



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.**



Pies for a Good Cause – Sunday, February 12! Bake or buy something yummy to support our Youth as they raise funds for travel to help the needy in Ocean View, DE this summer! See details inside - then bake and donate your own specialty, and buy someone else's best treat to benefit this journey of love that will change lives forever!

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Dear Friends,

It turns out that this New Year really did mark a new beginning for me, as 2012 began with a prayerful re-affirmation of my Call to St. Andrew and the return of a Call I received late last year to serve as pastor of St. Luke Lutheran Church, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. I thank you again for your prayers and gracious words throughout those weeks of seeking the Spirit's guidance for the direction of my ministry. In the words of St. Peter, "It is good to be here!"

It's also good to share with you that as a result of your approval of our 2012 mission and ministry budget, another servant of the church has joined our staff on a part-time basis. Marianne Lohr is now serving as an assistant in the area of Children's Ministries along with Wendy Linstrom. Marianne is a trained Director of Christian Education in our denomination and has worked as a Kindergarten teacher, most recently in Baltimore County. She has also been supporting children's ministries at St. Andrew on a volunteer basis and last year directed St. Andrew's Vacation Bible School, which will be offered twice in 2012. I encourage you to welcome Marianne to the team of ministers at St. Andrew and to support her good work among us.

One other transition forms a source of heartfelt gratitude among us. After years of faithful service, Dick Goetsch has announced his retirement as Treasurer of our congregation. Long ago we lost count of the hours Dick spent counting the resources God has raised up among us. Over and over he took up additional tasks that were far above and beyond the call of duty, all with a fierce commitment to our Lord and a completely transparent love for the mission of Christ at St. Andrew. And the fact that he did all this in the context of significant health challenges makes Richard a spiritual hero to me and, I know, to many of you. While we plan to set a time to publicly thank Dick for his exemplary service among us, feel free to express your personal thanks as you have opportunity.

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Finally, as this new year continues to unfold, I encourage your prayers...for our Global Mission Team and the planning of their first mission trip since being formed ... for those who attended a Church Planting Conference for congregations who might one day consider such a step forward in God's mission ... for personal and congregational renewal as we worship throughout the coming season of Lent ... for the development of a church-wide initiative known as Emotionally Healthy Spirituality, designed for individuals, groups, and the entire congregation this coming Spring ... for continued support for the Firm Foundations campaign to expand much needed exterior parking and interior space for our ministry, ... and for our congregational leaders as we discuss other steps to take in order to effectively care for our growing congregation and also pave the way for even more growth in the quantity and spiritual quality of our ministry.

As you welcome Marianne, give thanks for Dick, and continue to graciously put up with me, I invite and welcome all of you to find your place in the family of God here at St. Andrew and to give thanks for all that the Spirit continues to do among us, that Christ may be glorified and many more might come to experience their new life in Him.

The Lord be with you+

Love, in Christ,



Pastor Hricko



" ...find your place in the family of God here at St. Andrew...."

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The Droege Report



Before I get to my regular column, I have an announcement to make. I have received an offer from the St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral (just south of LCSA on New Hampshire Avenue) to write a column for their newsletter. I will be weighing this offer over the next few weeks, which will give you all time to let me know how much you appreciate me and beg me not to leave. In

next month's newsletter I will be announcing that I will remain a columnist for St. Andrew – Lutheran. This will give Rosemary and the choir enough time to practice Handel's entire Messiah (not just a few bars from the Hallelujah Chorus) celebrating my return. Side note to Rosemary – I would like to have the tympani used liberally throughout this production.

Speaking of the choir...in recent weeks my family and I have been getting a number of dirty looks from them for two reasons. First, my third child, Lucy, has decided that we should sit closer to the front and therefore we have been sitting in one of the first two rows near the organ for the past few weeks. I understand that this is very un-Lutheran and that the front rows were always a place that families who are having a child baptized sit or where the occasional Baptist or Unitarian guest who is unfamiliar with our customs would sit. Second, at this location the choir has a bird's eye view of what we put in the collection plate. Since we are in the front rows we are the first to put money in the plate so there is no hiding it under a pile of other donations. So when it passes our row and there is only 75 cents in there, I get a lot of finger pointing and head shaking from the team in the blue robes.

