



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.**



**Love and Support in the Family of Christ** – Elsie Trivett helps celebrate the recent US citizenship of fellow member Derson Jolteus. Many know that Derson's family suffered great loss and tragedy in the Haitian earthquake disaster. Elsie decided to order a flag flown over the US Capitol to honor Derson's status as a brand-new US citizen, and Pastor made the presentation in worship last month!

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***Plus much, much more!***

**D**ear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to share with you that Pastor Jotham Johann has assumed the role of Interim Director for the Wellspring Center for Leadership and Wellness.

With the financial support of a small group of donors and the blessing of the Wellspring Leadership team, which I serve as chair, Jotham has already begun to advance the mission of Wellspring on a part-time basis. The rest of his time will be devoted to his ongoing leadership of the Center for Asian Missions and Evangelism and other avenues of service to the church.

Jotham's responsibilities will include leading Wellspring's development as an organization, oversight of program offerings, and the cultivation of grants and other forms of financial support that will enable its growth. Until the vision for a formal Board of Directors to guide the work of Wellspring is realized, I will continue to serve as chair of the leadership team. Needless to say, this is a significant step forward in a ministry that began just a little more than a year ago. And all indications are that Wellspring has the potential to make a significant impact in equipping and renewing lay and professional church leaders for the ministry of Christ in a changing world. It also feels good to pass a number of my previous responsibilities related to Wellspring to such a gifted leader as Jotham.

That said, I do look forward to two quick trips to New York in March to address the churches of the Atlantic District of our denomination about the ministry of Wellspring and to join Dr. Bruce Hartung of our seminary in St. Louis as he leads a seminar on the signs of a healthy and dynamic relationship between a pastor and a congregation. Both of those events will take place on the campus of Concordia College in Bronxville.

Closer to home, I look forward to worshipping with you throughout the season of Lent, which begins with our Ash Wednesday Service on March 9. I certainly hope that your own Lenten disciplines will include faithful worship on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings in addition to your personal reflection and meditation on our Lord's sacrifice for our salvation.

Finally, I encourage you to acquaint yourself with our evolving plans to complete the lower level of our church facility so that the worship and work of our community of faith may continue to blossom and grow. Our Building Team, Funding Team, and Board of Directors are working hard to be instruments in God's hands for the next step forward in our ministry, and I hope that you



will prayerfully add your own participation and support to yet another exciting chapter in the life of St. Andrew.

As you can see, there's never a dull moment in this household of faith, for which I give thanks to God! Join me in serving and praying for continued

blessings on all the steps we are taking together for the praise and glory of our crucified and risen Lord. And may the holy season of Lent draw you closer to Christ and the life of the church for which He died and rose again.

The Lord be with you+

In Christ, your brother,

Pastor Hricko



March 9 at 7:00 pm

Worship with Holy Communion & Disposition of Ashes

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# Lent



Make time to worship and grow  
in God's grace and truth  
during this holy season of Lent!

Come Sundays and Wednesdays for  
spiritual food that could make a world of  
difference to you and those you love!

## Sunday Lenten Worship

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am  
beginning March 13

## Mid-Week Lenten Worship

Wednesdays, March 16 – April 13  
Dinner at 6:15pm  
Worship at 7:00pm



## Holy Week Worship

**Palm Sunday, April 17**  
at all morning services

**Maundy Thursday, April 21 – 7:00pm**

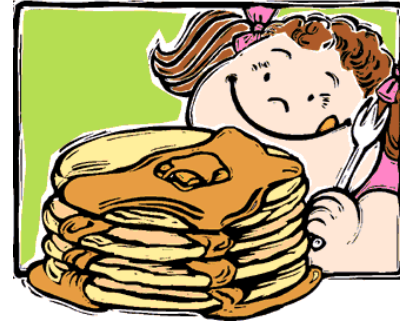
**Good Friday, April 22**  
11:00 am Journey to the Cross Family Program  
7:00 pm Worship with Cantata

**Easter Sunday, April 24**  
Festival worship at all morning services



# Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**Tuesday, March 8**  
**5:00–7:00 pm**  
**in the Great Room**



Hosted by the Panera Men's Group  
Serving & Cleanup by St. Andrew Youth

**Suggested donation: \$5 per person**

*Proceeds will support our St Andrew Youth  
on their mission trip to Reading, PA this  
summer.*

## Easter Altar Flowers



Easter Lilies and Tulips to  
decorate our altar will be  
available for purchase in  
March. Please look for the  
sign-up sheet and payment  
envelopes at the Information  
Desk in the Commons.

