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Faith, Fellowship & Service*

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Saints Alive!

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

December 23, 2019

ANNUAL REPORTS AVAILABLE

The deadline for Annual Report documents to be included in the Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church printed document for the Annual Meeting are due on January 6 at 4:30 p.m. Submit them to Ruth Church at office@saintandrewslutheran.org. She will make sure they are included.

The Annual Report Document is scheduled for availability on Thursday, January 16. Printed copies will be available at church or PDF documents will be available through email. Contact Ruth Church at office@saintandrewslutheran.org to be included in the mailing list.

On Sunday, January 19, between worship services, the Congregation Council will convene an information session to review the printed Annual Report document. This is a time to discuss the commitments that are proposed for the coming year. It is a great way to prepare for the Annual Meeting which will be held on Sunday, January 26.

Pastor David



LEMBKE HOUSE FIRE RESPONSE

Please join us in supporting Gary, Erica, and Carter Lembke as they are coping with the aftermath of a fire. St. Andrew's has been working to support them in various ways including prayers and cards, which they have found invaluable during this time. Right now, they need a variety of things for their furnished rental. There is a list of items needed in the narthex. To avoid duplication, similar to VAC Christmas, take a card with the item(s) you are willing to provide. For more information contact Molly Zitsch.

ENDOWMENT BOARD ENCOURAGES PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Donations and investment returns have been up during 2019 and the Endowment Board is able to fund new proposals for 2020 to support Community Ministries. In addition, the Board has increased the limit on proposals from \$500 to \$1,000.

Members of St. Andrew's are invited to share the application form with leaders in their favorite non-profit organization(s) within Boone County with encouragement to apply. Application forms are in the Church office and on display in the narthex, so pick one up and get it to the right place.

The Board does not use Endowment funds for organizations such as Lutheran Family and Children's Services that receive a Special Offering annually. To encourage diversity and to reach more ministries, the Board tends to not 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.

The deadline for receiving applications is February 21, 2020. The application is thorough, but not difficult to complete. Decisions on funding will be made during the Endowment Board meeting on March 2, 2020.

PASTOR'S DESK

Christ Revealed

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ~Matthew 2:10-11

As the church enters a new calendar year, the festival of the Epiphany is the first major festival of the year. In the early church, the Epiphany or revelation of Christ was the first celebration of the incarnation. Christmas is a later holiday. The Epiphany is also when the church celebrates the arrival of the Magi as told in Matthew's Gospel. Together Christmas and Epiphany function kind of like a binary star showing forth the realized promise that God comes to live among us in creation. Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus, the Christ, God's incarnation. Epiphany celebrates Christ revealed to all nations of the world.

In some traditions, January 6, Epiphany day, is a time for families to offer prayers and blessings for their homes. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for a simple set of prayers you may use for such a blessing.

Christ continues to reveal God's presence in our world as we enter the new year. This past year has been filled with many exciting ministries in the life of this congregation. Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church continues to show itself to be committed to Sharing Christ in Faith, Fellowship, and Service. It brings me great joy when people are visiting to show them the various ways this congregation is serving the larger world. People notice that there are always two or three or four ministries going at any time. Some are the standards: Loaves and Fishes, Prison Ministry, and the like. Others are seasonal: coat drive, VAC family adoptions, God's Work Our Hands, Endowment Grants to local non-profits, Growing Hope Globally and similar. In fact, for the faithful of this congregation these ministry commitments can too easily become invisible. They are so much a part of who we are that we just don't see them. And yet, they reveal Christ active in our world.

Each week, each month, throughout the church year, there is a band of faithful saints who walk with children in learning the stories of faith. Sunday School, catechism, youth ministry, all these faith formation opportunities are Christ present through a whole company of God's messengers who love youth and children. Parents, if you aren't signed up for Flocknote, we have no way to communicate what is happening. We'll do our best to include you in the correct groups by your child's graduation year. And youth in grades six through twelve, we can communicate with you. For all of this, the youth and children's ministry participation form is necessary and helpful. For adults, there are many study groups, Sunday Forums, and other opportunities to recognize Christ revealed in scripture, in community, and in our life together.