Well, I want to ensure my friends in the choir and the ushers who pass the plate down my row twice because they thought I forgot to put in the correct amount the first time, that I give at least twice that amount every Sunday, but I just don't want to brag about it. "How?" you might ask. It is simple; I have started to make my contributions through e-giving on the St. Andrew website (www.mystandrew.org/e-giving.htm). You can log on, create an account and then choose how much money you would like to give every week. You can also make one time donations to specific causes (Haiti, flower fund, Firm Foundations, etc). This is a great tool to get rid of the hassle of writing checks, finding your envelopes, etc. It also helps if you miss the occasional Sunday due to illness or travel (there should be no other excuse for missing a Sunday). If you still enjoy putting something in the collection plate you can keep using your envelopes, but instead of putting money in them you can write notes to the financial ministry who opens up the envelopes and counts all the money. As I have been told repeatedly, please keep the notes clean and positive.

This now brings me to the Firm Foundations update. As with one time gifts to FF through e-giving you can make your weekly/monthly donations to Firm Foundations through this site too. So calculate out your pledge (you all did pledge, correct?) and divide it up by as many payments as you like. Fill out the electronic form and presto your pledge is automatically done.

As of January 11, 2012 we have 199 pledges totaling almost \$1.3 million. This is great, but we still have some more work to do in reaching our goal of \$1.8 million. As far as progress on the lower level 90% of the drawings have been issued and are in the hands of the general contractor who will confirm (hopefully) the preliminary estimates. These drawings are also necessary for the permitting process which will allow us to start construction, scheduled to begin in mid-February.

All of this is good news, but as with any building project or fundraising endeavor there are always possibilities for bumps in the road. This is why we need your continued prayers and contributions for the continued success of the Firm Foundations project – remember it is not too late to pledge!

Phil Droege
Much Sought After Church Newsletter Columnist

Thank God for the Years! Firm Foundations Gift Program

As a way of supporting the Firm Foundations Building Program in the months ahead, you are invited and encouraged to remember your blessings and "Thank God for the Years" of life, marriage, baptism, work, or anything you celebrate by making a donation of \$1/year to the building fund on or near the special date. Use this program to give back on your own special days as well as to honor the milestones of family and friends! If you are looking for that special gift for your parents' golden anniversary or your loved one's birthday, we have just the thing – Thank God for the Years!!



You may make your gift online at www.mystandrew.org (click Firm Foundations Gift Program) or by enclosing your check payable to LCSA in an envelope marked "FF Gift – Thank God for the Years." Include information about the special occasion plus the honoree name and address. Whether you give online or by check, we'll send a card to let your loved one know that you have made a donation in their honor, and you will receive an acknowledgement for tax reporting purposes.

This giving opportunity will be ongoing through 2012 to ensure that all special occasions are covered, so be sure to give the gifts that last! "Thank God for the Years" with donations to complete the Lower Level and add much-needed parking so others can grow in Christ and celebrate His blessings in the years to come!

Questions? Contact Barbara Wahlbrink in the church office (301-384-4394, bwahlbrink@msn.com).

Common Ground Continues ...

Wednesdays through Feb. 15

Dinner at 6:00 pm
Informal Praise & Prayer at 6:30 pm
Group Time 6:40 - 7:40 pm
Closing 7:45pm



Offerings include ...

When God's Spirit Moves:
Life Changing Power of the Holy Spirit

The Christian Atheist:
Are you really living what you say you believe?

Looking at the Koran:
A Christian Perspective

Faith Walk 101:
Membership Information Seminar

Course details and registration
information available on the web
and in Sunday bulletins!

