



Andrew said, "We have found the Messiah." John 1:41

**Our mission is to demonstrate God's love
by caring for all people and helping them
to know and follow Jesus.**



Panda-Maniacs!! Kids, teens, adults - members and friends - all gave "thumbs up" to PandaMania, this year's Vacation Bible School, held June 20-24. St. Andrew was transformed into a very wild place, complete with bamboo bridges, trailing vines, ponds, waterfalls and pandas galore, bringing the message to almost 200 young registrants and their families that "God is wild about us!" Special thanks to our VBS Director, Marianne Lohr, and all of the generous volunteers of all ages who made the week possible!

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Dear Friends,

*"A ship in the harbor is safe,
but that's not what ships are for."*

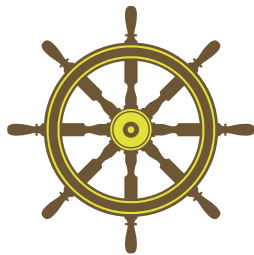
So goes one of my favorite quotations, attributed to author John Augustus Shedd, whose words can be appropriately applied to so many things in life, not the least of which is the mission and ministry of the church. While I've used that saying many times in the past, it recently came to mind again. Here's why.

Not many Sundays ago, our morning worship included the second reception of new members in as many months, the baptisms of a mother and her daughter, the commissioning of our high school youth as they left for a week-long mission trip, and the installation of our Vacation Bible School leadership team. Each of those moments represented significant steps of faith for those who were part of them.

A few weeks later, I was part of an "after action meeting" concerning last June's Bible School. At that meeting, it was determined that if we want to reach more children with the ministry of VBS, it will be necessary to expand to two one-week sessions to accommodate the growth we are experiencing. The task of essentially having two Bible schools instead of one is a bit daunting when you think of all the extra volunteers and other resources that will be needed. But faced with the prospect of turning children away for lack of space (Hint: We need to complete the Lower Level!), our leaders were unanimous in their determination to "go for it!"

Not long before that meeting, I joined the Firm Foundations Capital Campaign Team for a planning session during which we were led and served by our campaign consultant Gayle Hunter Haglund, whose heart is in the ministry of St. Andrew as much today as it was when she grew up in the care of our congregation. The goal of Firm Foundations will be both lofty and achievable, and the commitments of dozens of volunteers and hundreds of sacrificial givers will be required to make this effort a God-honoring success. But when I watch you imagining what we can still do and the people we can still reach through the completion of our facilities and perhaps even the expansion of our parking lot (again!), it's hard not to get caught up in the Spirit God is pouring out on our life together.

Last but not least, I've also enjoyed a series of meetings this summer with our Board of Directors, other leaders, and staff members about present and future staffing



needs at St. Andrew in response to the growth with which God is blessing us. Once a clear vision emerges from those conversations, that effort will also take time, resources, and steps of faith to accomplish.

With all these things in mind, I look toward the Fall once again thanking God that St. Andrew isn't just a ship in a safe harbor, but that by God's grace, you keep going forward, taking risks, committing gifts, opening your arms in welcome, and launching out on the exhilarating adventure of showing the world around us that Christ is alive and is making room for them in His eternal family. I know it isn't easy to do those things, which is why I rejoice all the more when I see you in action in each of the settings I've mentioned along with many others. And though John Augustus Shedd may be the inspired author of one of my favorite quotations, I can almost imagine Jesus Himself calling fishermen like St. Andrew, our namesake, with the same words through which I've heard Him speak to me.

"A ship in the harbor is safe, but that's not what ships are for!"

With thanks, anticipation, and love, in Christ,

Pastor Hricko

Welcome New Members!

We were blessed to welcome the following new members to our St. Andrew family on Sunday, June 26. Stop by the "Coming Attractions" wall near the mailboxes in the Commons to check out their photos ... then keep your eye out and make an effort to welcome them to the family!



*Kimberly Anderson & Wakamba Ricara,
Kamani, Kaedan, Keanu & Khai*

Ron Collis

Gena & Gary Howard, & Mollie

Ines Martinez, Ileana & Elisa

Renee Ruhl, & Aliyah

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Continue the Journey ... Final Report



As our congregation prepares for its next capital funding effort for the expansion of our ministry, we give thanks to those who generously participated in our last campaign known as *Continue the Journey*.

