



ST. ANDREW NEWS

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.**



Over 60 gathered to learn more about Firm Foundations as preparations for the campaign kicked into high gear earlier this fall! Now, our leaders pray that you have had the opportunity to understand and be inspired by the vision, and are prayerfully considering your commitment to the program. ***We ask that all Commitment Cards be received by November 13; early submissions are very welcome!***

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Plus much, much more!

Dear Friends,

In the ranking of my favorite months of the year, November is certainly up there. For openers, our wedding anniversary is in November. So is my mother's birthday. November begins with All Saints Day and ends with Thanksgiving and the beginning of Advent. There are autumn leaves, cool temps, and football games to enjoy. Other things like elections take place in November. And this year, November will also bring a harvest of commitment to the mission of Christ at St. Andrew through the consecrated effort known as Firm Foundations.

I'm also reminded that while November is a month of autumn where we live, in the southern hemisphere it's actually a month of springtime. Of course, it's hard to imagine November feeling like springtime, unless I'm thinking about what it feels like to be at our church, in the company of my spiritual family, meeting new people in the Commons every week, watching children packing the Family Room for their First Communion instruction (because there is no other place to meet) or the choir barely fitting into the choir room to warm up for Sunday service.

This November, life is everywhere at St. Andrew, where a new springtime is underway for the glory of God. I hope and pray that you will come and experience your new life in Christ in an atmosphere of celebration, acceptance and mutual support. I also hope that you'll think about inviting someone in your life to come with you and share in the vitality of the Gospel as we keep discovering how true God's word is, and how different life can look and feel and be when we celebrate God's grace in all the milestones and changing seasons of life.

So, have a blessed November, which may look a lot like autumn on the outside, but to me feels like a new springtime in our congregational life, thanks to the One who came into the world and turned it upside down with grace and hope.

Thank you again for your support of our shared ministry and for the spirit you bring to life at St. Andrew as we worship and serve this November and throughout the future we have together, in Christ.

The Lord be with you+

With gratitude and love, in Him,



Pastor Hricko

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 6, 2011



On Sunday, November 6, at all three services, we will have a special time of remembrance for those who have received their victory in Christ during this past year.

If you would like for your loved one to be included, please provide the church

office with the name, dates of birth and death, and a photo if desired (electronic format if possible - my.standrew@verizon.net).

All information is due no later than Sunday, October 30.

Contact Barbara Wahlbrink in the church office with questions.



THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, November 23

7:00 p.m.

Pumpkin Pie & Cider
Fellowship
following worship!



Join us with your family & friends!



FALL BACK!

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday,
November 6 (2:00 am)

Turn your clocks BACK one hour!



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21st Annual St. Andrew

Hearts & Holly Craft Fair



Saturday, November 19, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Hand-made Treats & Treasures
Homemade Jams, Jellies & Savories
Bake Sale & Book Sale

Quilts, Clothing, Table Linens & Textile Artwork
Christmas Ornaments & Decorative Pieces
Orders Taken for Custom Engraving
Santa's Shoppe for Kids - Crafts & Gift Shopping
Gift Wrapping & Baskets
Visit "Grandma's Attic" for Vintage Treasures Too!



Lunch Served 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Your Holiday Spirit Starts Here!



Craft Fair Help Wanted & Donations Needed!

Grandma's Attic is again being organized and operated by Lory Bruckner (301-946-0577) and Marilyn Miller (301-439-3040). Your jewelry donations may be left at any time in the basket on top of the mailboxes in the Commons. Either Lory or Marilyn will be accepting small donations Sunday mornings in November, which they will be taking to their homes and pricing. Large donations may be brought to the church on Sunday, November 13, and all during that week. Linens, antiques, vintage clothing, dolls, glassware, fancy dishes, Christmas decorations, hats, frames, purses – all in good shape – are best sellers. **Sales help** is needed on the day of the Fair.

The Bake Table will again be organized and operated by Jeanette Schuder (301-879-5950). Watch for the flyer in your church mailbox detailing specifics. Pies are particularly big sellers, as are cookies, cakes, breads, cupcakes, candy and pastries.