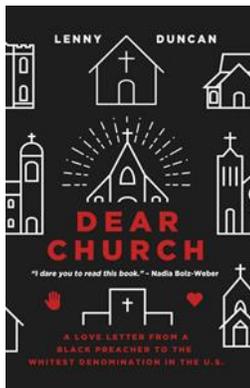
Each week, Christ is revealed in worship. The saints of this congregation prepare to proclaim God's good news in readings and prayers. Choir members, band members, musicians of all kinds prepare to proclaim Christ active through vibrant song in many styles. The preacher wrestles with scripture so that Christ is present in the preaching. Each week, the faithful gather to watch for Messiah, the Christ, who comes to us each day.

In a few short weeks Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church will gather for a celebration of all the ministry we share together. The Annual Congregational Meeting on January 26 will be an opportunity to hear and celebrate as well as to recommit ourselves to God's mission in this world through Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church where we are Sharing Christ in Faith, Fellowship, and Service. May we be overwhelmed with joy in our encounter with Christ today and every day.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor David

DEAR CHURCH

The Dear Church book discussion will continue January 7th (Chapters 8 & 9) and January 14th (Chapters 10 & 11).
Everyone is welcome.



TREATS FOR DOGS

St. Andrew's contributed 7 bags of Christmas-shaped dog treats to the Second Chance fundraiser and rumor has it that many other dogs in the congregation benefited as well. Thank you for participating!



second 
CHANCE
adopt. foster. educate.

SECURITY REMINDERS

With the new year reviewing Saint Andrew's safety protocols is helpful for us all. While we have policy and procedures in place to help make our congregation safe for all people, each one of us must take responsibility for the security of the community. Here is a quick overview of steps Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church takes to support the security of our members and guests.

Child Safety:

Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church has a Child Abuse Prevention Policy in place that seeks to keep children and vulnerable adults safe by: ensuring staff and volunteers working with children and youth do not have history of sexual misconduct and sexual abuse; requiring six months of participation or membership in the congregation and passing a background check prior to working with youth; reporting all instances of suspected child abuse, including sexual abuse; using a "two adult" rule requiring that, except in absolutely necessary circumstances, no individual adult will be in a room alone with children or youth; requiring two adults to accompany children or youth in each vehicle on church-sponsored activities. Outside of planned children and youth activities and events, Saint Andrew's will seek to provide safe space.

However, *parents should plan to accompany their children to the restrooms or out of worship when it becomes necessary for a child to step out.*

Property Security:

On Sunday mornings there are at least six entrances that are unlocked. There are often many rooms that are unoccupied. Security of personal belongings and church property becomes the responsibility of the whole community during these times. Please be aware of surroundings, including the parking lots, public spaces, restrooms and the like when the building is open. Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church has asked Worship Hosts to take some time during worship to walk about the building and parking lot, at random times, to assist with monitoring and reducing opportunity.

On weekdays when only one door is unlocked, it is important to be mindful of surroundings and property.

On Sunday mornings there are assigned individuals who take responsibility for checking the building, and securing all the doors. It is important that all individuals and groups lock the doors they unlock, and even walk the perimeter to ensure all doors are secure and rooms/restrooms are empty before leaving the building. Lax attention in any of these areas opens opportunity.

For more information, contact Pastor David Frerichs.

Pastor David

Life Together in Christ

Over the course of the next several months, those who are involved in catechism instruction with Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church youth will offer their reflections on the five commitments we all make in Affirming our Baptismal relationship with God.

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed...

The other day I saw a car with a Christian bumper sticker, drifting lazily out of its lane, only to notice later that the driver was texting and driving. I could not help but feel that the *word* of the bumper sticker had been sullied by the *deeds* of the driver. As much as I relish taking the moral higher ground with those who text and drive, I no doubt have my own shortcomings. What message might it send to those who see my car speeding down Forum Avenue with a St. Andrews decal on the back window? How can I proclaim the good news of God in Christ, when I barely understand the *word* myself and my *deeds* so often fall short?

On the one hand, I think the book of James is right where it states that faith without works is dead. If we wish someone in need to be warm and well-fed, but do nothing to help them, our words ring hollow. Our proclamation will fall flat if our deeds contradict our words. On the other hand, I firmly believe that the word, the good news of God in Christ, God's love for both me and the other driver, holds true regardless of our own failings. In 2 Corinthians 3:4-6, Paul writes "Such is the confidence we have through Christ towards God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not in a written code, but in the Spirit". It is only by the grace and love of God that we can hope to find the will and strength to truly proclaim the good news of God in Christ through both word and deed.