SALTeens Pie Auction

Sweets for Your Sweetheart!

Sunday, February 12

Donate a Pie or Bid on a Pie!

Both Bakers & Bidders are needed!



Cash donations are also welcomed!

All proceeds to go toward our Mission Trip to
Ocean View, Delaware this coming summer.

For more information or to arrange drop-off of
your donated pies, contact Lisa Tipton at
rubble@comcast.net or 240-499-8532.

Pastor Carlson Appointed Circuit Counselor

Pastor Ken Carlson has been appointed Circuit
Counselor of Southeastern District Circuit 6, also known
as Washington North, which includes St. Andrew. The
appointment will fulfill the unexpired term of Pastor
David Percy, who resigned from the position last
December. The election of a new Circuit Counselor will
take place in conjunction with the upcoming SED
Convention this coming May.



“Women of Faith” Update!

Over 20 St. Andrew members and friends attended last summer's *Women of Faith* Conference at the Verizon Center in Washington, DC, and what an inspiring and uplifting experience it was! Those ladies left the weekend on a spiritual high and many say they can't wait to go back! *Women of Faith* is returning to DC with the brand-new “Celebrate!” Conference, **Friday-Saturday, August 17-18**, and we have good news: St. Andrew has already secured a block of tickets and we are taking reservations now – first come, first served! The cost remains the same as last year – \$89 for two days of insightful presentations, awesome music, and inspiration – with lunch included! Please contact Kristi Chiaravallotti at 301-674-7833 or jrcheyv@verizon.net to reserve your spot TODAY!

And, for those who can't wait until August, a **Women of Faith “Up Close and Personal” One-Day Event (10a-5p) is coming to Baltimore on March 31** at a cost of \$59 per person! To get more information or reserve your ticket for the one-day event, contact WoF area rep Sally Choquette at 410-463-5342!

More information on both events can be found at www.womenoffaith.com.

Craft Ministry

Workers in Craft Ministry will return from “vacation” on Wednesday, January 25, at 9am in the Great Room and the focus will once again be on making quilts to be distributed through Lutheran World Relief and the Lutheran Mission Society. The number of quilts prepared is dependent on contributions received – workers use your old drapes, sheets, blankets, mattress pads and any other large pieces of fabric. Your donated items may be placed in the marked box in the coat room just off the Commons. However, if your donation is too large to be accommodated there, please button hole either of this ministry’s co-chairs, JoAnn Aulick and Marie Jackson or the Property Managers, Luis Escobar and Paul Rognlie.



You are most welcomed to join this group of volunteers. Craft Ministry meets on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 3:00, but welcomes those who may be available for only one or two hours. If you plan to stay most of the time, please bring lunch with you, at which time the workers take a break and eat together.

Inclement weather policy for the Wednesday work-sessions follows Montgomery County Public Schools; however, if there is a late school opening, please use your best judgment about traveling to the church.

To follow up on a promise made in last month’s newsletter, this writer is pleased to report that \$14,000 in proceeds from the Craft Fair were transferred to the Firm Foundations Fund. Once again, thanks to all the workers and shoppers!

Were you a shopper and didn’t find what you wanted at the Fair? Please let the co-chairs know; new ideas are always welcomed. And, if you purchased any canned products, return of the containers is greatly appreciated.

March Newsletter Deadline Sunday, February 12

Please email your articles to
my.standrew@verizon.net.



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

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- † **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.**



Health & Wellness

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help; my help cometh from the Lord, Who made Heaven and earth."