An urgent volunteer help commitment to set up the Craft Fair on Wednesday, November 16 at 12:30 and to move the displays to the Great Room at 2:00 on the 19th is requested by the Craft Ministry Co-Chairs, Joann Aulick (301-774-7519) and Marie Jackson (301-871-3922). In addition, help with customers and sales during the Fair is solicited for the crafts, in addition to the above mentioned Grandma's Attic. Please contact the appropriate person to volunteer your time that day.

Engraved glass ornaments will again be available courtesy of Jenny Muffler from her Just Write Studio.



Santa's Shop for Children organized by Kay Caviness (301-622-0898) and Janet Burton (301-680-7943). Here's your opportunity to donate gift items that you've received but don't necessarily need, with no "re-gifting" guilt! These items are for children under 12 to shop for gifts for their parents, grandparents, teachers, etc. Over the past three years, Santa's Shop has been a huge success. Reports from family members are that the children are beaming on Christmas morning. Please consider de-cluttering your closets and drawers and donate new or very gently used items. Place your donations in the box labeled **Santa's Shop for Children** in the Coat Room.



The Used Book Table is operated by Carol Witmer (301-879-2847) and donations are currently being accepted in the labeled box in the Coat Room.

Gift wrapping and gift basket tables, operated by Linda Patch and Peggy Cleaveland respectively, will be available, too.

Flyers advertising the Craft Fair are available for distribution to friends and co-workers.



Home Crafters are encouraged to bring in their donations as soon as possible; pricing all of the items takes time.

Basket and bag donations are always welcomed for the gift basket table and to pack those numerous items that will be sold. These can be left in the Craft Ministry box in the Coat Room just off the Commons.

As in the past, our Annual Craft Fair is a totally volunteer event and all merchandise is donated; there are no third party vendors. All proceeds this year will be devoted to the Firm Foundations Capital Campaign.



Saturday Crafters

The Saturday Crafters welcome Gwen Zimmerman for a card making session on November 12. Pricing of completed work for the Craft Fair will also take place on that day, so please bring any items you may have before that date. Thank you!



RENT-A-TEEN

We're on a Mission from God!

Our High School Youth Group is going to Port Jervis, NY to help low-income families who are having a hard time getting basic home maintenance done. We need your help to get us there.

Help us by letting us help you on ...

November 19 & December 3

Do you have a "to do" list that just keeps getting longer? What could you cross off that list if you had a team of young, strong teenagers for two hours to do the heavy stuff? We'd like to help you find out. A team of youth will help with those projects you've been putting off.



Rake leaves

Paint a room

Move furniture or stuff

Organize your garage/attic

Babysitting



Household Cleaning (and yes, we do WINDOWS!)

But we aren't choosy. Be creative!

Reserve your two-hour slot now and we will descend upon your home like a plague of locusts ... very helpful locusts!

Your generous monetary donations are also very much appreciated.

Sign-up forms are available in the weekly Sunday bulletins, by visiting www.mystandrew.org (click *Rent-a-Teen* on right), at the Information Center in the Commons, or by contacting Riki Schoppert at ejschopp@erols.com or 301-384-4394 with your date preference and the jobs needed done.



We'll paint,

We'll sweep,



**We'll make
it clean.**



**You can't
go wrong,**



when you



RENT A TEEN!

The Droege Report



On Sunday, October 2, I like most of you received the Firm Foundations Capital Campaign (FFCC) packet and in it was a wonderful prayer calendar. I am writing this column on October 6 and the calendar item for the day asks us to “Pray for resources to complete the Lower Level.” So I thought I should do my part today to not only pray for the success of the FFCC, but also to write about the FFCC.

As many of you know the FFCC is led by co-chairs Gary Fields and Kimberly Gay-Armour who are doing a wonderful job. In fact, I saw Gary giving the hard sell to one of our newer members, Fiona O’Brien. He kept extolling the virtues of the Lower Level project and all the ministries it will help support. He also repeatedly asked her why she didn’t have a packet and how much she was going to give. I finally had to step in and point out that she was only 10 weeks old. Gary did not think that was any excuse for not giving.

Side note: When I told my wife Katie about meeting young Fiona O’Brien, she exclaimed “Fiona O’Brien, how did we (Roman Catholics) lose her?” I pointed out that the RCs have a German Pope so that should even things out.