Michael Volz



Worship at St. Andrew's January 2020

January 5

Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1: 1-18

Setting 3

January 12

Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Resurrection Band plays at 8:30 am

Setting 6

January 19

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Setting 6

January 26

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Setting 6

Blessing for a Home at Epiphany

*Matthew writes that when the magi saw the shining star stop overhead, they were filled with joy. "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother" (Matt. 2:10-11). In the home, Christ is met in family and friends, in visitors and strangers. In the home, faith is shared, nurtured, and put into action. In the home, Christ is welcome. Twelfth Night (January 5), Epiphany of Our Lord (January 6), or another day during the time after Epiphany offers an occasion for gathering with friends and family members for a blessing for the home. Someone may lead the greeting and blessing, while another person may read the scripture passage. Following an eastern European tradition, a visual blessing may be inscribed with white chalk above the main door; for example, 20 + CMB + 20. The numbers change with each new year. The three letters stand for either the ancient Latin blessing *Christe mansionem benedicat*, which means "Christ, bless this house," or the legendary names of the magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar).*

Greeting

May peace be to this house and to all who enter here.
By wisdom a house is built
and through understanding it is established;
through knowledge its rooms are filled
with rare and beautiful treasures. (*Proverbs 24:3-4*)

Reading

As we prepare to ask God's blessing on this household, let us listen to the words of scripture.
In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being,
and the life was the light of all people.
The Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.
From his fullness we have all received,
grace upon grace. (*John 1:1-4, 14, 16*)

Inscription

This inscription may be made with chalk above the entrance:
20 + C M B + 20

Write the appropriate character (left) while speaking the text (right).

The magi of old, known as

C Caspar,

M Melchior, and

B Balthasar,

followed the star of God's Son who came to dwell among us

20 two thousand

20 and twenty years ago.

✚ Christ, bless this house,

✚ and remain with us throughout the new year.

Prayer of Blessing

O God, you revealed your Son to all people
by the shining light of a star.

We pray that you bless this home and all who live here
with your gracious presence.

May your love be our inspiration,

your wisdom our guide,

your truth our light,

and your peace our benediction;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Then everyone may walk from room to room, blessing the house with incense or by sprinkling with water, perhaps using a branch from the Christmas tree.

Adapted from *Come, Lord Jesus: Devotions for the Home* (Augsburg Fortress, 1996). See also "Blessing for a Home" in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Pastoral Care*, pp. 337-353.
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Growing Hope Globally Local Profits Down

Most of the Hartsburg fields did not get planted because of the rains. Thus, our Growing Hope Globally contributions were much less this

year. Donations by Peace UCC individuals of \$740 and grain sales from two farmers of \$852 totaled \$1,592 from their church. With St. Andrew’s contribution of \$3,700, we sent \$5,292 to Growing Hope Globally.

St. Andrew’s \$3,700 went to the Kenya West Pokot program because there are currently no Lutheran World Relief overseas programs that needed funding. We decided we wanted our funds to go to work immediately. The Kenya West Pokot program focuses on a two-year empowerment program to help young women and farmers focus on organic vegetable farming and tree nurseries. Paul and Karon Speckman visited this Kenya program in 2018.

We also contributed \$1,300 to Peace Lutheran Salisbury farmers. They were able to send \$11,452.95 for the Lutheran World Relief/Growing Hope account for future LWR projects when they become available in 2020.



New Year’s Resolution: Get involved with LWR kits and quilts.

Do you want to help with overseas quilts and kits and don’t know how? We’ll start making school bags in January so we can get a head start. Plus, the quilters always need someone willing to cut squares or sew tops. Or you can tie quilts and enjoy lively conversation on the second and fourth Friday morning of each month. Spread your love and get involved – contact Karon Speckman.

St. Andrew’s Inclusion Team: Living in Harmony

“May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 15: 5-6

Hmmm ... nice words but how do we walk the talk? St. Andrew’s members have been discussing the book “Dear Church” about how the church has failed those who don’t fit “our” definition of true church members – either those from a different race or those who identify as LGBTQIA. That book discussion sparked the newly formed Inclusion Team, which our Church Council approved at its Nov. 21 meeting. The team is working on helping us learn how to glorify with one voice. We are arranging two educational opportunities for members of our church.