Pricing information will be similar to last year  
and will be noted in our Sunday bulletins and on  
the order form. Please sign up by April 3 so we  
have time to place our order. Think Spring!

## Journey to the Cross

*A Hands-on Family Event for Good Friday!*

Friday, April 22

11:00 am



**Wanted:** Families and friends of The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew to join us as we use all five senses to experience the Passion Event on Good Friday as we “Journey to the Cross.”

- **Attendees** – We need families to attend this special event!
- **Art Work** – We need to design a bulletin cover for this service. Children ages 3-12 are invited to submit a hand-drawn entry (watch for sign-up sheet with space for artwork coming soon).
- **Site Leaders** – We need adults and teens to lead our learning sites. Leaders will work from a script and may be asked to wear a costume.
- **Site Assistants** – We need adults and teens to assist our leaders at the learning sites.
- **Set-Up** – Help is needed on Wednesday, April 20 and Thursday, April 21 in setting up learning sites.
- **Clean-Up** – Help is needed following the service on Friday, April 22 with clean-up.

Please watch for sign-up information in our Sunday bulletins in March.

NewsLetter  
**DEADLINE**

April Newsletter Deadline  
Sunday, March 13

Please email your submissions to  
[my.standrew@verizon.net](mailto:my.standrew@verizon.net). Thank you!

## Bulletin Board

Calling All Women!

Reserve Your Ticket NOW for the **Women of Faith Conference, August 26-27, 2011** at the Verizon Center, Washington DC. WoF is a blessing to so many women year after year, always including a wonderful variety of inspirational testimony, uplifting music, humor and more! The cost is \$89 per person at the group rate, including lunch on Saturday. Hurry, tickets are going fast - **deadline Sunday, March 27!** Sign up at the Info Center in the Commons and make your check payable to LCSA, with “Women of Faith” in the memo line and on the envelope. Contact Kristi Chiaravallotti at 301-674-7833 or [jrchevy@verizon.net](mailto:jrchevy@verizon.net) to reserve your space ASAP – and invite friends to join you!



### In the Footsteps of St Patrick: Highlights of Ireland

Travel and learn with Concordia College-New York! August 26-September 4, 2011. From New York, \$3150 including airfare. For brochure and more information, call 914-337-9300 x2198 or email [gregory.dwyer@concordia-ny.edu](mailto:gregory.dwyer@concordia-ny.edu).



**DAYLIGHT  
SAVINGS TIME  
BEGINS  
MARCH 13!  
MOVE YOUR CLOCKS  
FORWARD ONE  
HOUR!**

# S A L S A

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

## Restaurant Night



The SALSA group will be heading to **Mamma Lucia Restaurant** in Olney (18224 Village Center Drive) on **Sunday, March 27 at 5pm**. We expect this to be a well attended event so make sure you **sign up by March 13** in the Commons so we are able to make an accurate reservation for our group. Cost is \$30/per person

(including tax and gratuity), payable to Wendy Linstrom and placed in her mailbox at church. Our menu will include appetizers at each table, choice of three entrees, choice of garden or Caesar salad, fountain drinks and coffee. Drinks from the bar will be available by separate check. All adults are invited!

Think Italian and plan to join us for an evening of fun! Buon appetite!

## Electronic giving

... for convenience & consistency



We encourage members and friends of St. Andrew to create an automated, electronic giving schedule. It's a convenient way of giving that will bring order and consistency to the way you make your regular offering. You simply designate the amount, the

frequency and the payment method. We also invite you to consider using electronic giving for one-time gifts including seasonal giving, year-end giving and donations to our special funds.