Gary’s over-exuberance brings me to the meat of my column today – misguided fundraising appeals of the past. As many of you know, when the plan to finish the lower level started, I begged the Pastor, Board of Directors and anyone else who would listen to be put in charge of the fundraising appeal. Pastor Hricko praised me for my enthusiasm but reminded me of some of my past fundraising ideas that many of you may remember. Here are just a few:

- High C Challenge – Where donors would give money based on how many people in the choir could hit a high C at the same time. It brought in about \$1000, but cost us \$15,000 in repairs to the shattered stained glass windows.
- Health Care Schmealth Care – Where donors were asked to give up paying for health insurance and donate that money to the building fund. This took an ugly turn during Pastor Mordhorst’s annual reenactment of the posting of the 95 theses on Reformation Day, when he took a tumble off the ladder after hitting his thumb with the hammer. Once again a net loss for the building fund when emergency room and rehab was all totaled up. I still don’t know the meaning of all of those German words he said after hitting the floor.
- Straw Poll – For each dollar you put toward the building fund you would get one vote to choose who was the most physically attractive saint in history. The money had to be returned when certain voting irregularities led to a suspiciously overwhelming vote for Philip of Wheaton.
- Football – After 15 years of the “donate money for each Redskin win” fundraiser, it was finally decided to shut this one down when we realized that the administrative costs outweighed the meager donations.

So obviously the prayers worked and Kim and Gary are the co-chairs and not me. Their ideas of awareness forums, Bible studies, dinner dances, and celebrations will be a lot more effective than mine. So I hope you all have read through the FFCC materials, posted the prayer calendar (which is wonderful) where you will see it every day, and have prayerfully considered what your commitment will be for this project.

Phil Droege, Recovering Fundraiser

FIRM FOUNDATIONS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

*We’ve been informed and inspired,
had time for thought and prayer –
now is the time to commit to God
and the future from the blessings
and bounty He has given us.*

Evening Worship & Celebration of Advance Gifts Sunday, November 6 7:00 pm

A time of thanksgiving and fellowship for leaders and others who feel called and willing to make an “advance” or early commitment to the campaign. RSVP to the church office to attend.

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Congregational Commitment Worship & Celebration Sunday, November 13 Worship at 8, 9:30 & 11 am

Offer your commitment during worship.
Special Fellowship Celebration
throughout the morning!



*“I laid a foundation as a wise
builder, and someone else
is building on it.”*

1 Corinthians 3:10

A St. Andrew Family Event ...

“One Starry Night”

Saturday, December 17, 1-3pm



We are busily planning a wonderful family Christmas event that will include stations of sights, sounds, and activities for families to wander through while they have a very “hands-on” experience in “Bethlehem” as it was back in Jesus’ time. Creativity and many different skills and talents are needed to

make this into a memorable experience.

We hope you will say “yes!” when Wendy Linstrom or Marianne Lohr ask you to consider helping in one of the following areas. The more volunteers we gather, the more fun the event will be!

- ✦ Marketplace site leaders/helpers
- ✦ Costumed townspeople
- ✦ Publicity
- ✦ Bakers
- ✦ Station designers (*people with creative vision!*)
- ✦ Set-up/Clean-up

We also need to borrow props and items to help decorate our marketplace. (*All items will be returned so please mark them with your last name*).

- ✦ Easy-up canopies
- ✦ Large baskets
- ✦ Sheets or decorative cloths to decorate tents
- ✦ Bales of hay
- ✦ Decorative pillows
- ✦ Earthen or wooden bowls and pottery



Special Holiday Outreach Event!

2nd Annual

Holy Nativity Display

at The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew

Friday-Sunday, December 9-11

Fri: 10-3 ✦ Sat: 1-8 ✦ Sun: 9-5



Featuring over 200 beautiful and unique nativity scenes from around the world!

Joyful music, live nativity animals, nativity scene photo opportunity, and heartwarming fellowship!

Get into the Spirit of Christmas!

**Many hands are needed
to make this event a success ...**

★ **We need You for Set-Up, ★
Greeting and Security.**

★ **Loan or donate artificial Christmas trees, ★
garland and white Christmas lights.**

Contact Patty Hricko at thehrickos@verizon.net
or 301-490-7083.

