
| April 1 | Holy Communion | |

Whether new to the Lutheran Church or born a Lutheran, this time will afford opportunity to ponder the great gifts of God’s love we have received in these basics of faith.

Wednesday Worship for Lent services will be at 6:00 p.m. in the Centrum.

For more information, contact Pastor David



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:

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| Lew Stabler | Ellie Hanney |
| Sally Froese | Peggy Musgrove |
| Paul Weber | Lavendar Knight |
| Bill Markgraf | Jan Johnson |
| Diane Jaworski | Stephanie Hsiung |
| Vera Leip | Nadine Thurman |
| Cindy Lachnit | Christy Provancha |
| Marybeth Champion-Garthe | Jim Steele |
| Milo Hagen | Debbie Franklin |
| Maria Thomas | Kate Donaghy |
| Esther Robinson | Judy Joseph |
| Cathy Chatham | Sue Nord |
| Amy Hossfeld | Valencia Clemons-Bush |
| Joanne Boomer | |
| Harold Jaworski | |
| Mary Lynn Battles | |
| Glenn Engle | |

We pray for those in the military:

Will Parker deployed in Central Asia; Braden Coy, Matthew Lee, Nick Miller, Travis Miller, Kevin Grove, Grant Hopwood, and those serving throughout the world.

We pray for those with other kinds of needs:

Those recovering from typhoons, tropical storms, hurricanes, flooding, tornados, cyclones, fires and from natural disasters of every kind;

The Lembke family in the aftermath of their house fire.

Those living in the aftermath violence in this community and mass shootings throughout this country, whether victims, families, perpetrators, or communities.

The women at Boone County Jail with whom we minister: Renee, Kris, Melanie, Felicia, Ivy, Dawn, Della, Anna, Kriste, Tammy, and Ronnie.

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

For all who grieve the death of Betty Bland, Alan Havig, Lena Robertson, and Tom Tucker.

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



Happy February Birthdays!

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| Leo Elsasser | 2/1 | Brian Gillig | 2/15 |
| Marj Vandepopuliere | 2/1 | Nancy Gillig | 2/15 |
| Sam Blanchard | 2/2 | Kathy Hagen | 2/15 |
| Joshua Miller | 2/2 | Suzanne Neff | 2/16 |
| Aarika Bock | 2/4 | Pat Ehlmann | 2/17 |
| Hensey Kittle | 2/6 | Willie Provancha | 2/17 |
| Devan Mott | 2/6 | Claire Follett | 2/19 |
| C.L. Neill | 2/6 | Laurie Arbuckle | 2/20 |
| Chris Fishman-Weaver | 2/7 | Melena Casey | 2/20 |
| Charles Chapman | 2/8 | Ryan Studt | 2/21 |
| Declan Johnston | 2/8 | Erin Wegner | 2/21 |
| Deedee Schlichting | 2/10 | Sophie Froese | 2/22 |
| Nikia Chapman | 2/12 | William Hose | 2/24 |
| Ashley Johnston | 2/12 | Kody Plowman | 2/24 |
| Brandon Mott | 2/12 | Elizabeth Edler | 2/25 |
| Emalia Kileo | 2/13 | Haley Chapman | 2/27 |
| Daniel Shapiro | 2/14 | Keith Hickey | 2/27 |
| Katrice Williams | 2/14 | Noah Huff | 2/27 |
| Phil Wood | 2/14 | Evan Nickell | 2/27 |

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

Ruth Circle



Ruth Circle will meet February 18th at 12:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Phyllis Glasker will continue the study on the book of Mark. All women of St. Andrew's are invited to join.

Thank You from the Salvation Army

On behalf of The Salvation Army and those we serve, thank you once again for supporting our annual coat drive.

It is only through the generosity and support of our friends in the community that we are able to help the less fortunate. Helping collect coats on our behalf is an appreciated expression of caring.

Also our prayer is that you have a blessed and prosperous 2020.

Sincerely,
Jack L. Holloway

CONGRATULATIONS

Rev. Chad Christensen graduated on December 13 from Mizzou with a PhD in rural sociology and community analytics. He hopes to teach and do research for the Church in the areas of pastoral preparation for ministry and community outreach. Chad has been a substitute preacher at St. Andrew's occasionally in the past three years.

Loaves and Fishes

Our gratitude to the awesome volunteer team at **Loaves and Fishes** to help feed the hungry on Sunday, December 22, 2019. Thank you to Mona and Chuck Freidrichs, Bobette Rose, Dawn and Lauren Lessiack, Sarah Larson, Susan Goldammer, Charlie Farrow, Jenine Loesing and Sam Miller for serving and clean-up.

Thank you to the cooking team of Mona Freidrichs, Bobette Rose, Jenine Loesing and Sarah Larson for preparing the main dish.

Thanks to the following for donating grocery and baked items: Mona Freidrichs, Jenine Loesing, Susan Goldammer, Charlie Farrow, Sam Miller, and Bobette Rose.

There were 76 meals served including take-out meals and second helpings. Sack lunches were also distributed. Food was shared with St. Francis House as well.