Getting started is easy! Go to our website, [www.mystandrew.org](http://www.mystandrew.org), click on E-Giving, > next, > create a user profile, and you will be able to manage your own contributions from there any time, day or night.

If you are already giving through Vanco, it may be necessary for us to place your e-mail address in your current Vanco profile. Please contact [rgoetschlcsa@msn.com](mailto:rgoetschlcsa@msn.com).

## Craft Ministry

*Opportunities for you!*

The Co-Chairs, JoAnn Aulick and Marie Jackson, of this 20-year-old ministry, invite your participation in several different ways:

✦ If you didn't find what you wanted at the November Craft Fair, please let them know, or if you have ideas or suggestions for saleable items, they are always open to try new and unique projects.



✦ Your hobby and handwork donations are welcomed during the week before the Craft Fair. (Storage space is not available prior to that time.) For example, framing, woodworking and metal work pieces attract customers.

✦ Several St. Andrew members work on handicrafts at home after getting materials from church or purchasing them. These include, but are not limited to, the art of sewing, quilting, knitting, crocheting, counted cross stitch, embroidery, crewel and needlepoint.

✦ Working with others in the Great Room on Wednesdays any time between 9:00 and 3:00 will find you warmly welcomed. Given the variety of tasks required, your hands would be put to work on a job which is guaranteed to be to your liking. Should you decide to be there over the lunch hour, pack a snack or sandwich. Coffee and tea (and occasionally dessert!) are provided.



Care to hear a personal testimony? From time to time, the writer of this article works on items at home. But when I have gone to the church on Wednesdays for supplies, I have been made to feel part of the group and an active participant in this vibrant ministry. Join me!

## Youth News



So here we are in the midst of our “busy season” for High School Youth Ministry. *January* saw us at Timberline in West Virginia for the

annual Ski Retreat where we tackled the issue of forgiveness. Using the film “Invictus” we dug into what it means to really forgive people who have done you significant harm. We came away knowing that God calls us to do hard things, but that He gives us the strength to do things with Him that we couldn’t do on our own.

In *February*, we hosted our annual Pie Auction to raise funds for the upcoming Mission Trip to Reading, PA this summer and raised \$1,442! Thank you again for your generous support of our ministry!

*March* has us off to the Youth Encounter Construction Zone in Virginia Beach where we will hear Pastor Bill Yonker inspire us to “Put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield.” *Psalms 33:20*

And *April* will bring the 30-Hour Famine, where the SALTeens will fast for 30 hours to raise money for and awareness of world hunger. Keep your eye out for teens looking for sponsors and for the infamous Coin Wars. All funds raised go to World Vision.



It does indeed take a village to raise a child. Thank you St. Andrew congregation, for being such a loving and supportive village!



## KidCentral News



The learning and blessings continue in KidCentral! The lessons for March will focus on the path to the Cross.

On March 6, we will hear about the Transfiguration of Jesus, where Jesus’ glory was unveiled before the disciples. Today, His glory is unveiled for us in the Word preached, in the water of Baptism and in the bread and wine of the Holy Supper. In heaven, we shall see Him in all His glory!

On March 13, we will learn the story of the Temptation of Jesus. Jesus faced the temptation of Satan for us and resisted it with the Holy Word of God. God’s Word strengthens and enables us to resist Satan and grants us forgiveness when we fail.

On March 20, we will sit alongside Jesus as He teaches Nicodemus. Since the fall into sin, we are born in sinful flesh – spiritually blind, sinful and unclean. As children of God, born of water and the Spirit, we can see our sinfulness and the salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ.

On March 27 we hear about Jesus and the Samaritan woman. Jesus gives the Spirit, who cleanses us from sin and unrighteousness in the living water of Holy Baptism.

The Bible verse for this month is John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him (Jesus) should not perish but have eternal life.”

Please review the verse with your children to help them memorize and understand. Special reward: Do you find this column helpful and interesting? The KidCentral staff will give a special reward – small gift – to anyone who comes to the KidCentral office between 9:00 and 9:30 during March and recites this month’s Bible verse and the first 10 books of the Bible.