With your sacrificial gifts, fulfilled pledges, and special offerings, our congregation was able to:

- Complete and expand our church parking lot
- Complete and furnish the Great Room
- Support the Ablaze for God's Mission effort of our denomination
- Lower our congregational debt
- Sustain our church's ongoing ministry in the aftermath of our relocation
- Provide seed money toward completion of the lower level of our church home

While some gifts to Continue the Journey have come very recently and others are still anticipated, as of June 30, 2011, total pledged and unpledged contributions stand at \$1,830,634!

It may also interest you to know that:

- The average pledge to CTJ was more than \$9,000
- 90% of gifts pledged were actually given
- 144 members of St. Andrew met or exceeded their pledged amount

We give glory to God and thanks to the many campaign leaders who challenged us, and to all who sacrificially supported this major step forward in our work for His Kingdom!

The upcoming Firm Foundations Campaign will officially begin in October and will enable us to literally build on the success of Continue the Journey. Your ongoing generous gifts to St. Andrew's Building Fund will now be posted to Firm Foundations, along with any new pledges and offerings you make as God blesses and enables you to do so.

As we transition to a new season in which to excel in the grace of giving for the glory of God, we once again call to mind the words of scripture with which we began.

"Go in peace, for the Lord is watching over your journey." Judges 18:6

Common Ground Returning Soon!

Wednesday evenings,
Sept. 21 – Nov. 9

Dinner at 6:00pm

Informal Praise & Prayer

6:30pm

Group Time 6:40-7:40pm

Closing at 7:45pm



Offering a variety of
interesting and provocative
topics (watch Sunday bulletins &
website for details coming soon!)

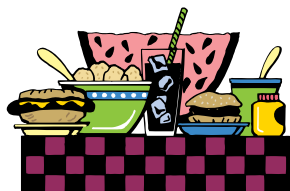
Bring your family and friends ...
a great outreach opportunity!



SALSA

St. Andrew Lutheran Social Adults – 20's, 30's...80's+

Picnic! Sunday, August 28!



SALSA will be holding its annual picnic at the home of Sue and Larry Zimmerman (7025 Mink Hollow Road, Highland, MD, just off Rt. 108) on Sunday, August 28,

4-7pm. Burgers, hotdogs, condiments, sodas, water and lemonade will be provided. We are asking everyone to bring an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert to share, as indicated below:

- Last Name A-H - Salad or Appetizer
- Last Name I-P - Side Dish
- Last Name Q-Z - Dessert

Come for food, come for conversation, come for fun activities! Be sure to bring your lawn chairs, coolers with alternate beverage preferences, and any games you may wish to play.

Please sign up in the Commons so we know how many to expect.

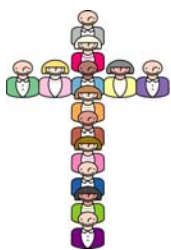
September 11, 2011

On Sunday, September 11, our morning worship will include special music, prayers for our nation and the world, and a commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the attacks on New York, Washington, DC and Pennsylvania.

Robert Jefferson, gifted musician and servant of our country, will join our musicians at all three services. Be sure to join our congregation for a very special day of worship, renewed hope, and celebration of the strength we have in Christ.



Communion Assistant Training



Communion Assistant training will be held **Sunday, September 11** at noon (immediately following the late service) in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in serving as a communion assistant (or as a substitute), or are currently serving and would like some refresher training, please join us.

Contact Wendy in the church office for more information.

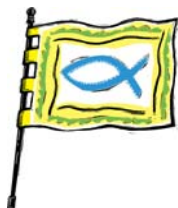
Coupons for Young Families



We have begun to collect coupons for diapers, baby food, baby wipes, children's medicine, and other items that young families purchase frequently. If you would like to assist by collecting these coupons as well, please place them in the mailbox marked "Family Coupons" located in the special mailbox section in the Commons. Thanks!

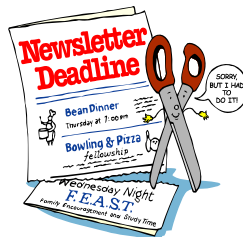
Baptismal Banners

Throughout the years our Craft Ministry has prepared lovely personalized Baptismal banners as gifts for infants and children when they are baptized. Did you know that our Craft Ministry is also happy to take orders for these banners which display the name and, if requested, the baptismal date of others you may wish to honor with such a gift?