Psalm 121:1-2

Do you have a chronic health condition and want to learn better ways to live with it? Join



"Coping: A Journey to Living Well," a FREE six-week program to improve overall health, in which you'll learn how to maximize your potential, even when a long-term health condition

may require you to alter your activities. Discover new ways to break the "symptom cycle." Living well means coping with an ongoing health problem such as Parkinson's disease, arthritis, heart disease, mild depression, asthma, obesity, cancer, and osteoporosis. Anyone living with these or other conditions is welcome to attend, and family members, friends and caregivers are also welcome. Classes are 2.5 hours, once a week for six weeks, and breaks are provided so that the sitting does not become uncomfortable. The curriculum is evidence-based and was developed by Stanford University with support from Kaiser Permanente. The Community Health Education Department and Faith Community Nurse Program of Holy Cross Hospital are sponsors. **The next class is at Takoma Park Recreation Department at 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park on Tuesdays from 11:30am-2pm from February 7-March 13.** Please contact the Holy Cross Call Center at 301-754-8800 to register. *Many of you attended the class we had at St. Andrew, and we can offer it again if enough are interested. Please call Marilee Tollefson, Faith Community Nurse, in the church office for information.*

In honor of Black History Month, a free senior wellness seminar entitled **"Do You Know Your Risk for Getting Diabetes or Alzheimer's?"** is being offered on Wednesday, February 8 from noon-1:30pm at the People's Community Baptist Church, our neighbor, at 31 Norwood Road. The featured guest speakers are from the Endocrine and Diabetes Group of Washington and the Alzheimer's Association of the National Capital Area. Knowledge is power. Join them to learn from the community's experts on these diseases, two health concerns that profoundly impact African-Americans. Seating is limited, so make reservations early. To RSVP, call 301-847-3051 or e-mail silverspring@arden-courts.com

Thanks Upon Thanks

Dear Members of The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew,

Thank you for all your prayers for my mother, Ruth Caldwell. In September, she suffered a stroke and could not get around without a walker. At Thanksgiving she could not get out of a chair without intense headaches. This Christmas she showed no signs of ever having a stroke. I know it was your prayers; those of her church, Pilgrim Lutheran of Kenmore, NY; and her many Christian friends that made the difference. Thank you so much.

Roger Caldwell

Dear Friends,

What a year! We have witnessed profound historical changes both here and abroad. As the CEO of Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area, I can tell you LSS/NCA has felt the ripples of each of these intense moments. The poor economy, the Arab Spring, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have directly affected the neighbors we serve each and every day. Your gift will make an immediate difference, and I hope you will feel inspired by its powerful effects. Thank you for your commitment to our mission to walk with those in need, particularly during this holiday season. Peace and Joy to you and yours,

Melissa K. Graves

CEO, LSS/NCA

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!! Those are the words that Pastor Tich Luu of the Chinese Ministry and the Budimirs (a young missionary family) are saying to everyone who donated to the Christmas Card Tree sponsored by Lutheran Women's Missionary League this year.

The Chinese Ministry relocated to Messiah Lutheran (Germantown) last year and needs financial support to meet all of their obligations. Pastor Luu is a "favorite son" of St. Andrew. He was sponsored by St. Andrew in 1979 as a Vietnamese refugee and subsequently was ordained as a Lutheran pastor in 1995 also at St. Andrew.

The Budimirs are a young family working with the people of Croatia. Jill & Hrvoje Budimir were married by Pastor Hricko and Jill is the daughter of Ron and Sandy Aasen, former members of St. Andrew. For two years they have been part of a missionary team establishing a church in Split and Castel Stari. They have returned stateside while their 4 year old daughter learns the difference between English and Croatian. They are in dire need of financial support going many months without a paycheck.



Your donations totaled **\$1821.20!!** We are expecting Thrivent to match \$1400. Each recipient will receive one half of the total amount. Thank you for your generous contributions!! Please continue to pray for these ministries. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Matthiesen.

Social Ministry Action Team News

The Gifts of Food and Hope



Sunday, February 12 is St. Andrew's day to resupply the Manna Food Center. Founded in 1983, Manna's mission is to end hunger in Montgomery County through education, advocacy and food distribution. Last year, our church donated 4,068 pounds of food. Can we increase that to 5,000 pounds this year?