*And you will have joy and gladness,
and many will rejoice at His birth.*

Luke 1:14

Christmas Carols & Songs for Flute & Piano

Saturday, December 17 at 4:00 pm
at The Lutheran Church of St Andrew



Performed by flutist Tim Friedlander and pianist Natasha Dukan, from their 2010 release *Christmas at Mill Creek*.

Free admission, donations accepted.

“The Law of Happiness” Friday, November 4 at 7:15 pm

“Necessary Endings” Friday, December 2 at 7:15 pm

Teachings by Dr Henry Cloud!



Gather to listen as well-known Christian psychologist and the best-selling author of *Boundaries* teaches on two of his latest works. In Part I, “**The Law of Happiness**,” Dr Cloud draws on latest psychological research about the modern quest for happiness, and contrasts it with the laws of God that will set us on the path to true peace, joy, and the fulfillment we seek. Part

II, *Necessary Endings*, will make the case that our personal lives can only improve when we are able to view endings as a necessary and strategic step to something better. Originally presented at the 2011 Women of Faith Conferences, these sessions are guaranteed to intrigue and inspire! Dr. Cloud has authored over 20 books and is co-host of the nationally syndicated *New Life Live*, airing locally on WAVA.

Many Thanks!

Dear Friends at St. Andrew,

Many thanks to St. Andrew’s congregation for all the prayers and concern for me during my recent stroke. I have completely recovered and attribute my healing to God’s grace and all your prayers.

Again, thanks to everyone!

Bill Pechnik



Dear St. Andrew Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, and inquiries. I am sure they all helped me through the most difficult portion of my surgery. I am now on the road to recovery.

God Bless,

Eldra Simmons

Bethlehem:

Nothing Ever Happens Here!

Children’s Christmas Pageant
December 11 at 11:00am



Christmas Pageant

This year’s Children’s Christmas Pageant will lead us back to the town of Bethlehem on the night Christ was born. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday mornings during November and December as part of our KidCentral hour. There is a dress rehearsal scheduled for Saturday, December 10 in the Sanctuary, 10am-

12noon. We are asking parents to encourage their children to be part of our pageant. Weekly attendance is also encouraged so that our pageant may run as smoothly as possible. We hope you will join us as we journey back to (not so!) quiet little Bethlehem and let us show you what wonder we have found!

Our Children NEED You!



Teen and Adult helpers are (*very much!*) needed to assist in our ever-growing Children’s Church program that meets weekly during the 11:00am service in Room 120 led by Wendy Linstrom.

- Help by serving once every month or so with crafts/activities/clean-up!
- Teens can earn Community Service Hours!
- Parent volunteers are rewarded by a sense of purpose!
- Get your *feet wet* in Children’s Ministry and see where it leads you!
- You will be rewarded by *giggles, hugs, and many SMILES!*
- Sign up in Room 120 or by contacting the church office!

Common Ground

Wednesday evenings through
November 9

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

**Offering a variety of interesting &
provocative topics including...**

“Our Jewish Roots” through November 9

“Christ in the Old Testament”
through November 9

“Where is God in the Music?”
October 26-November 9

“Wiccan to Christian: My Story”
November 9



Full class descriptions and sign-up available
in the Sunday bulletin and at
www.mystandrew.org/Common_Ground.htm

**Invite your friends & family ...
it's a great outreach opportunity!**

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.**

December Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, November 13

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



Also, please note that the following month's newsletter deadline will be moved up by one week due to the holidays. Deadline date for the January newsletter is Sunday, December 4. Thank you!

2012 Offering Envelopes



Offering envelopes for 2012 will be ordered soon. Please let us know by phone, email or by indicating the following on a church pew card and placing it in the offering plate:

- If you do not have giving envelopes and would like them.
- If you will be submitting your tithes and offerings electronically and no longer wish to receive offering envelopes.
- If you have moved recently.

Daily Devotionals



Our Daily Bread – A wonderful (and free!) online daily devotional is available at www.rbc.org. You may also order a print version of *Our Daily Bread* by calling 616-974-2210 or by visiting <https://secure.rbc.org/odb/signup/>.

Beginning in January, the church will provide a few copies of *Our Daily Bread* each month at the Welcome Center.