Banners measure approximately 12 by 18 inches and are ready to hang. The cost of \$10 covers the materials used. Please order at least two weeks in advance by calling Marie Jackson at 301-871-3911. These banners make lovely gifts for the infant, child, or adult in recognition of the day he or she received the holy sacrament.

September Newsletter Deadline Sunday, August 14



Please email your articles to my.standrew@verizon.net
Thank you!

Pastor Tich Luu Installed



On the afternoon of Sunday, July 10, Pastor Tich Luu was installed as Associate Pastor and Mission Developer for Chinese Outreach at Messiah Lutheran Church in Germantown. Pastor Hricko participated in the worship which was also attended by members of St. Andrew along with pastors and members of other area churches. Pastor Luu is a son of our congregation, which supported not only his journey to the Christian faith, but his ministry in Montgomery County. We look forward to supporting his ministry in the future as well with our prayers and gifts.

Pastor Luu's biography from the Installation Service bulletin includes the following information:

Pastor Tich Luu was born of Chinese parents in the Vietnamese city of Cholon. Wanting him to learn the Chinese language and more of its culture, his parents enrolled him in a Chinese school, where he learned to speak the Chinese dialects of Cantonese and Mandarin. Tich left Vietnam in 1978. After an arduous journey, he was admitted to the United States in 1979 through the sponsorship of Lutheran Social Services and The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew, located in Silver Spring, Maryland.

In 1989, he met Michelle, a native of Taiwan, in California. After a brief engagement, the couple was married.

In May 1990, Tich earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology from Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin, and became a Certified Lay Minister. In 1995, he earned a Masters of Divinity at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and was ordained, one month later, at The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew. Soon after his ordination, he moved to New York, where he served as Pastor of True Light Lutheran Church located in Manhattan.

In August 2000, he was called to serve as Assistant Pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church and Lutheran Student Center in Carbondale, Illinois.

In April 2005, Tich once again was called to move, this time to Rockville, Maryland, where he served as Associate Pastor and directed the Chinese Outreach Ministry for the Lutheran Church of the Cross.

Pastor Luu accepted the call to serve Messiah Lutheran Church in Germantown, Maryland as Associate Pastor and Mission Developer on June 26, 2011.

Mark Your Calendars!



The Blessing of the **BOOKBAGS!**

Sunday, August 28 at 9:30 & 11:00

All school-aged children are invited to bring their backpack to church and participate in this special blessing!



KidCentral Begins! **Sunday, September 11**

Rally Day!

Sunday, September 18

Special activities during KidCentral.
Invite your neighbors and friends!

First Holy Communion Class

St. Andrew will be offering a First Holy Communion class for children in grades 4-6 this fall. There will be a series of five sessions led by Pastor Hricko and others that are designed to instruct children in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Upon completion of these classes, the celebration of First Holy Communion will take place during one of our worship services. If your child is interested and would like to enroll, please contact Wendy Linstrom in the church office at 301-384-4394 or wendylcsa@gmail.com. Informational flyers may be found at the Welcome Center in the Commons.



The Droege Report



Like many of you, when I think of summer vacation the first word that jumps out of my mouth is “Nebraska!” That is where you would have found the Droegees this 4th of July. We were attending the Baden family reunion (my mother’s side). It was delightful because we only spoke German, which is

convenient because, as all true Lutheran’s know, that is the only language that God listens to. We had a lot of fun (or mucho funno in the High German that my family speaks). Why am I telling you about my summer vacation to the heartland you may ask? Well, for two reasons: First, to prepare you for my slideshow entitled “You thought Nebraska was boring in real life, just wait for my slide show,” and second, to tell you about an epiphany I had about a new ministry that we should start at St. Andrew.