Please consider helping with this life-giving ministry. The next time for service is **Sunday, February 23, 2020. 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.



Finances for the Mission of St. Andrew's

Budget/Giving Analysis through December 2019

| December Summary | December 2019 | Year to Date |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|
| Giving toward the Budget(1) | \$ 77,097 | \$ 476,847 |
| Actual Expenses for Budgeted Items | \$ 34,686 | \$ 426,690 |
| Giving over/(under) Expenses | \$ 42,411 | \$ 50,157 |
| Response to Budget | | |
| Budget (Spending Estimate) Approved at 1/27/19 Annual Meeting (2) | \$ 39,832 | \$ 477,984 |
| Giving over/(under) Budget | \$ 37,265 | \$ (1,137) |
| Nonbudget Special Offerings | | |
| Lutheran Family and Children's Services | \$ 4,080 | \$ 4,080 |

Notes:

(1) Dec. giving increased 42% over Dec. 2018; year-to-date giving increased 7.6% over 2019.

(2) Monthly budget is 1/12 of \$477,984 annual budget

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Saturday, February 1st

7:30 am Men's Breakfast

Sunday, February 2nd

8:30 am Boy Scout Sunday @ 8:30 Worship
 8:30 am Worship & Anonymous Angels
 9:45 am Sunday School
 9:50 am Creation Keepers Ministry Meeting
 11:00 am Worship & Anonymous Angels
 12:15 pm Catechism Class
 2:00 pm Youth Choir

Monday, February 3rd

2:00 pm Prayer Team
 7:00 pm Women in the Word

Tuesday, February 4th

6:00 pm Mutual Ministry

Wednesday, February 5th

7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ HyVee on Nifong
 10:00 am Staff Meeting
 10:00 am Women in the Word
 6:00 pm Wednesday Worship
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 6th

7:00 pm Our Hands Crafters

Saturday, February 8th

9:00 am Volunteer at the Food Bank!

Sunday, February 9th

8:30 am Worship
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 5:30 pm Youth Choir

Monday, February 10th

7:00 pm Women in the Word

Tuesday, February 11th

9:00 am Quilting Prep
 5:30 pm Fellowship Committee
 7:00 pm Dear Church Discussion

Wednesday, February 12th

7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ HyVee on Nifong
 10:00 am Staff Meeting
 10:00 am Women in the Word
 6:00 pm Wednesday Worship
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 13th

5:30 pm Resurrection rehearsal
 6:45 pm Esther Circle

Friday, February 14th

9:00 am Quilting Group
 11:30 am Love Fest Lunch for LWR/Quilting Workers

Saturday, February 15th

12:00 pm Volunteer at the Food Pantry!

Sunday, February 16th

8:30 am Worship
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 5:30 am Youth Choir

Monday, February 17th

7:00 pm Women in the Word

Tuesday, February 18th

12:45 pm Ruth Circle
 7:00 pm Dear Church Discussion

Wednesday, February 19th

7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ HyVee on Nifong
 10:00 am Staff Meeting
 10:00 am Women in the Word
 6:00 pm Wednesday Worship
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 20th

6:00 pm Council Meeting
 7:00 pm Our Hands Crafters
 7:30 pm Masterworks Concert: Columbia Independent School

Friday, February 21st

6:30 pm Christianity and Transgender Inclusion @ 1st Baptist

Saturday, February 22nd

10:00 am Christianity and Transgender Inclusion @ 1st Baptist
 12:00 pm Kids Helping Kids

Sunday, February 23rd—Consecration Sunday

8:30 am Worship
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 1:00 pm CSS Creation Keepers Workshop
 4:00 pm Loaves and Fishes
 5:30 pm Youth Choir
 6:00 pm Catechism: 8th Graders Only

Monday, February 24th

7:00 pm Women in the Word

Tuesday, February 25th

9:00 am Quilting Prep

Wednesday, February 26th

7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ HyVee on Nifong
 10:00 am Staff Meeting
 10:00 am Women and the Word
 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

Friday, February 28th

9:00 am Quilting Group

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Come learn from Christian transgender theologian Austen Hartke. A graduate of Luther Seminary's Master of Arts program in Old Testament and Hebrew Bible Studies, Hartke works to help other trans and gender non-conforming people see themselves in scripture. A recent winner of the John Milton Prize in Old Testament Writing, author of *Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians*, and creator of the YouTube series "Transgender and Christian," Hartke shares experiences as a bisexual and transgender Christian.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

6:30 p.m.: LGBTQ+ Pride Worship

7:15 p.m.: *Transgender and Christian:*

A Coming Out and Coming Home Story.

Hartke will share his story and the Bible stories that gave him strength as an adult in the seminary.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

10:00 a.m.: *The Bible and Transgender Christians Seminar.*

Explore biblical characters who did not fit into gender boxes in ancient times.

These events are free to the public and will take place at First Baptist Church - Columbia located at 1112 E. Broadway. No tickets are necessary and childcare is provided with reservation. For more information visit fbc-columbia.org.

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