Portals of Prayer will no longer be available at the Welcome Center due to rising costs and budgetary constraints. Members may contact Concordia Publishing House directly at 1-800-325-3040 to arrange home delivery or visit <http://sites.cph.org/portals/signup.asp> to sign up online. The annual cost is \$13.99 for the print version and \$9.99 for an electronic subscription.

LCSA to Receive CFS Award



Last September Pastor Hricko officially received word that Capital Funding Services will be presenting St. Andrew with its Antioch Reflection Aware for outstanding stewardship fulfillment of a capital stewardship campaign. The

campaign, known as Continue the Journey was launched in the spring of 2008. The presentation will take place later this month at the Fall Leadership Conference of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund, to be held in Raleigh, North Carolina. Three years ago, St. Andrew also received LCEF's Architecture Award for Large Church Building Projects for New Worship Space.

Ministry Highlight

Learn more about a St. Andrew ministry and prayerfully consider how you can support it and encourage others to do the same!

Communion Assistants

Communion Assistants are responsible for supporting the Pastor to serve the Sacrament of Holy Communion during worship. On any given Sunday, communion is served to an average of 500-600 people at St. Andrew, and orchestrating the effort is no small feat! In fact, no less than 20 of our fellow members volunteer each week over the course of three worship services! Currently, there are



Communion Assistants

twelve teams of communion assistants assigned by service time who participate about once a month, and more help is always needed!

We are currently seeking St. Andrew members who would like to be trained as Communion

Assistants, who would serve as substitutes when team members are unavailable (usually once a month), and who may eventually become part of one of our teams. ***Please consider volunteering for this important ministry with all its benefits:***

- Experience the Sacrament of Holy Communion from a new perspective, as you serve fellow Christians with this very special blessing from God!
- Work with a dedicated team in a role of servant leadership among fellow members.
- Previous experience is NOT necessary! Full training and on-the-job guidance are lovingly provided. New assistants are given less responsibilities until they are comfortable taking on larger roles.
- Serve at your preferred worship time, and swap dates as necessary when schedule conflicts arise.

Communion Assistant Training will be held in the Sanctuary on **Sunday, November 13 at 12 noon**, immediately following late worship. To express interest, get more information or register, please contact the church office (301-384-4394, my.standrew@verizon.net), or speak with one of our Lead Communion Assistants: Debbie Stowe, Robie Hillhouse, Leslie Hollowell, Bruce Emmel, Paul Lobien, Trish Baker, Kathleen Strelbel, Marty Herrin, Marianne Lohr, Stan Jackson, Mandy Wingo, or Jeff Wahlbrink on Sunday mornings.

Thank you for prayerfully considering this important role. It's a wonderful way to start your week off right as you share the gifts of God with the people of God!

KidCentral News



Our KidCentral classes continue to grow and learn together. We have had a wonderful year so far and look forward to many more weeks of learning about God's love in our lives.

November Lessons

November 6: The Passover – In this lesson we learn how God saved the firstborn sons of the Israelites by instructing them to smear the blood of an unblemished lamb on their doorpost so that the Angel of Death would pass over their houses.

November 13: Crossing the Red Sea – In this lesson we learn how God granted His people safe passage through the water of the Red Sea when they were being pursued by Pharaoh's army. We also learn that God toppled the watery walls and destroyed the army that was trying to destroy His people.

November 20: God Provides Manna, Water and Quail – This week, we learn about the Israelites wandering in the desert without food and water. God provided for them by opening the doors of heaven which rained down on them giving them manna to eat and the grain of heaven.

November 27: There will be no Kid Central. Please take this opportunity to worship as a family.

Bible words for November: *Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord.* Exodus 14:13



Bare Essentials

Helping kids feel good all "under!"

This fall we are asking our KidCentral families to help us support an organization called **Neediest Kids**, by bringing in children's **new socks and underwear** to donate to local needy children. Neediest Kids is a Washington, DC-based organization that partners with Montgomery County schools in building a "bridge to success" by giving low-income students the basic essentials they need to get the education they deserve. Neediest Kids' biggest need right now is **new socks and underwear**, plus toiletries (for personal care kits). Please remember to bring some "bare essentials" to KidCentral if you are able! A collection hamper may be found in the Great Room during Praise Craze every Sunday morning.



Preschool News

The autumn fun continues at St. Andrew's Preschool!