While walking on the town square of Seward, Nebraska on Independence Day, I saw stall after stall of quilts, afghans, birdhouses, and many other handmade items. It came to me that we should have a Craft Ministry at LCSA and use some of the lower level space to house this ministry. I was so excited about this novel idea that I could not wait to tell Marie Jackson and JoAnn Aulick about my wonderful idea. As many of you know, for the past 10 years Marie, JoAnn and I do a 10 mile run every morning at 5 AM. We use this time to catch up on what is going on in our lives. I don’t always listen too well, so when Marie told me that there already is a Craft Ministry that started over 20 years ago, I was a bit surprised. Apparently it was started under the finest pastor LCSA has ever had, George Lobien. Not only does this ministry bring in a good chunk of cash (over \$15,000 last year), but more importantly, it has served as a place where people can learn how to make quilts, jam, jellies, to have knitting problems solved and a place to talk to someone. They meet every Wednesday from 9 to 3, and even have a transportation system set up for people who need a ride to the church. Not only does this ministry raise money and bring people together, it also makes quilts for Lutheran World Relief, Baptismal banners for our newest members, and donates extra crafts to a variety of Lutheran missions, among other things. It will also not cause the embarrassment that other organizations have (i.e., the ill-fated St. Andrew’s German Beer Drinking Ministry).

What does this all have to do with the lower level? Well, with the extra space, the Craft Ministry can now store all of their supplies in one organized location rather than at people’s houses or in nooks and crannies around our current space. They will also have a room set up just for their ministry, instead of working out the logistics of sharing it with other ministries, which will save a significant amount of time that currently goes into setting up and putting items away each week that can be better spent crocheting a device to go in the back of the sanctuary to let pastors know when they are droning on.

Once again, another tremendous ministry that will benefit by the completion of the lower level. Therefore when the uncomfortable/awkward “ask” for donations to this project comes your way, it should be relatively easy for you to dig a little deeper in your pockets to kick in a little more than you were originally thinking.

Herr Droege



Lutheran Women's Missionary League News



Delegates to the 34th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) convened in Peoria, Illinois from June 23 to 26, 2011. More than 4,600 Lutheran Women in Mission from across the nation gathered to conduct business, renew friendships, and rally around God's Word. The theme of the convention was **"Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge"** based on the Scripture passage: *"And they realized they had been with Jesus. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard"* (Acts 4:13b & 20 NKJV). Dr. Ken R. Klaus was the designer and proclaimer for the Thursday evening worship service. Bible study leader, Dr. Reed Lessing, Associate Professor and Director of the Graduate School at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, shared

insights from Scripture with convention participants.

The organization adopted a mission goal of \$1.825 million for the 2011-2013 biennium. The funds raised over the next two years by the organization's 250,000 members nationwide will be used to support the following mission grants:

1. Support for Lutheran Orphanages, Haiti – \$70,000
2. Lutheran Braille Workers Plate Embossing Device – \$100,000
3. Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) Spread God's Word Through Print and Audio – \$97,344
4. Outreach to At-Risk Children, Detroit, MI – \$55,000
5. Cancer Care Package Ministry – \$100,000
6. Crow Indian Ministry, Montana – \$69,999.64
7. Exodus 2:6 Project: Spiritual Care in Disasters – Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, \$50,000
8. Children's Nutrition and Care, Vietnam – \$72,255
9. Grace Place for LCMS International Missionaries – \$75,000
10. Pregnancy Center: Newborn Protection, Malaysia, Southeast Asia – \$54,500
11. The Lutheran Malaria Initiative, Kenya, East Africa – \$100,000
12. Two Graduate Scholarships for International/Minority Students, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO – \$50,000
13. Project JOEL – Outreach to Youth, Central/South America – \$75,000
14. Children's Developmental Disabilities Group Home & Rehabilitation Center, Dominican Republic – \$100,000
15. Missionary Family Care and Education – \$100,000
16. Gospel Outreach Through Open Arms Child Care – \$65,000
17. Haskell Indian Nations University Lutheran Campus Ministry Expansion, Lawrence, KS – \$100,000
18. Financial Support for LCMS Prison and Jail Ministry Conference – \$27,500
19. Physical and Spiritual Nourishment for the Impoverished, United States/Mexico Border Partially funded at \$27,970.36

LCMS members Karen Matthiesen and Deb Poese (pictured at right) were in attendance at the convention. Deb is currently serving as the Chesapeake District president, coordinating the activities of affiliated LWML women's groups across Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Karen is a past Chesapeake District president, and was attending as the delegate from our local Potomac Zone of LWML groups here in western central Maryland.

The LWML is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS). For more information about the LWML, and to access a multitude of spiritual resources for Christian women (and men!) go to www.lwml.org.