As you might imagine, the need for food is great. Given the current economy, more families need assistance. Manna served about 173,000 people in fiscal year 2011, more than double the 82,000 people served in 2008. There is also an increased need in the county's schools that are also served by Manna's program. More students are qualifying for free or reduced price meals than ever before.

What Can You Do?

First of all, stock up on several of the following items. Invite your friends and neighbors to contribute. These are items that are most often needed:

- Peanut Butter**
- Beans**
- Tuna Fish and other canned meat/fish**
- Canned Tomato Sauce**
- Canned Fruits and Veggies**
- Soup**
- Shelf-stable Milk**
- Baby Food**
- Cereal and Oatmeal**
- Canned Pasta**
- Rice**
- Pasta**

Bring them when you come to church on February 12. Your food will be loaded on the Manna truck. If you are unable to bring food, monetary donations are certainly accepted. Make your check payable to MANNA FOOD CENTER. (To find an additional list of needed foods, go to www.mannafood.org and click on "Donating Food.")

Secondly, volunteer to help load the food onto Manna's truck parked in front of our main entrance. If you can volunteer, please contact Carol or Walt Petzold at carolpetzold@boo.net or 301-871-7413.

Thank you for your help in fighting hunger and feeding hope in Montgomery County!

Refugee Resettlement Project

For March, the social ministry project will be collecting household cleaning items for refugees who are resettled through Lutheran Social Services. The refugee resettlement staff at LSS accompanies newly arrived refugees from around the world on their journey to self-sufficiency. The services provide help to ensure that newcomers begin their new life with promise. We can help by donating some of the things that are needed by a family that arrives in the United States with nothing. **During March we will collect paper towels, toilet paper, small trash baskets, trash bags, kitchen and bathroom cleansers, laundry detergent, dishwashing soap, sponges, and light bulbs.** In addition, there is always a need for alarm clocks, new pillows, and can openers. A sign-up sheet will be in the Commons along with a card that you can take home as a reminder. All donations should be made by the end of March.



Operation Santa Claus ...

... was our effort to provide small gifts to hospitalized mental health patients who are often forgotten. Thanks to all who contributed gifts of useful items that were assembled and delivered to Montgomery General Hospital's special section and to Springfield State Mental Hospital.

Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

Thanks to everyone for the great response contributing toys for C-4 and special request gifts for Linkages families. Folks in the Senior Fit class, with no other connection to St. Andrew, also brought toys for the C-4 collection. It was an amazing quantity of toys we delivered. C-4 served close to 800 happy children.



More Thanks!

The Maryland National Guard Partners in Care program assigned us a single soldier Dad, his young son and the soldier's mother who received a meal for Christmas along with gifts. A mother and her five children received a meal and special gifts. A family of seven children was not forgotten. Thanks to all the folks who made these gifts possible. Still more thanks go to all those who contributed underwear and socks for "Neediest Kids."

And lastly, thanks to those who made contributions to Eastern Montgomery Emergency Assistance Network (EMEAN) on January 15. Families in crisis will receive one-time help to avoid eviction, to help stop utility cut offs or to obtain critical medical prescriptions. Once again St. Andrew folks have met a serious need.

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Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity

The Montgomery County Chapter of Thrivent raised over \$10,500 for the renovation of a house in Veirs Mill Village.



Many members of our congregation helped with this renovation. **Elaine and Jack Hessler** were recognized by Habitat for each working 76 to 100 volunteers hours at the house. **Brian and**

Belinda Nockleby were also recognized for working 25 to 50 hours at the house. Our new member **Nancy Noben-Trauth** and **Walt Petzold** were recognized as Habitat Heroes for their fund raising efforts. We are grateful for these volunteers and all the others who contributed or did hands-on work to provide a clean, safe, affordable home for a family.

Monthly Lutheran Mission Society Collection

LMS collection of "thrift shop" items is next scheduled for Sundays, February 26 and March 25. Start your spring cleaning early and help the Lutheran Mission Society with your extra clothes, household goods, and trinkets that are cluttering your shelves.