The pumpkins have been picked at the Pumpkin Patches; the Fall Festival will be held October 31 with princesses and super-heroes; and now it's time to move into Thanksgiving preparations.



Our Thanksgiving Feast will be held on Monday, November 21. The 4 year old classes are busy rehearsing for their play, where Pilgrims and Indians will be in attendance. Nothing beats seeing the 4's classes dressed with Indian

head-dresses and Pilgrim hats they have made! We're looking forward to the delicious meals that will be shared at our annual feast, which is another wonderful St. Andrew's Preschool tradition.

Our school is now 86% enrolled, still leaving a handful of openings in the Beginners, 3's and 4's programs. Send your neighbors, friends and loved ones to us in order that they might enjoy a great Preschool experience for their children!

As the Christmas shopping season begins, please remember that St. Andrew's Preschool Coffee mugs are available for sale. For only \$5, you can purchase a handy stainless steel travel mug, with lid, that states "St. Andrew's Preschoolers warm my heart!" in red lettering. It makes a great stocking stuffer, and it helps our Preschool at the same time. Simply e-mail me at lcsapreschool@yahoo.com, or call me at 301-384-2660 to place your order.



From all of us at the Preschool, we thank you, the entire St. Andrew's congregation, for your continued support of the Preschool!

Lia Mai Puskar
Preschool Director



Social Ministry News

Get ready! The Snowmen are Coming!



Beginning in early November, our **Toys for Needy Children** project begins when the Snowmen arrive from the Linkages to Learning Program in the Montgomery County School System. The Snowmen have the names and ages of children, with three things that they are hoping to receive for Christmas. Each requested gift costs \$25 or less. Please come by the table in the

Commons, and help a child by choosing one of the Snowmen. Write your name and contact information on the attached sheet, and leave it in the designated box on the table. Then buy one, two or three of the things on the child's list. Wrap the presents, put them in a large gift bag or a trash bag, tape the Snowman to the outside of the bag with items circled that you bought, and bring to the designated box in the coatroom by **Sunday, December 4.**

The Colesville Council of Community Congregations (C-4) hosts a **pre-Christmas Toy Closet**, at which parents with limited resources can select toys for their children. What's needed?

- **Toys:** All types of new or gently used toys, for children ages 12 and under, may be brought to St Andrew and placed, **unwrapped**, in the C-4 box in the coatroom, by December 11. (Yes, cash and checks are also accepted! Mark your check "C-4 toys.")
- **Volunteers:** Do you enjoy getting to look at all kinds of toys? Help organize the toys on Friday evening, December 16. Or on Saturday, December 17, you can help the parents select just the right gifts to bring out their children's smiles. Look for a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center or contact Carol Petzold, 301-871-7413, to coordinate times.



BOOKS and DVDs! We're still collecting books and DVDs for the Craft Fair on November 19 (collection box in Coat Room). Leftovers from the Fair will go to VA hospitals in the region.

Help the Homeless on Saturday, November 19 at 9am on the National Mall at the annual Fannie Mae Walkathon to help the homeless. This will be the last year this event will be held on the Mall; there will be more but smaller mini-walks in other locations next year. If this is something you have always wanted to do, this is the year to go! Register online at www.helpthehomelssdc.org, designating Lutheran Social Services (code # DC052) as your beneficiary, so that LSS can receive bonus dollars from Fannie Mae. Monetary contributions are also welcomed. Questions? Please contact Sue Zimmerman at 301-854-0050 or zimmermansue@comcast.net.

Last Chance to send your Thrift Shop items to Lutheran Mission Society in 2011! The November collection is November 27. Small furniture items can be brought to church, as well as boxes and bags of items. For three or more large furniture items, call LMS at 410 636 0123 or 1-877-737-8567 to request a special pick up. There will be no collection in December; next collection date is January 22, 2012. Be sure to clear out your clutter for the holidays and put it to good use. If you have friends who don't know what to do with their own clutter, please bring that too.

SAMOA

St. Andrew Ministry to & for Older Adults

The following information is not just for seniors!



Maryland's Motor Vehicle Administration has announced it has added an emergency contact option to Maryland driver's licenses. Maryland drivers can now add three emergency contacts to their license so police will know who to call if an accident occurs. The emergency contact information is stored electronically on an individual's license and will be available only to authorized law enforcement personnel.

