



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.**



Women of Faith – These are only some of the 20+ St. Andrew women who spent a joyful and spirit-filled weekend listening, learning, and praising God at the Women of Faith **Imagine!** Conference on August 26-27. Member Kristi Chiaravallotti, who generously offered her time to coordinate this year's effort, has already reserved seats for next year's **Celebrate!** Conference on August 17-18 at the Verizon Center. Mark your calendar and reserve now by contacting the church office!

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Plus much, much more!

Dear Friends,

"For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 3:9-11

Those words of scripture were the basis for the sermon I delivered at the Service of Dedication of our new church home on New Hampshire Avenue three years ago. Now they form the basis for our next step toward the completion of our facilities and additional parking for those who come to worship and serve among us.

As *Firm Foundations* finally gets underway this month, I ask you all to pray for God's abundant blessings on our desire to be faithful to the commission of Jesus and to participate joyfully in the campaign and its activities. I also thank our leaders, Kimberly Gay-Armour and Gary Fields, our consultant Gayle Hunter Haglund, Building Team leaders Paul Lobien, Larry Zimmerman, and Dan Snyder, as well as Bruce Winter and our Funding Team, along with all who are supporting them in the groups and sub-groups which are part of this great team effort. Though not a volunteer, I also acknowledge the tireless efforts of Barbara Wahlbrink who is providing staff support.

A calendar of events is included in this newsletter (see page 3). Other materials designed to share our congregation's vision and challenge us in the grace of giving for God's glory will soon be placed into your hands. They include images of the lower level floor plan, as well as the proposed parking lot addition. Please read them carefully, ask questions, and use them to give thanks for the ministry of St. Andrew and your own commitment to the work of Christ in our community of faith. If you would like to discuss or pray together about where God might be leading you in your participation and support, please let me or another member of the team know.

Like the previous efforts before it, Firm Foundations is about reaching and serving and loving people in the name of Jesus so that together we might know Him as the Foundation of



our lives. That message was abundantly clear at the campaign's first informational meeting held on September 11th just after more than 750 people joined in worship and we celebrated together the Good News that whatever this life may give or take away, in Christ "the kingdom's ours forever."

My prayers are with you, the good people of St. Andrew, that God will direct you to participate in Firm Foundations in a way that will be pleasing to Him and will also give you great joy in being part of the greatest cause in all the world.

The Lord be with you+

Love, in Christ,

Pastor Hricko

ALL SAINT'S 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.

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FIRM FOUNDATIONS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Mark Your Calendars!

Campaign Kickoff & Prayer Walk Sunday, October 2

Sunday morning, hear a word from our Campaign leaders, with prayers for the effort and a preview of what's to come at all worship services.

At 2:00 pm, gather with your church family to walk the spaces with prayers of thanksgiving and hope for the people, ministries and resources that will fulfill God's vision in this place.

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Congregational Awareness Forums Sunday mornings, October 9 & 23

Join congregational leaders in the Commons to learn more about the purpose and plans for Firm Foundations, and take a tour of "future spaces." After all worship services.

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Special Sermon & Bible Study Series Sundays, October 2-30

A time to listen to God's Word and share with one another the vision, the challenge and the power of giving.

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"Foundation Swing" Dinner Dance Fundraiser Saturday, October 15 Dinner at 6:00 Dancing 7:00-10:00 pm

Dance the night away to the smooth sounds of The Olney Big Band!
\$25 per person includes dinner, dancing and swing lessons.
Space limited - reserve your spot TODAY at www.mystandrew.org.

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Evening Worship & Celebration of Advance Gifts Sunday, November 6 at 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 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am

Commit your hearts and resources to the future of God's people in and around this place!
Special Fellowship Celebration throughout the morning!

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

“Prayer Expressions” through October 19

“Faith Walk 101 Membership Info Seminar”
September 28-October 26

“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 our website

www.mystandrew.org/Common_Ground.htm

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

The Droege Report



Today's column will focus on Love. Pastors love to talk about "love" because they can show that they actually took Greek in the seminary and now can talk 15 minutes about the different Greek words for "love" (Storge, Phileo, Eros and Agape). The problem is that after all of my research, which consisted of a two minute internet check in order to get the four words in the last paragraph, I could not find a Greek word to describe the love I will be talking about today.