Books

Thanks to readers who contributed books during the past year both for military troops and for the Craft Fair. You may have noticed that the book collection box is not in the coat closet. Because of the cost of postage, we discontinued mailing books and have also discontinued delivering them to VA hospitals. Books not sold at the Craft Fair were delivered to the VA hospital in Washington, DC, thanks to Anne Harpster and Carol Petzold. However, the hands-on efforts to make those deliveries are not sustainable. Still looking for an outlet for your used books? If would like to donate them to the Aspen Hill Friends of the Library semi-annual book sale, Carol Petzold can deliver them for you. Contact her at 301-871-7413 or carolpetzold@boo.net. The next sale is May 19.

SAMOA

St. Andrew Ministry to & for Older Adults

Financial scams targeting seniors have become so prevalent that they are now considered the "Crime of the 21st Century" according to the National Council on Aging. Some of the most common scams are:



Health Care/Medicare/Health Insurance Fraud

In these types of frauds, perpetrators may pose as a Medicare representative to get older people to give them their personal information or to provide bogus health service.

Counterfeit Prescription Drugs

Most commonly these drug scams operate on the internet where seniors increasingly go to find better prices on specialized medications. The danger is besides paying money for something that will not help the person's medical condition, they may purchase unsafe substances that can inflict even more harm.

Charity Scams

Money is solicited for fake charities. This often occurs after natural disasters.

Internet Fraud

One example would be a pop-up browser window that offers virus scanning software. The victims might download a fake program (at a substantial cost) or even download an actual virus that can open up information on the computer to the scammer.

More information on common scams can be found at www.ncoa.org.



Lent Begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 22**

Begin your journey at St. Andrew!

Worship at 7:00 pm

KidCentral

Our KidCentral classes resumed in January after a brief break over the Christmas holidays. We begin each week in the

Great Room at 9:25am with Praise Craze, our opening program. This fun opening jumpstarts our program time together and gets everyone in a happy mood by teaching them many songs that they will hum all week long.

KidCentral



This month's lessons include:

February 5 – Jesus heals a Man who is paralyzed.

February 12 – Jesus heals Jairus's Daughter.

February 19 -- The Transfiguration.

February 26 – Jesus Calms a Storm.

The Bible verses for February are: *“Jesus said ‘Let the children come to Me.’”* (Mark 10:14) and *“Do not fear, only believe.”* (Mark 5:36)

Preschool News



Watch out for Cupid's arrows in the halls of St. Andrew's Preschool! Our little cherubs have been busily preparing their Valentine's for the loves of their lives: Mommy and Daddy!

Registration has begun for the 2012-2013 school year. Classes are offered for 2½, 3, and 4 year olds. Please visit our website at

www.mystandrew.org for class schedules and tuition information. Let your family members, neighbors, and loved ones know that registration is underway....classes are filled on a first come, first served basis.

Also, now is the time to register for summertime fun...once again, the Preschool will offer three weeks of Summer Camp for all potty trained children aged 3-5. Camp information is available on our website.

Stay warm!

Lia Mai Puskar
Preschool Director

Confirmation Class News

The confirmation classes continued in full swing in January. While the second year students are working diligently towards their May confirmation, the first year students are learning this is not a sprint, but truly a marathon endeavor!



The First Year Confirmation class on Sundays, will continue to study the Old Testament: the story of Moses; the Exodus from Egypt; God's faithfulness, gifts and

protection for his unruly chosen people; and the final approach to the Promised Land. Following that, we will study Joshua and God's part in the Conquest of the Promised Land. In all these activities we see God acting in history; teaching His people that He can be trusted; and that they totally depend on Him for success. Despite what they do, God's will is done and His plans succeed.