First, we are co-sponsoring with other Columbia churches a Christianity and Transgender Inclusion Workshop in February. The workshop will feature transgender theologian Austen Hartke. First Baptist Church will host the Feb. 21-22 workshop (Friday evening and Saturday morning). In addition to First Baptist and St. Andrew’s Lutheran, other sponsoring churches are Broadway Christian (Disciples of Christ), Columbia United Church of Christ, Rock Bridge Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and Unity Church.

Second, St. Andrew’s is making plans for a four-week racial-issue workshop this spring by the Rev. C. W. Dawson. Pr. Dawson will focus on how we are united but divided by faith.

Beth Shapiro is the contact person for this team.

Giving Options

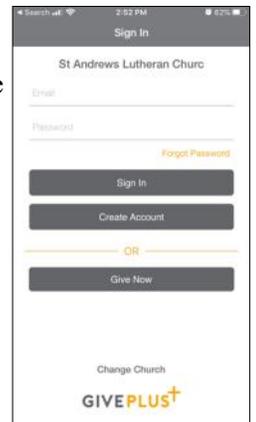
At Saint Andrew’s Lutheran Church there are many options for making offerings. Some prefer the tangible act of putting their offering in the plate during worship. It is a wonderful sign of giving our whole selves to God and God’s mission. Those who do not currently have envelopes can request them by dropping a note to Ruth Church at office@saintandrewslutheran.org. Dawn Lessiack, the Financial Secretary, will assign you an envelope.

Many have moved toward electronic management of banking including making contributions to various organizations. At Saint Andrew’s there are two ways to access the electronic giving options. The first option is available through the website saintandrewslutheran.org. One can click on the “Donate Now” button at the bottom of each page. The button directs to a secure giving page that is managed by Vanco Systems. Donors may create a personal profile to manage their gifts. Offerings may be made as one-



time events or recurring transactions. Offerings may be allocated to the General Fund, Building Fund or Endowment within Saint Andrew’s, or to the Fifth Sunday Offering, Growing Hope Globally/Lutheran World Relief (with a line for designation), Lutheran Disaster Response (with the option to designate the current appeal), or Lutheran Hunger Appeal beyond Saint Andrew’s.

For those who prefer to manage their offerings through mobile devices, Saint Andrew’s Lutheran Church offer the same online giving security through the GivePlus (Give+) Church app available through both Google Play and Apple App Store. Once downloaded, search by zip code and find Saint Andrew’s Lutheran Church. Set up a profile if one has not already been created online. All the options for giving noted above are available.



Pastor David

NOVEMBER 2019 COUNCIL UPDATE FOR THE NEWSLETTER

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

Landscaping

A small group of our members are interested in revitalizing some of the landscaping on the front of the church (west and north-west sides). Their proposal to spend \$500 on assorted plants and provide the labor has been approved by the council.

Snow Removal

Council has received and is reviewing bids to have our snow removal include the sidewalks and stairs around our build.

Roof Repair

Council has asked for at least two bids to have our roof repair in the face of recent leaks note in the Centrum and Library. Bids will be presented at the Annual meeting January 26th for Congregation approval.

Parking Lot Paving and repair

Council is reaching out to obtain bids to have our parking revitalized. These bids will also be presented to the Congregation at the Annual meeting.

Receiving New Members

Motion to receive into membership two households by affirmation of baptism: Steve and Miriam Stratton; and Travis and Erica Thornhill.

Motion made by David Frerichs; Seconded by Katie;

The motion was unanimously approved by Council members and passed.

Dates to Remember:

Congregational Meeting Dates: January 26, 2020—Annual Congregation Meeting/Budget Approval, April 26—Congregation Election. An open Budget/Annual meeting forum will be held on Sunday, January 19 to review the proposed budget.

YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

Thank you to the Kvams, the Speckmans with Harry and Barb Lewis and Linda Veder, and the Volzes who opened their homes for the Progressive Dinner on December 14. There were more than seven youth who participated in this time of fellowship. Several other sponsors attended to build relationship with the youth of this congregation.

On the weekend of January 17-19 nine youth and four adults will go to St. Louis for the 2020 Quake Event. Hold them in your prayers as they travel and as they experience Christ present in that gathering of youth and faith leaders.