The "love" I am interested in is the made up, purely commercial love invented by chocolate makers and greeting card companies that revolves around Valentine's Day. This is the most cynical love and I think it is time we destroy it and make that day more meaningful. How will we do this? Well, I spoke with Paul Lobien about the schedule for the start of construction on the Lower Level. He told me everything is going according to plan with absolutely no delays and we could start right away. I told him that he must hold off and not start until February 14, 2012. He said "OK" because as with any construction project there are always delays and we wouldn't be able to start until then anyway.

So I want everyone to mark your calendars for February 14th and instead of going away for a romantic weekend, buying unwanted gifts, tickets to Strathmore, etc., you should put all that money you save and give a one time extra boost to the Firm Foundations Campaign (FFC) on that day to give it a wonderful kickoff.

Below is some actual information about the lower level/parking lot project:

Start date for lower level construction is estimated to be February 14, 2012 (see above). Before the start date the building committee will be working with the various user groups to go over the fine details of the space in the lower level. Estimated completion date is September 15, 2012. While construction is going on, there will be minimal impact to the regular goings on of all the ministries of St. Andrew.

The parking lot expansion of approximately 50 spaces will start around the middle of May 2012. The spaces will be on the north side of the building where the current preschool playground is located. Don't worry the playground will not be lost, just relocated and the new parking area may also be striped with games for the kids (kickball, four square, hopscotch, etc.).

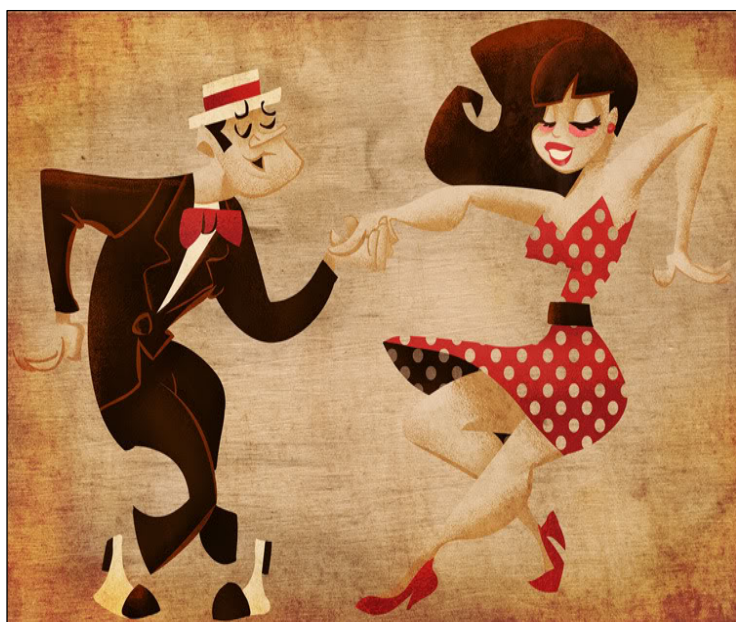
So at this time next year we will have a new space in the lower level for expanded ministries and we will be able to host the Maryland state 4-square championship on the new parking lot.

Philip (in Greek this means lover of horses) Droege

“Foundation Swing”

Dinner Dance Fundraiser

Come for a delectable dinner and dance the night away to the sounds of
The Olney Big Band



Saturday, October 15

Dinner at 6:00pm
Dancing from 7-10pm

at
The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew
Silver Spring, MD

\$25 per person
includes dinner, dancing and
swing dance lessons!

Space Limited - Reserve Your Spot TODAY!

Bring or send checks payable to LCSA with “Dance” in the memo line or
reserve and pay online at www.mystandrew.org by October 12

Proceeds benefit St. Andrew’s “Firm Foundations” Building Program



THE
OLNEY BIG BAND
SWING DANCE JAZZ

NEW MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES!