The children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above learn the books of the Bible and practice them each week so be sure to ask your child(ren) to repeat them to you often. Ask your children to tell you about their weekly lessons and go over the materials they bring home to help them remember these wonderful words of truth.

Stay tuned for exciting news to be shared soon. Remember those songs you learned as a child in Sunday School? We are looking into a new opportunity for our children to learn those old favorites and new, joyous songs to help them grow in their faith. Also, please be checking your calendars to determine which Sunday your family can help with KidCentral for the summer, in order to give a break to our regular, faithful staff. Recruitment starts soon!

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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### JUNE 20-24, 2011

### REGISTRATION AND VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP COMING SOON!!



We're gearing up to bring God's children a faith-filled experience to remember! Each day children will ...

- ★ Learn and grow in faith as they find out how WILD God is about them!
- ★ Take home Bible reinforcements that help families continue exploring the Bible message!
- ★ Sing and dance to music that they'll want to listen to year-round!
- ★ Explore ways to serve God through service to one another including a service project to help children in the community at-large!

#### We need your help!

**First, pray** for this very important outreach. We want to bring God's word to as many children as possible through Vacation Bible School. Pray also for our planners, volunteer staff, and participants!

**Second, help us get the word out!** We hope to continue growing our outreach, so please tell your friends, family, and neighbors! Better yet, go to our website [www.mystandrew.org](http://www.mystandrew.org) to find the link to register your child, and your friends' and neighbors' children, too.

**Third, sign-up to volunteer!** With more children attending, we will need more volunteers. There are many ways you can serve, simply go to our website and click on VBS, which will take you to the link for "Volunteer Opportunities" to find the area that best suits you. Consider taking time off from work (half days) and join in the fun! You will be blessed by the experience, while blessing the children you serve.

#### There are other ways you can help in the months leading up to VBS:

- ★ Join our decorations team and attend the decorating workshops. PandaMania decorations are sure to heighten the children's experience. Watch your email and the bulletin for dates and times of upcoming workshops!
- ★ Please help us collect recyclables that can be used to transform the church into a Panda paradise! We'll be collecting cardboard tubes (paper towel rolls and gift wrap tubes), paper grocery sacks, and large bare branches. Cardboard and bags may be left in the marked bins in the coatroom. Contact Karen or Marianne if you have branches to donate.
- ★ Donate or lend items for decorations, such as paper lanterns, parasols, old umbrellas, stuffed panda toys, bamboo, artificial greenery or green garland. If you would like for us to return the decoration, please be sure to put your name on the item.
- ★ Consider making a donation to help purchase supplies for VBS. In the coming weeks we'll have more information on items that need to be purchased.

Please email Marianne Lohr or Karen Adam at [my.standrew@verizon.net](mailto:my.standrew@verizon.net) with questions. We're looking forward to an awesome, faith-filled week!

## Preschool News

The busy times continue at St. Andrew's Preschool!

**March 6-13 marks National Lutheran Schools Week.** The entire week will be dubbed "Spirit Week" at Preschool, with a Wacky Hair and Hat Day; Pajama Day; Sports Day; etc. It will be a fun time for the children!

**On Friday, March 11,** we'll celebrate with our annual Spaghetti Supper, beginning at 5:30 pm. Please join us for a delicious dinner, cooked up by our own Mr. Mario Taramona. Advance tickets will be available for sale starting Sunday, February 27.



On Sunday, March 13, the 3- and 4-year-old classes will be serenading the congregation at the 11am service. The children know the songs so well....it will be interesting to see if stage fright gets in the way this time! The performance promises to be super cute in any case, so don't miss it!

Enrollment continues for the 2011-2012 school year. There are still openings available in the 2's, 3's and 4's classes. Please visit our website at [www.mystandrew.org/preschool.htm](http://www.mystandrew.org/preschool.htm) for details regarding class times and fees, or you may phone me at 301-384-2660 with any questions.