On Sundays, the Second Year class will review the Lutheran faith versus other Christian faiths including discussions about denominations, comparative beliefs and practices within denominations, then move on to Witnessing 201, which also includes the beginning of lessons on the individual Bible verses and a study of the Good Samaritan

On Fridays the Second Year class will have just finished the study of prayer and the Lord's Prayer and will be beginning a study of Lutheran Confessions with a principal focus on the Apostle's Creed, Nicene Creed and Athanasian Creed. The discussions will focus heavily on our relationship to God and what we as Lutherans, and confirmands, believe. During the course of this 6-8 week study, our kids will write their own confession statement. This has been an exciting opportunity for the kids to really think about what they believe and to put it into words.

In January the confirmands had taco night, went bowling and played Knock-Out (a basketball game) for their social activities. They also had a scavenger hunt for nutritious food they purchased at two local grocery stores to be donated to Manna, after they learned about hunger in Montgomery County. In February, they will go Rock Climbing at Earth Treks in Rockville, have a Lock-In at church, and have a couple of game nights.



In the case of inclement weather, please listen to WTOP radio (103.5FM) or visit wtopnews.com for info regarding the cancellation of church activities.

SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School Is Coming!

June 18 - 22, 9am-12:15pm
and
June 25 - 29, 9am-12:15pm



Hey Families! Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? This year we are proud to present *SKY: Everything is Possible with God!* as our 2012 Vacation Bible School program.

That's right! We'll be reaching new heights around St. Andrew with this exciting VBS program! The best news is that you will have your choice between two weekly sessions this year! So, mark your calendars NOW. You won't want to miss this! Pre-registration will begin soon so keep your eyes peeled upward!



Help us with our Flight Plan!

Be part of our SKY Planning Crew!

This is your opportunity to be part of the WIND beneath our WINGS! We need individuals who are interested in helping us get SKY up off the ground. Anyone interested in helping with planning our decorating theme, PR, registration, leading a station, training volunteers, or by sharing your great ideas for SKY is asked to attend one of the two SKY Planning Sessions on ...

Sunday, February 12 at 12:30pm
or
Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00pm

Easter EGGstravaganza!

... a Family Event

Sunday, March 25, 4-6pm

Join us for some EGG-citing activities as we celebrate Easter at St. Andrew, family-style!



Featuring

Potluck Supper - Come and enjoy a delicious meal prepared by . . . well, EVERYONE! You are invited to bring one of your family's favorite dishes - main dish, side dish, or dessert (by last name) so that everyone can enjoy some of our delicious favorites.

- A-G - Dessert
- H-N - Main Dish
- O-Z - Side Dish

Easter Play - Join us in "Andy's Playhouse" (aka the Great Room) for a limited engagement presentation that is sure to delight kids of all ages! That's right, you are invited to sit back and let some "theatrically-challenged" folks (with REALLY BIG hearts) entertain you with their rendition of a once-in-a-lifetime performance! Laughter is sure to ring from the rafters and a good time will be had by all! And, yes, there will be an autograph signing session following the show!

Crafts and Activities for All Ages - You are invited to let your creative juices flow as you enjoy some amazing Easter crafts as a family and participate in some fun-filled activities.

Easter Egg Hunt! - Our family fun will wrap up with a traditional Easter Egg Hunt complete with the search for a GOLDEN EGG!



Mark your calendars now! You won't want to miss the Easter fun that is in store for your family!

February 2012 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, Phil Haase, Klaus Strebelt
 11:00 *Shelly Hoffman, Moses Ammons, Judy Downey, David Van Norstrand