The speaker is “Packer” Dave Gunnlaugsson who has been involved with Quake events for several years as a speaker, staff member, and team member with Cross Fire to East Africa. Currently, Dave works with Feed My Starving Children in Minnesota. Prior to FMSC Dave served as a youth pastor and church planter and spent several years at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp in Colorado.

The musician is Peder Eide who has spent much of his last decade serving God and the church as a full-time national singer/songwriter and speaker. Peder ministers to over 100,000 students a year throughout all of North America at national gatherings, festivals, conferences, conventions, concerts, and

churches. His love for young people fuels his ministry with the desire to encourage, challenge, and motivate people to a closer walk with Jesus Christ. “My goal is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to students through music, audience participation, and my example. I want to build them up, encourage them in their faith, and let them know that they are loved and valuable. I don’t want them to feel just an emotional high, but I want to challenge them to make a commitment that strengthens their faith and gives them the confidence to keep on living Christ centered lives.”

The key leaders in youth ministry are:

For Catechism:	Pastor David, Emily Keys, Wendy Fischer, Michael Volz, Angie Nickell, Gloria Fischman;
For Sunday Mornings:	Zach and Madi Warhover
For Youth Ministry:	Pastor David and Lauren Warnken (with a supporting cast of <i>millions</i>)

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:

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

We pray for those in the military:

Will Parker and Brayden Coy, deployed in Central Asia; 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 typhoon, tropical storm, hurricane, 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: Kim, Novah, Erica, Emily, Tanesha, Kari, Samantha, Rachel, Kadence, Lisa, and Bridgette.

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

For all who grieve the death of Geneen Morgan.

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

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet January 21st at 12:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Phyllis Glasker will lead a study on the book of Mark. All women of St. Andrew's are invited to join.



Happy January Birthdays!

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

Wilson Freyermuth	1/1	Brock Loesing	1/15
Erik Miller	1/1	Chery Stock	1/19
Anne Edwards	1/2	Lannette Garrison	1/24
Adelaide Reaser	1/2	Kay Maas	1/25
Patti Blanchard	1/5	John Koch	1/27
Robert Bock	1/5	Dorcas Leighton	1/27
Carol Ludwig	1/6	Heather Koch	1/28
Mike Stohlgren	1/7	Madi Warhover	1/29
Ken Kvam	1/10	Steve Cox	1/30
Christopher Flood	1/11	Thomas Eckles	1/30
Sam Mitchell	1/12	Kathy Algren	1/31
Joan Stroer	1/13		
Adam Wadlow	1/14		

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

JAIL MINISTRY

The Jail Ministry team holds a Bible study/worship service for women inmates of the Boone County Jail 10 times a year. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Susan Goldammer..

If you cannot join us but would still like to contribute, we need the following:

1. Large or larger print Bibles.
2. Reading glasses
3. Donations for Bibles and for prayer books

See the box in the Narthex for donations or write "Jail Ministry" in the memo line of your check.

LOAVES AND FISHES

This is one of the most meaningful ministries you will participate in. Once a month St. Andrew's cooks and serves a hot meal for those in need at the Wilkes Methodist Church. If you are interested in participating as a cook or server, please sign up in the Narthex. We also welcome donations for ingredients or ingredients themselves (got an extra turkey in the freezer?).



BAPTISM!

We welcome into the body of Christ Abigail Helen Westbrook who was baptized on December 15th, 2019.

THANK YOU

We are grateful for the love, concern and care expressed during the health decline and passing of our husband and dad, Vern Provancha. Thank you to those visited him at the Neighborhoods, prayed on his behalf, sent cards, brought Communion, and asked about him. We appreciate those who honored him by attending his visitation and service. We thank Pastor David, Sheryl Mehrhoff, Larry and Meg Tuttle and the folks who provided the lunch following the service. The comfort and peace experienced by your thoughtfulness and kindness are appreciated more than words can express.

~Willie Provancha and Family

Loaves and Fishes

Our gratitude to the awesome volunteer team at **Loaves and Fishes** to help feed the hungry on Sunday, November 24, 2019. Thank you to Mona Freidrichs, Bobette Rose, Dawn Lessiack, Shari Freyermuth, Justin and Phil Wood, Susan Goldammer, Charlie Farrow, Ron and Nova Berg, Gary, Erica and Carter Lembke for serving and clean-up.