Share your gift of song with our church family!



MEN'S ENSEMBLE:
Rehearsals 10-11am, second
Saturday of the month, beginning
October 8

WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE:
Rehearsals 10-11am, first
Saturday of the month, beginning
November 5

Rehearsals will continue monthly unless cancelled.

Questions? Contact Music Director, Rosemary Wasser at
rosemarypyanist@aol.com or 301-593-4394.

Women's Midweek Bible Study



The Patriarchs: Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, a 10-week DVD series by dynamic Bible teacher and author Beth Moore. Study and discuss the Book of Genesis, which reveals God's remarkable pursuit of a relationship with His beloved people and the unfolding of His earthly plan – that through one nation, and ultimately one man – all people on earth would be eternally blessed.

Starts Wednesday, October 5, 9:30-11:30am.
Questions? Contact Linda Newcomer at 301-570-3987 or newcomerlk@verizon.net. Fee of \$25 to cover materials – please sign up at the Information Desk in the Commons or contact Linda or Barbara in the church office to reserve a space and a book.

**Learn
&
Grow**

Books! Books! Books!

We need your used books, fiction, non-fiction, coffee table books, cookbooks etc. On November 19 the 21st annual Craft Fair will be having a used book sale (see page 10 for more info). Books may be brought to church and left in the donation box in the coat room or you may contact Carol Witmer at 301-879-2847 or carolwitmer@ymail.com for pickup. Proceeds benefit St. Andrew's "Firm Foundation" Building Program.



Celebrate God's Grace!

on
Reformation Sunday

October 30, 2011
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00



Reformation Sunday

"By grace you are saved."

2012 Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2012 will be ordered soon. Please let us know by phone, email, or on a church pew card (placed in the offering plate) indicating the following:

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

**Offering
Envelopes**



Electronic Contributions

Thank you to those individuals and families who are participating in the Vanco Electronic Giving program. It is expected that you will contribute approximately \$200,000 this year, and it is greatly appreciated.

To those that have not signed up for this convenient program, please consider doing so. St. Andrew relies on the financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to contribute on a recurring basis.



To give electronically, visit www.mystandrew.org/e-giving.htm. Build your profile, and set up your recurring contribution. Contributing via EFT from your checking or savings account is done at no cost to the congregation. Thank you!

I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas ... Really??

*Don't worry, there's lots of shopping days left ...
we just want you to mark your calendars for the festivities ahead!*

A St. Andrew Family Event ...

"One Starry Night"

December 17, 1-3pm



It may seem early to think about Christmas, but 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.

If you are interested in helping in one of the following areas, please contact Wendy Linstrom or Marianne Lohr in the church office. 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 tents
- ✦ 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



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

Many hands are needed to make this event a success!

If you can help with organizing or have a special nativity set you are willing to loan, contact Patty Hricko NOW at thehrickos@verizon.net or 301-490-7083.

Watch for more details and other ways you can help in the weeks ahead!

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

Luke 1:14



Wise Men and Women Still Seek Him

KidCentral News



September was a wonderful beginning for the new KidCentral year. We are looking forward to an October full of learning more memorable Bible lessons. Our schedule is as follows:

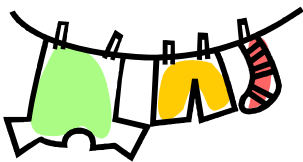
- **October 2, Joseph Feeds Egypt** – A lesson about how God used Joseph to save His people from famine and how He sent His Son, Jesus, to save all humanity from sin, death and the devil.
- **October 9, Joseph Forgives** – In this lesson Joseph reveals himself to his brothers and forgives them for their wrongdoings against him just as our Lord Jesus Christ reveals Himself to us and forgives us in His holy Word and Sacraments
- **October 16, The Birth of Moses** – This lesson shows us how the Lord used Moses to save His people from slavery in Egypt. We will learn that in Christ, God saves all people from the bondage of sin and death.
- **October 23, Moses and the Burning Bush** – This lesson reveals that just as God had Moses remove the sandals from his feet, God, in Christ, removes our sins from us, making us fit to approach God and stand in His presence.
- **October 30, Moses and the Plagues** – This lesson teaches that through a series of horrific plagues, God punished the Egyptians for their sinful treatment of God's people and freed His people from bondage. We will also learn that through His horrific suffering and death on the cross, Jesus takes the punishment for our sin and frees us from sin's bondage.