		February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
WELCOME CENTER	pre/post 9:30	Dorothy Fristoe	Lynn Wright	Bonnie French	Claudia Jacobson
	post 11	Janet Burton	Kay Caviness	Lisa Tipton	Jim & Willie Farmer
ALTAR PREPARATION		Barbara Schantz, Deborah Shoup	Barbara Schantz, Deborah Shoup	Linda Parker, Stacey Henning	Linda Parker, Stacey Henning
GREETERS	8:00	Harriet Fuerlinger	Harriet Fuerlinger	Rodney & Karen Bohlmann	Rodney & Karen Bohlmann
	9:30	Karen Rosales - F	Karen Matthiesen - F	Lina Rashid - F	Jim & Trish Baker - F
		Peggy Hayeslip - S	Karen Rosales - S	Paul & Arlene Buck - S	Lina Rashid - S
		Karen Matthiesen - R	Peggy Hayeslip - R	Jim & Trish Baker - R	Paul & Arlene Buck - R
11:00	Michael & Tamara Arsenault	Michael & Tamara Arsenault	Sonia Sarreals	Sonia Sarreals	
LECTORS	8:00	Bob Rathbun, William Wooden	George & Andrea Pauli	Dan & Jennifer Shaltanis	Walt & Carol Petzold
	9:30	Irma Cuellar, Steve Giles	Bill Fristoe, Sara Giron	Jane Owen, Sandra Poyner	Angela Sullivan, Lynn Hollenbach
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:00	*Deb Stowe, Roger Caldwell, Eddie James, Helena Jacobs, Ed Stowe	*Robie Hillhouse, Brian Nockleby, Walter Petzold, Carol Petzold, Evelyn Blaes	*Leslie Hollowell, Ken Austin, Lucie Austin, Bill Wyeth, Walt Petzold	*Bruce Emmel, Lyndi Lahl, Dan Shaltanis, Deb Stowe, Ed Stowe
	9:30	*Robie Hillhouse, Jim Solfronk, Marianne Solfronk, Irma Cuellar, Peggy Gorski, Marilee Tollefson, Karen Matthiesen, Deborah Shoup	*Kathleen Strebelt, Leslie Hollowell, Bill Golding, Margot Golding, Jackie Lobien, Tom Polansky, Lina Rashid, Phil Droege	*Marty Herrin, Vicky Aceto, Jeanette Schuder, Dorothy Fristoe, Bill Fristoe, Peggy Hayeslip, Don Becker, Eldra Simmons	*Trish Baker, Marv Brown, Carol Brown, Sandi Goetsch, Marilee Tollefson, Sue Zimmerman, Ken Carlson, Barbara Schantz
	Pew	Leslie Hollowell	Sandi Goetsch	Irma Cuellar	Claudia Jacobson
	11:00	*Marianne Lohr, Nancy Choudhry, Stu Richards, Angela Green, Duane Taylor, Lynn Harty	*Stan Jackson, Beth Victor, Lisa Tipton, Jack Reinhart, Sandy Nee Jackson, Tamara Arsenault	*Amanda Wingo, James Farmer, Willie Farmer, Jeff Lohr, Jennifer Backus, Gloria Reyes	*Jeff Wahlbrink, Barbara Wahlbrink, Carol Witmer, Gary Fields, John Butler, Mandy Williams
STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY		*Luther Tollefson, Janet Burton, Kirk Rydland, Mary Ann Rydland	*Dennis Lahl, Bob Helms, Lucie Austin, Beth Victor, Marv Wehking	*Dennis Lahl, Bill Fristoe, Diane McCoy, Carl Rose	*Sandy Jackson, John Adam, Jeff Wahlbrink, Jack Reinhart
ACOLYTES	8:00	Jessica Pierce, Sam Redman	Sydney Alexander, Jack Rubin	Stephen Tipton, Raul Ayala	Rachel Alexander, Jake Howland
	11:00	Gabby Peitsch, Ashley Rolf	Rebecca Romano, Aakir Spivey	Arlee Taylor, Marisa Arsenault	Nelson Chiaravallotti, Beret Bruwelheide
ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY		Sue Smith	Karen Matthiesen, Claudia Jacobson	Carlos Garcia	Steve Berry
AUDIO/VISUAL		Bruce Poesse	Janet Burton	Janet Burton	Bruce Poesse

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