**Fundraiser** – For only \$5, you may purchase a stainless steel travel mug, with a red logo imprinted that says, "St. Andrew's Preschoolers Warm My Heart." It's a wonderful gift that helps support the youngest of Jesus' followers here at the Church.



Lastly, despite the cold weather, enrollment for **Summer Camp** has already begun. Three weeks are available for 3-5 year olds, starting Tuesday, May 31. Again, please visit the website for details.

**Lia Mai Puskar**  
Preschool Director

## Health & Wellness

*"May your roots go down deep in the soil of God's marvelous Love; and may you be able to feel and understand...how long, how wide, how deep and how high His Love really is...that you may be filled with God Himself." Ephesians 3:17-19*

Coming this spring is a new Health and Wellness ministry called **Creative Spirits**. Too often, words cannot convey our feelings of love and concern for another. But to drape a shawl, place a lap robe, or adorn a head with a chemo cap can speak volumes. The process of making something focused on love and prayer is a spiritual practice for the creator. What is produced creates a safe haven, a private space into which the wearer can escape for rest, relaxation, and renewal.



The **Creative Spirits** ministry uses the talents God has given us in creative ways to celebrate a joyous moment, concern when ill, or support when mourning. If you crochet, knit, weave, paint, quilt, sew, or embroider, and prefer to work at home, contact Sandi Goetsch (410/465-7393, [sandiz80@msn.com](mailto:sandiz80@msn.com)) to talk about how you can participate. Ministry members will meet quarterly to share stories, experiences, ideas, and to talk about ways to meet future needs. Watch the Sunday bulletin for details about a kick-off meeting to learn more about this ministry.

March is National Colon Cancer Awareness Month!

Community Cancer Screening Days are offered as a valuable opportunity to receive free screenings for colon, as well as breast, skin, oral, thyroid and bladder cancers on Sunday, March 6, 9am-1pm, at Washington Adventist Hospital or Sunday, March 20, 9am-1pm at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. Call 800-542-5096 to register.

The INOVA Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2:30-7pm, at Brooke Grove Rehab & Nursing Center, 18131 Slade School Road. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. Call 301-570-7081 for more information.

"The Six Cogwheels of Brain Health" offered by Brooke Grove Rehab & Nursing Center is a free Living Well Community Seminar on Wednesday, March 23, 6:30-8pm. Speakers will address what can be done to keep brains healthy and fit. Call 301-924-2811, option 3 to reserve a space.

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# Social Action Ministry News

## March is Welcome Kit month for Lutheran Social



Services. Help welcome a new refugee with items for the Toiletry Kit or a Cleaning Kit. Items needed in the Toiletry Kit are toilet paper, Kleenex, shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, brush/comb, aspirin

and feminine hygiene products with a waste basket to hold all of the items. Items in the Kitchen Kit are saucepan, frying pan, baking dish, mixing/serving bowls, kitchen utensils (spatula, serving utensils, knives), can opener in a large plastic container. The sign up sheet for these items to make five of each kit will be in the Commons beginning March 6 and all the items must be collected by Sunday, March 27.

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!** for the truck load of food that you contributed for the Manna Food Center which serves the hungry folks in Montgomery County. We contributed 4068 pounds of food in just a few hours on Sunday, February 13.

**LSS Compassion Walks** – Would you like to take a walk? Too cold, you say? Then come with Sue Zimmerman to the Lutheran Social Services offices in Falls Church for a “Compassion Walk.” To tell the story of LSS more effectively, volunteers and staff for LSS will “walk” you through their office, stopping along the way to hear stories of refugee resettlement, adoption, foster care and Camp Youth Haven, the camp for children affected by HIV/AIDS. Walks are the first Thursday of the month, 6-7pm, and the third Thursday of the month, 11am-noon. If you would like to attend, please contact Sue at 301-854-0050 or [zimmermansue@comcast.net](mailto:zimmermansue@comcast.net). Transportation can be provided.