Social Action Ministry News



THANKS! We are sincerely thankful to the congregation for their generous giving of school supplies for the children involved in the Linkages to Learning program. This gave approximately 60 children in the Kennedy cluster of the Montgomery County School System more than enough supplies to start their school year. We also contributed supplies to the Lutheran Hispanic ministry at St John's Lutheran Church, and made a financial donation to the Colesville Council of Community Congregations (C-4) so they could buy supplies for their school supply project. We hope that God will touch the lives of all the children who got school supplies. Thank you again for your willingness to help.

LSS Grateful for Support – On Sunday, July 10, a special plaque was presented to The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew by Lutheran Social Services Board of Directors members Sue Zimmerman and the Rev. Ken Carlson. The plaque states that “the Board of Directors expresses its deepest gratitude and thanksgiving to The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew for a decade of generous, faithful partnership in the ministries of Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area.” The Bible verse on the plaque reads “And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough, you may share abundantly in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8. Lutheran Social Services touches over 3500 families each year, through refugee resettlement, adoption and foster care, programs for youth affected by HIV/AIDS, and disaster response. The support of the members of St. Andrew has had a significant impact on making this mission attainable. Thank you!

Lutheran Mission Society's collection of "Thrift Shop Items" is August 21 (please note date!). Place your “treasures” on the right just inside the door to the Great Room. Our next collection date is September 25.

August Food & Toiletry Collection – Continuing our support of the Lutheran Mission Society, we are collecting **peanut butter and jelly, cans or plastic jars of spaghetti sauce, and canned fruit, as well as regular-sized shampoo and body wash.** Place the items in the collection box in the coat room.

A Letter from LMS – “Our hearts are filled with joy! What a wonderful response to the request for school supplies for Mt. Hope Elementary and Gail Bailey Elementary in southern Maryland! St. Andrew members and VBS families have touched the lives of these young people in ways you will never know. Lutheran Mission Society of Maryland has partnered with Mt. Hope and Gail Bailey, located in some of Maryland's poorest communities, through the ministry outreach of our mobile Southern Maryland Compassion Center. In the past, we have provided the children with summer camp clothing and blankets (Thank you St. Andrew Crafters for the colorful quilts), food for their families, winter coats, sneakers and boots. Always included in these donations is the wonderful message of Jesus and His love.” Signed by Deaconess Roberta S. Hillhouse (better known to us as Robie), Director of Ministry Advancement.

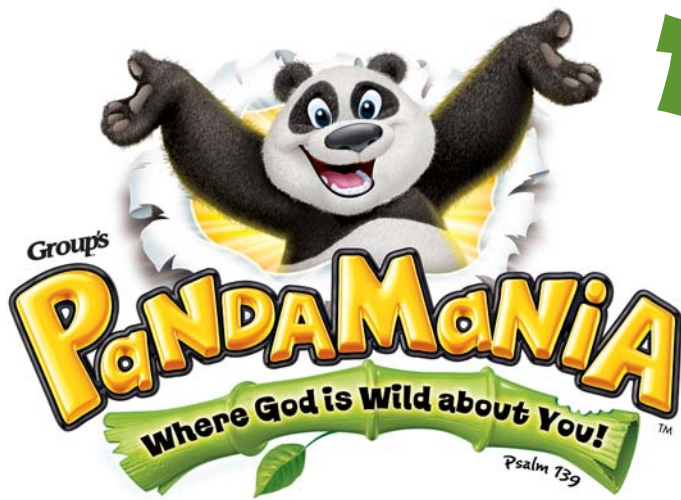
Books! Keep them coming! Between now and November we are using the Operation Paperback box to collect both paperbacks and hardbacks for a book sale table at the Craft Fair in November. Operation Paperback will again collect books for VA hospitals in January and will send any leftover books from the Craft Fair.

The **Thrivent Builds/Habitat for Humanity** house that is being rehabilitated for a low-income family is progressing well, with work crews from more than 15 Lutheran churches participating. **Tamara Arsenault is signing up volunteers for our work crew for September 9-10.** You do not need to have construction know-how or experience to volunteer – on-site guidance is provided. Contact Tamara at 301-445-6858 or arsenault_family@mac.com.

Even though the Comedy Night fundraiser was a success, we are still short of our financial donation goal. Tax deductible contributions to “Thrivent Builds” can be placed in Walter Petzold's mailbox in the Commons or mailed to him at 14113 Chadwick Lane, Rockville, MD 20853. This project will enable a deserving family to have a decent place to live and to pursue home ownership.