To add your three emergency contacts go to www.mva.maryland.gov. Click "on-line transactions," then "More" and then click "emergency contacts."

The MVA has also announced that they will no longer be mailing out notices that licenses are about to expire. It is now the driver's responsibility to keep track of when it's due for renewal. And be careful, if you miss your renewal date for over a year, you will have to take a driver's test again!

Final Arrangements: Preparing for the Day When Jesus Calls you Home

... a comprehensive document that allows you to convey your wishes and other important information to your family and your pastor at the time of your death. The document is useful for adults of all ages, as none of us knows when Jesus will call us home! Pick up a copy at the Information Center in the Commons.

Document provided by St. Andrew Ministry to and for Older Adults (SAMOA). For more info or to get involved in SAMOA, contact the church office.

SALSA

St. Andrew Lutheran Social Adults

(a group of socially active adults in their 20s, 30s, 40s 90s!)

Lutherfest – November 13, 7-9pm

Lutherfest is an annual celebration of Martin Luther's birthday hosted by Zion Church of the City of Baltimore (Lutheran). Zion Church, located at 400 East Lexington Street, Baltimore, MD 21202, is the oldest church in this area, founded by German immigrants more than 250 years ago. The program for the evening will include dinner (bratwurst, potatoes, beer, cider, and dessert), singing, and good fellowship. Professor Dr. Eric Gritsch, Director of the Forum, will give a presentation entitled "**Wine, Wit and Wisdom**" following the supper. The cost of the evening is \$10/person and reservations are required. We will be reserving tables based on the number of people who sign up in The Commons so please sign up EARLY if you are interested in joining us. More information about Zion Church and Lutherfest may be found by visiting their website www.zionbaltimore.org.



Christmas Party & Gift Exchange



Mark your calendars now for SALSA's **Annual Christmas Party and Gift Exchange** on **Saturday, December 3, 7-9pm**. We are asking everyone to bring a small dessert or snack item to share and an inexpensive gift item for our gift exchange. Please sign up in the Commons if you plan to attend.

The Central Maryland Chorale with the Montgomery Philharmonic

Presents

Through War & Peace:

A Commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of 9/11

Saturday, November 19 at 7:30 pm

at The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew
Tickets: \$15, \$10 for Seniors & Students



Memorial, René Clausen

Passages from Randall Thompson's
Testament of Freedom

Samuel Barber's *Adagio for Strings*

And other songs of peace and remembrance

For more information and to purchase tickets:
301-317-9646 www.centralmarylandchorale.com

Health & Wellness

"Yahweh has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken, to proclaim liberty to captives" Isaiah 6:1

November is National Alzheimer's Awareness Month



Concerned about your memory or that of a loved one? Senior Helpers of Silver Spring will be holding a free screening workshop in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Foundation of America's National Memory

Screening Initiative, which emphasizes the importance of proper detection and treatment of memory problems, on Sunday, November 13, 12-2pm at St. Andrew. Attendees will receive a free and confidential face-to-face memory screening, which takes about 10 minutes and consists of questions and tasks designed to test memory, language skill and other intellectual functions for those concerned about memory problems or who want to check memory now for future comparison. For more information, please visit www.nationalmemoryscreening.org or call 301-592-1611. Spread the word to friends, family and community members!



"It's so difficult to live with spinal stenosis!" If you're living with this feeling, or know someone who is, learn how to find relief from this painful condition at a free presentation at Holiday Park Senior Center, 3950 Ferrara Drive in Wheaton, on Tuesday, November 8 at 1:15 pm, led by a noted physician from Johns Hopkins Medical Center. Call 240-777-4999 for more information.



It's About Women: A Women's Health Symposium!

This educational and entertaining free event will be held Saturday, November 5 at Holy Cross Hospital, Professional & Community Education Center, 1500 Forest Glen Rd., Silver Spring from 10am-3pm. It will focus on obstacles that hinder women from enjoying optimal physical, mental and spiritual health, offering dynamic speakers, interactive exhibitors and motivational fellowship for women of all ages. Registration required. Visit www.holycrosshealth.org for more information.