**Blankets** – The Crafts Ministry has been very busy making blankets for Lutheran Mission Society from fabric donated by the St. Andrew family. When LMS was asked how the blankets are used, we learned: “The blankets! What a blessing they are to us! They are distributed to LMS’ eight Compassion Centers where they are given away to clients as needed. Some clients, who are truly homeless people living on the street, need a blanket to stay warm (or at least warmer). Blankets are valuable to them but due to their circumstances, blankets can become wet, dirty, or torn and need to be replaced. Some of our clients have places to stay off the street but may have had heat turned off. They may have extra family

members come live with them temporarily. In times of great instability, it is a comfort to have a warm blanket to sleep on, to sleep under or to offer to another. In addition to this, each of our LMS-sponsored Christmas families receives a new blanket in their box of gifts. Each blanket touches a life directly. They make a difference. Many thanks to the good people of St Andrew for partnering with us!”

**Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County** provides the opportunity for home ownership to low-income families that would not otherwise qualify for a mortgage. Locally, Habitat has purchased older houses and completely renovated them to be energy efficient and livable. This helps the neighborhood, the environment and struggling families. The Thrivent Financial for Lutherans local chapter will secure Thrivent matching funds for locally-raised funds along with volunteer hours in working on the rehabilitation of a house in Holiday Park this year. Volunteers, including the family members who will live in the house, expect to begin working first to strip the inside of the house in late March and then to renovate for the family to occupy the house by late fall. Walt Petzold is the coordinator for fund-raising (contact: 301-871-7413, [carolpetzold@boo.net](mailto:carolpetzold@boo.net)). Watch for upcoming events and sign up to help!

**NAMI (National Association for Mental Illness)** Montgomery County is a non-profit organization serving individuals and families affected by mental illness. All programs are free to the community. On Thursday, March 10, 10am-6pm, a special one day event will be offered for those looking for employment. Participants can receive a one-day coupon for deep discounts on select clothing and accessories if signed up in advance (contact Becky at 301-949-5731 or [manioffice@namimc.org](mailto:manioffice@namimc.org)). Staff members will be on hand to help participants select appropriate outfits for interviews and the work environment.

St. Andrew is part of a consortium of churches called **People-4-People**, the mission of which is to help people find employment, with training and resources, through the Employment Assistance Center. The next free workshop is “Effective Interviewing Skills” on Saturday, March 12, 10am-noon, at Immanuel’s Church Fellowship Hall, 16819 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring. Call 301-989-4673 for more information.

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# SAMOA News

St. Andrew Ministry for Older Adults

John McCarthy, Montgomery County State's Attorney, who prosecutes crime in our courts, spoke to SAMOA in January about crimes against the



elderly—scams, financial deception, door-to-door fraud, and identity theft. The typical victim is a white woman 78 years of age. He reported a 20% increase in such crimes since 2000. Unfortunately 54% of the abuse is by family members. There are also foreign scam artists including notices of foreign lottery winnings. The truth is ALL

foreign lotteries are illegal in the USA. If you are notified that you won a huge sum of money in a foreign lottery, it is likely a scam and if isn't, it is illegal! Sorry!

Buying protection for the fraudulent use of your credit card is a waste of money, since federal law already protects you. Fifty dollars is the most you can be held liable for.

Requests for contributions to the police and firemen over the phone are also unnecessary. Montgomery County Police do no private fundraising. Since most of these calls are from distant call centers, just ask what the name of our police department is. Likely the caller will have no idea.

The elderly are a target audience for identity theft; as the elderly population increases, elderly identity theft increases. The State's Attorney's office tries to educate folks so that they do not become victims. Identity theft scams often originate off shore in Eastern Europe even with Al Qaida and in other distant places. The internet allows criminal to invisibly enter your home and identifying the person who victimizes you is nearly impossible.

There are challenges and barriers to protecting the elderly. Only 4% of cases where police are contacted are self-reported. This means that the community needs to be vigilant to report suspected abuse. With more than 50% of scams and financial abuse done by family members of the victim, it is particularly difficult for an elderly person to call the police when the person finds or suspects that a child or grandchild has likely raided the person's bank account.