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

Thanks to the following for donating grocery and baked items: Mona Freidrichs, Jenine Loesing, Phil Wood, Erica Lembke, Bobette Rose and Dawn Lessiack.

There were 107 meals served including take-out meals and second helpings.

Please consider helping with this life-giving ministry. The next time for service is **Sunday, January 26, 2019. 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 November 2019

November Summary	November 2019	Year to Date
Giving toward the Budget(1)	\$ 36,876	\$ 399,750
Actual Expenses for Budgeted Items	\$ 35,434	\$ 392,004
Giving over/(under) Expenses	\$ 1,442	\$ 7,746
Response to Budget		
Budget (Spending Estimate) Approved at 1/28/18 Annual Meeting (2)	\$ 39,832	\$ 438,152
Giving over/(under) Budget	\$ (2,956)	\$ (38,402)
Nonbudget Special Offerings		
Growing Hope Globally Quilt Auction	\$ 263	\$ 523

Notes:

(1) Nov. giving increased 11.6% over Nov. 2018; year-to-date giving increased 2.8% over 2018.

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

JANUARY CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 1

All day Office Closed

Thursday, January 2

7:00 pm Our Hands Crafters

Saturday, January 4

7:30 am Men's Breakfast

Sunday, January 5

8:30 am Worship
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 5:00 pm Quake Meeting
 5:30 pm Youth Choir
 6:00 pm Catechism Class

Monday, January 6

All day Annual Report: Ministry Report Deadline
 2:00 pm Prayer Team
 7:00 pm Women in the Word

Tuesday, January 7

9:00 am Quilting Prep
 5:30 pm Mutual Ministry
 7:00 pm Dear Church Discussion

Wednesday, January 8

7:00 am Men's Bible Study at Hy-Vee on Nifong
 10:00 am Women and the Word
 6:00 pm Wednesday Worship
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 9

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

Friday, January 10

9:00 am Quilting Group

Sunday, January 12

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

Monday, January 13

7:00 pm Women and the Word

Wednesday, January 15

7:00 am Men's Bible Study at Hy-Vee on Nifong
 10:00 am Women and the Word
 6:00 pm Wednesday Worship
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 16

6:00 pm Council Meeting
 7:00 pm Our Hands Crafters

Friday, January 17

All day Youth Quake Event

Saturday, January 18

All day Youth Quake Event

Sunday, January 19

8:30 am Worship
 9:45 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Forum: Budget and Ministry Briefing
 11:00 am Worship
 5:30 pm Youth Choir

Monday, January 20

7:00 pm Women and the Word

Tuesday, January 21

9:00 am Quilting Prep
 12:45 pm Ruth Circle
 7:00 pm Dear Church Discussion

Wednesday, January 22

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

Friday, January 24

9:00 am Quilting Group

Sunday, January 26

8:30 am Worship
 9:45 am Annual Meeting: Ministry and Budget
 11:00 am Worship
 4:00 pm Loaves and Fishes
 5:30 pm Youth Choir

Monday, January 27

7:00 pm Women and the Word

Wednesday, January 29

7:00 am Men's Bible Study at Hy-Vee on Nifong
 10:00 am Women and the Word
 6:00 pm Wednesday Worship
 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

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On Christmas Eve there always comes a time when everything is finally still. After all the preparations and Christmas pageants, after all of the rushing, it's wonderful just to settle into that stillness and have a chance to think about the *miracle of Advent and Christmas.*

For me that came after the 11 o'clock candlelight service and after going home. With my husband and children in bed, I could think and settle into that stillness and marvel at the miracle that had happened.

We know that God is up to something. We long for peace, and sure enough, God comes in the form of a helpless baby in a wooden manger. In that stillness, I think of another time when we are waiting and longing. It's at the Easter vigil, when, by tradition, we feel that at the very stroke of midnight Christ was raised from the dead. This helpless man on a cross now becomes the risen Lord.



I hope and pray, dear church, that in this season of Advent and Christmas you will find time for stillness, find time to sense the expectation and the longing, but also to celebrate the *miracle of God's love* that has come to us in the form of a tiny baby who grows to be a human being who gives his life for us, that we might have life.

Merry Christmas, dear church.

Elizabeth A. Eaton

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