November 2011 Service Assistants Calendar

8:00 *Bob Rathbun, Grant Graeves, Tricia King, Mark Wallen
 USHERS 9:30 *Bruce Nessler, Lois Blodgett, David Doermann, Lew Brode, Paul Lobien, Phil Haase
 11:00 *Judy Downey, Moses Ammons, Shelly Hoffman, David Van Norstrand

		November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
WELCOME CENTER	pre/post 9:30	Dorothy Fristoe	Claudia Jacobson	Karen Matthiesen	Dorothy Dieterich
	post 11	Janet Burton	Kay Caviness	Angela Green	Amanda Wingo
ALTAR PREPARATION		Lois Blodgett, Nancy Choudhry	Lois Blodgett, Nancy Choudhry	Lory Bruckner, Rose Bruckner	Lory Bruckner, Rose Bruckner
GREETERS	8:00	Walt & Carol Petzold	Walt & Carol Petzold	Janice Flug	Janice Flug
	9:30	Eddie & Emma James - F	Ruby Behrens - F	Linda Newcomer - F	Lina Rashid - F
		Peggy Hayeslip - S	Eddie & Emma James - S	Lina Rashid - S	Claudia Jacobson - S
		Ruby Behrens - R	Peggy Hayeslip - R	Claudia Jacobson - R	Linda Newcomer - R
11:00	Michael & Tamara Arsenault	Michael & Tamara Arsenault	Jim & Willie Farmer	Jim & Willie Farmer	
LECTORS	8:00	Jennifer Shaltanis, George Harris	George & Andrea Pauli	Anne & Bill Harpster	Ken & Lucie Austin
	9:30	Trish Baker, Steve Giles	Sandi Goetsch, Lynn Hollenbach	Luther & Marilee Tollefson	George & Marilyn Candler
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:00	*Deb & Ed Stowe, Roger Caldwell, Eddie James, Helena Jacobs	*Robie Hillhouse, Brian Nockleby, Walt & Carol Petzold, Evelyn Blaes	*Leslie Hollowell, Ken & Lucie Austin, Bill Wyeth, Ed Stowe	*Bruce Emmel, Lyndi Lahl, Ed & Deb Stowe, Dan Shaltanis
	9:30	*Leslie Hollowell, Jim & Marianne Solfronk, Irma Cuellar, Peggy Gorski, Claudia Jacobson, Karen Matthiesen, Deborah Shoup	*Kathleen & Klaus Strebel, Carol Ames, Margot & Bill Golding, Tom Polansky, Lina Rashid, Phil Droege	*Marty Herrin, Jeanette Schuder, Vicky Aceto, Dorothy & Bill Fristoe, Peggy Hayeslip, Don Becker, Eldra Simmons	*Trish Baker, Marv & Carol Brown, Sandi Goetsch, Marilee Tollefson, Sue Zimmerman, Jay & Jean Jacobsen
	Pew	Marilee Tollefson	Irma Cuellar	Sandi Goetsch	Claudia Jacobson
	11:00	*Marianne Lohr, Nancy Choudhry, Angela Green, Duane Taylor, Lynn Harty, Janet Burton	*Stan & Sandy Jackson, Beth Victor, Lisa Tipton, Jack Reinhart, Tamara Arsenault	*Amanda Wingo, Jim & Willie Farmer, Jeff Lohr, Jackie Lobien, Gloria Reyes	*Jeff & Barbara Whalbrink, Carol Witmer, Gloria Reyes, Mandy Williams, Barbara Richards
STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY		*Marge Schwalm, Bill Fristoe, Marv Wehking, Carl Rose	*Luther Tollefson, Sandi Goetsch, Laurie Levin, Linda Newcomer	*Dennis Lahl, John Adam, Bill Fristoe, Diane McCoy	*Chris & Kristin Mannina, Beth Victor, Bob Helms
ACOLYTES	8:00	Ellie Hidalgo, Jourdan Wells	Jordon Manzoni, Matthew McVeigh	Carl Paulson, Gabby Peitsch	Ashley Rolf, Rebecca Romano
	11:00	Aaron Hollowell, Megan Koch	Evan Menendez, Paige Nosal	Jessica Pierce, Sydney Francis	Jack Rubin, Rourke Smith
ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY		Carlos Garcia	Carlos Garcia	Claudia Jacobson	Claudia Jacobson

***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.***