Often times the victim is terrified of what will happen to him/her if the family member is convicted of theft and no longer available to care for the victim. When an elderly person gives the power of attorney to a relative, it is well to include restrictions on disbursements. There is no way around the fact that handling money often divides families. It is a difficult conversation for children to have with their elderly parents, but a highly recommended conversation for families. Eighty-five percent of people die without wills which allows the state to make the decisions on where the assets of the deceased are distributed. Each of us, no matter our age, needs to write not only a will for our possessions, but also a living will for health care decisions. When we designate an executor or decision maker, it is best to let that person know of their designation and to discuss what your wishes are in these matters.

## Important Montgomery Co. Phone Numbers:

- Long-Term Care Ombudsman – 240-777-3000 (to help with nursing home issues)
- Adult Protective Services – 240-777-3369.
- Licensing and Regulation – 240-777-3832.
- Mont. Co. Family Crime Division – 240-773-5050
- Mont. Co. Police Fraud Unit – 240-777-6330.
- State's Attorney's Office – 240-777-7300.

**“Need Help Filing Taxes?”** AARP Tax Counseling is being offered free for seniors on Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 9am-2pm at The Village at Rockville – National Lutheran Community (formerly known as the National Lutheran Home), 9701 Viers Drive, Rockville. Call 301-354-8447 to reserve an appointment.



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## Thanks Upon Thanks

A big **THANK YOU** to all who donated to the **LWML Christmas Card Tree** this past Christmas. Thanks to your generosity a total of \$1,517 was collected and will be distributed to support two worthy mission causes – the Lutheran Chinese Ministry in Rockville that is run by Pastor Tich Luu, a son of our congregation; and the Education Fund of Moses Khedi, a Ugandan Christian who is finishing his studies to return to his homeland as a medical missionary.

The LWML Christmas Card Tree began in 1976 and has collected over \$35,000 for various ministries! Once again, thanks for helping!

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Many thanks to David Doermann who helped me after the February 6, 9:30 service. I returned to my car to find a flat tire. Dave was passing by and without being asked took over. He proceeded to find all the necessary tools hidden in the trunk, removed the flat tire and replaced it with the spare. He was truly a Good Samaritan.

**George Beschner**

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To everyone at St. Andrew:

I am so grateful for all your thoughts, prayers, cards and altar flowers that I have received. They have made a rather bleak few months of my life so much brighter!

God bless you all!

**Marilyn Candler**

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Dear Friends in Christ,

While I am usually a man of words, words utterly fail me to express my gratitude for your prayers, good wishes, and many offers of support. I have sensed and felt your love and it has been a healing force in my life. I am progressing well but there remains much gravel to be traversed on the road to recovery. Thanks again for your willingness to walk with me.

Love,

**Pastor Lobien**

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Dear Members of St. Andrew,

It is a wonderful and comforting feeling to be remembered, especially when you are in the hospital or recovering from surgery. I was blessed with flowers, visits, notes and cards. Best of all, were your prayers and I thank you all for thinking of me. May God always bless “Our St Andrew Church and Family” as we move forward in His Name.

Love and Blessings,

**Audrey Belsinger**

## How to Join ST. ANDREW



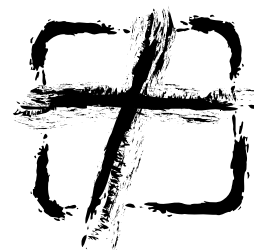
God called us to be part of His family for a reason – it’s hard to grow alone! Our St. Andrew community will meet you where you are, and walk beside you to a closer relationship with God.

*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. Sessions are held 3-4 times per year. Watch the bulletin or contact the church office to express interest.
- \* 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 walk with you to find the answers you seek.**



# March 2011 Service Assistants Calendar

## USHERS

8:00 \*Eddie James, Bob Atwell, Bruce Emmel, Carol Petzold  
 9:30 \*Bob Kichak, Mary Brundage, Lina Rashid, Jim Solfronk, Lynn Wright, Jay Jacobsen  
 11:00 \*Jim Farmer, Don Berkheimer, Craig Johnson, Beth Victor, Barbara LaCour