Help with Mortgage – Interfaith Works writes that their CCES emergency support office may be able to help unemployed and underemployed homeowners through a recently enacted government emergency assistance mortgage program. Go to www.homefreeusa.org for details or call 301-355-6140. The funds will be available until September 30th.

Pillow Donations – The Community Based Shelter is entirely out of pillows. If you will bring them on **August 14 or 28**, Carol Petzold will deliver them. Please leave them on the shelf in the Coat Room with a tag pinned on for “CBS.”



Thank you,
God!

And a big thank you to ALL the Panda Partners
who made Vacation Bible School such a success!

PandaMANIA is over but it was a fabulous week! With your prayers and
support, we hosted 179 children for a week of faith-building fun.

Special thanks to these VIPs (Very Important Pandas!) ...

John Adam • Karen Adam • Kyra Adam • McKayla Adam • Sam Adam • Deborah Alexander
Rachel Alexander • Carol Ames • Kimberly Anderson • Marisa Arsenault • Stephanie Arsenault
Lucie Austin • Jennifer Backus • Pete Backus • Alex Baker • Carol Baker • Ryan Baker • Don Becker
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Jeff Wahlbrink • Nora Wahlbrink • Jourdan Wells • Lynn Wright • Sue Zimmerman

And mark your calendars now for next year!!

We will have two sessions of Vacation Bible School
June 18-22 and June 25-29!



Thanks Upon Thanks!

Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for your recent prayers, which have helped me very much in my distress. The children and many friends of St. Andrew, including the Bible Study Group, sent get-well cards. Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you!!! At this juncture I am reminded of two Bible verses: Psalm 139:16 and Psalm 91:15. Once again, thank you!

In Him,
Wilson J. Moses



Dear Friends,

Thank you for thinking of me and especially for your prayers. He listens and comforts all who ask for his care.

In Christian love,
Ruth Valis, grandmother of Patrick Hintz



Dear Friends at St. Andrew,

One of the joys of our work at Interfaith Works is the support that friends like you show for our efforts. We deeply appreciate your generous gift to support our Congregation & Community Emergency Support program. Interfaith Works has been helping neighbors in need in Montgomery County since 1972. With only 5% of our expenses used for overhead, we believe we are a good investment in our community. Interfaith Works' programs provide food, clothing, shelter, housing and other basic needs to over 30,000 men, women and children each year who have been unable to support themselves. With the help of over 7,000 volunteers, we also provide these neighbors with the tools to work towards self-sufficiency. Your good will and generosity will make a real difference, and offer hope to those who are in need.

Sincerely,
C. Marie Henderson
Executive Director, Interfaith Works



On behalf of MedStar Health Blood Donor Services and the patients we serve, thank you for recently hosting a blood drive. It is because of people like you and the donors that participated in the blood drive that we are able to meet the needs of hospitals and patients in our community. We look forward to working with you again soon.

Shandy Destin
Medstar

How to Join St. Andrew

God called us to be part of His family for a reason – it's hard to grow alone! Our St. Andrew community will meet you where you are, and walk beside you to a closer relationship with God.

Wondering how to unite with our St. Andrew family? Follow these easy steps

...

- † **Worship** with us regularly!
- † Explore the ministry and fellowship opportunities we offer. Don't be shy – ask questions, join us at special events, small groups and meetings. **Look for a comfortable place to “plug-in.”**
- † Participate in **Faith Walk 101 Information & Membership Seminar**. Led by our Pastor and other ministry leaders, these sessions offer the opportunity to explore the Lutheran faith, learn more about our St. Andrew community, and get to know others who are on the same path.
- † If you wish to **transfer** your membership from another faith community, contact the church office. We will be pleased to assist by writing for your transfer.
- † If you are a new Christian, speak with Pastor about receiving the **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**.