		March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
WELCOME CENTER	pre/post 9:30	Dorothy Dieterich	Bonnie French	Dorothy Fristoe	Shirley Guillette
	post 11	Janet Burton	Jamie Krauk	Judy Downey	Willie Farmer
ALTAR PREPARATION		Marian Lewis	Marian Lewis	Lois Blodgett, Nancy Choudhry	Lois Blodgett, Nancy Choudhry
GREETERS	8:00	Walt & Carol Petzold	Rod & Karen Bohlman	Rod & Karen Bohlman	Linda Newcomer
	9:30	Dave & Carol Doermann - F Ruby Behrens - S Claudia Jacobson - R	Audrey Belsinger/Millie Forrey - F Scott & Nancy Graeves - S Sharon Helms - R	Audrey Belsinger/Millie Forrey - F Sharon Helms - S Scott & Nancy Graeves - R	Matt & Sarah Krueger - F Marie Jackson - S Linda Yost - R
	11:00	Karen & John Adam	Sonia Sarreals	Sonia Sarreals	Jamie Krauk
LECTORS	8:00	Andrea Pauli, George Pauli	Robert Rathbun, Bill Harpster	Ken Austin, George Harris	Eddie James, William Wooden
	9:30	Marilee Tollefson, Luther Tollefson	Paul Van Akkeren, Peggy Hayeslip	Kathleen Strelbel, Deatrice Williams	Carol Baker, Don Becker
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:00	*Debbie & Ed Stowe, Roger Caldwell, Alice Scipio, Helena Jacobs	*Robie Hillhouse, Brian Nockleby, Walt Petzold, Debbie Stowe, Evelyn Blaes	*Leslie Hollowell, Ken & Lucie Austin, Bill Wyeth, Tricia King	*Leslie Hollowell, Shirley Guillette, Lyndi Lahl, Dan Shaltanis, Mark Wallen
	9:30	*Paul Lobien, Irma Cuellar, Bill Golding, Margot Hawkins Golding, Peggy Gorski, Claudia Jacobson, Karen Matthiesen, Deb Shoup	*Kathleen Strelbel, Carol Ames, Lory Bruckner, Rose Bruckner, Tom Polansky, Klaus Strelbel, Trish Baker, Phil Droege, Vicky Aceto	*Marty Herrin, Lois Blodgett, Joan Dargis, Dorothy & Bill Fristoe, Peggy Hayeslip, Don Becker, Eldra Simmons	*Trish Baker, Marv & Carol Brown, Sandi Goetsch, Marilee Tollefson, Sue Zimmerman, Irma Cuellar, Jean Jacobsen
	Pew	Dorothy Fristoe	Leslie Holbwell	Marilee Tollefson	Claudia Jacobson
	11:00	*Karen Adam, Nancy Choudhry, Marianne Lohr, Angela Green, Duane Taylor, David Van Norstrand	*Stan & Sandy Jackson, Lisa Tipton, John Butler, Jack Reinhart, Tamara Arsenault	*Amanda Wingo, Willie Farmer, Jeff Lohr, Jackie Lobien, Gloria Reyes, Bruce Brizendine	*Jeff Wahlbrink, Barbara Wahlbrink, Shelly Hoffman, Carol Witmer, Gary Fields, Mandy Williams
STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY		*Luther Tollefson, Jeff Wahlbrink, Linda Newcomer, Bob Helms	*Sandy Jackson, Laurie Levin, Kirk & Mary Ann Rydland	*Dennis Lahl, Sandi Goetsch, John Adam, Jack Reinhart	*Marge Schwalm, Bob Helms, Peggy Gorski, Pat Herrin
ACOLYTES	8:00	Jessica Hagedorn, Sarah Bridegum	Beret Bruwelheide, Christian Garcia-McConnell	Denis Reyes, MaryBeth Stebel	Zachary King, Alex Rosales
	11:00	Sabrina Hayes, Feetor Thomas	Rachel Alexander, Rachel Patch	Samantha Hayes, Tiffany Hayes	Abby Snyder, Jourdan Wells
ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY		Carlos Garcia	Claudia Jacobson	Claudia Jacobson	Carlos Garcia