If you are searching for answers about God, your faith, or our St. Andrew community, contact the church office at 301-384-4394 – **we'll be happy to talk with you to find the answers you seek.**



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August 2011 Service Assistants Calendar

8:00 *Bob Rathbun, Grant Graeves, Tricia King, Mark Wallen
 USHERS 9:30 *Bruce Nesslage, Lois Blodgett, David Doermann, Lew Brode, Paul Lobien (Aug 14,21), Trish Baker (Aug 7,28), Phil Haase, Klaus Strebelt
 11:00 *Shelly Hoffman, Moses Ammons, Janet Burton (Aug 7), Judy Downey (Aug 14,21,28), David VanNorstrand (Aug 7,14,21) Kay Caviness (Aug28)

		August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
WELCOME CENTER	pre/post 9:30	Dorothy Fristoe	Claudia Jacobson	Karen Matthiesen	Dorothy Dieterich
	post 11	Kay Caviness	Janet Burton	Lisa Tipton	Amanda Wingo
ALTAR PREPARATION		Lois Blodgett, Nancy Choudhry	Lois Blodgett, Nancy Choudhry	Marian Lewis	Marian Lewis
GREETERS	8:00	Harriet Fuerlinger	Janice Flug	Janice Flug	Rodney & Karen Bohlmann
	9:30	Linda Yost - F	Eddie & Emma James - F	Millie Forrey, Audrey Belsinger - F	Vicky Aceto - F
		Claudia Jacobson - S	Karen Matthiesen - S	Eddie & Emma James - S	Nancy & Scott Graeves - S
		Carol Doermann - R	Millie Forrey, Audrey Belsinger - R	Karen Matthiesen - R	Joan Garey - R
11:00	Sonia Sarreals	Bruce Brizendine & Denise Marshall	Bruce Brizendine & Denise Marshall	Jim & Willie Farmer	
LECTORS	8:00	George Harris, Jennifer Shaltanis	Eddie James, Lucie Austin	Bob Rathbun, Bill Harpster	George & Andrea Pauli
	9:30	George & Marilyn Candler	Irma Cuellar, Sharon Helms	Steve Giles, Lynn Hollenbach	Margaret McConnell, Jonathan Moser
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:00	*Deb & Ed Stowe, Roger Caldwell, Eddie James, Helena Jacobs	*Robie Hillhouse, Brian Nockleby, Deb Stowe, Leslie Hollowell, Evelyn Blaes	*Leslie Hollowell, Lucie Austin, Bill Wyeth, Tricia King, Ken Austin	*Bruce Emmel, Leslie Hollowell, Lyndi Lahl, Deb & Ed Stowe
	9:30	*Robie Hillhouse, Jim & Marianne Solfronk, Irma Cuellar, Marilee Tollefson, Claudia Jacobson, Karen Matthiesen, Deborah Shoup	*Kathleen Strebelt, Carol Ames, Bill & Margot Golding, Tom Polansky, Lina Rashid, Phil Droege, Marilee Tollefson	*Marty Herrin, Dorothy & Bill Fristoe, Peggy Hayeslip, Don Becker, Deborah Shoup, Jeanette Schuder, Sandi Goetsch	*Trish Baker, Marv Brown, Carol Brown, Sandi Goetsch, Marilee Tollefson, Sue Zimmerman, Jay & Jean Jacobsen
	Pew	Sandi Goetsch	Claudia Jacobson	Marilee Tollefson	Irma Cuellar
	11:00	*Marianne Lohr, Nancy Choudhry, Angela Green, Janet Burton, Lynn Harty, TBD	*Stan & Sandy Jackson, Beth Victor, Lisa Tipton, Jack Reinhart, Tamara Arsenaault	*Amanda Wingo, Jim & Willie Farmer, Jeff Lohr, Jackie Lobien, Gloria Reyes	*Jeff & Barbara Wahlbrink, Carol Witmer, Gary Fields, Nancy Choudhry, Mandy Williams
STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY		*Luther Tollefson, Bill Fristoe, Ray & Marilyn Miller	*Shelley Mitek, Linda Newcomer, Ray & Marilyn Miller	*Dennis Lahl, Lucie Austin, Linda Newcomer, Peggy Gorski	*Laurie Levin, Janet Burton, Janice Flug, Pat Herrin
ACOLYTES	8:00	Thomas Schoppert, Tiffany Hayes	Carlos Piedrasanta, Matt Olson	Stephanie Baione, Rachel Lobien	Sarah Bridegum, Rebecca Doermann
	11:00	Rachel Alexander, China Fields	Alex Rosales, Jake Downey	Jeanette Moser, Devin Stowe	Anna Haase, Paige Sullivan
ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY		Claudia Jacobson	Trudy Wehking	Trudy Wehking	Karen Matthiesen

***If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please try to find a substitute - contact the church office for info.
 Please call the church by Wednesday prior to scheduled date in order for names to be changed in bulletins. Thank you.***