The Bible words for October are: *"God is our help in trouble."*
Psalm 46:1

Please be sure to see your child's KidCentral teacher if you have not yet completed a registration form for this year.

Bare Essentials:

Helping kids feel good all "under!"



This year 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 box will be in the Great Room during Praise Craze every Sunday.

Children's Church

The Children NEED You!



Teen and adult helpers are (*very much!*) needed to assist in our ever-growing Children's Church program that meets weekly in Room 120 during the 11:00am worship service.

- Help by serving **once every month or so** with crafts/activities/clean-up!
- Teens can earn Student 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 and many SMILES!*
- Sign up in Room 120 or by contacting Wendy Linstrom in the church office!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

A series of classes for children in grades 4-6 who wish to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion with their families as part of our regular worship services will be held on **Sunday mornings, October 2-30, 9:30-10:30** in the Family Room.



Please sign up at the Information Desk or contact Wendy Linstrom in the Church Office at 301-384-4394 or wendylcsa@gmail.com if you are interested in having your child attend.

Confirmation Ministry

If you are a 7th or 8th grader, Friday night is once again the night to be at The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew! We meet Fridays each week from 7:00-9:00pm, as well as on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30am.



Classes began on September 16 and this year the incoming first year class has 27 students, with 11 students returning for their second year. Add to this no fewer than 15 teachers, and this ministry is a true blessing to our church family! Pastor Hricko remarked a few years ago “this is not the confirmation class I attended” and the program continues to live up to that reputation!

Friday nights consist of catechism study and we study Holy Scripture on Sunday mornings. Of course, the two frequently interact, so a 75% attendance requirement is made for both classes. Students are required to complete 16 sermon summaries throughout the year, as well as participate in confirmation retreats (this year’s fall retreat was held September 9-11). There is more required of the second year confirmands, and we will provide information in future articles.

Confirmation class also includes FUN after the work is over on Friday nights! In October, they will enjoy a hayride and bonfire at Butler’s Orchard, play Mini Golf, and ride the Haunted Train Ride at Wheaton Regional Park (crosses provided!). They will also prepare a meal for the Community Based Shelter, in conjunction with the congregation’s support of that worthy annual event and hear about hunger and homelessness in Montgomery County. And the “older set” is not left out, as they enjoy Parent Fellowship gatherings during the outings. We know from experience the social interaction between the students (and their parents) builds strong bonds between classmates, which continue with them well after confirmation.

If you have a student in your family or know of someone who may be interested in joining our great Confirmation program, please contact Director George Mannina at 301-871-1270.

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

November Newsletter Deadline
Sunday, October 9

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

Preschool News

The month of October will be packed with lots of fun for the Preschoolers!

School pictures will be taken on October 5 for the 3’s and 4’s classes, and on October 11 for our Beginner’s class. Our favorite photographer Keith Watkins will once again do the honors of trying to cajole a smile out of some skeptical children.

National Fire Prevention Week (October 9-15) will be enhanced by a visit from the Hillandale Fire department on Friday, October 14. The children generally don’t like seeing the firemen dressed up in their gear with face masks on, but all is quickly forgotten when given the opportunity to tour the fire trucks!

The 3’s and 4’s classes will have trips to the Pumpkin Patch, which is always a great time for fall fun. The Beginner’s class will have an “in-house field trip,” with the Pumpkin Patch brought right here to the grounds of St. Andrew!



Lastly, we’ll close the month with our annual Fall Festival, complete with fun and games, as well as cute costumes and yummy treats.

This year, we are once again involved in the Safeway “e-Scrip” program. This is an incredibly simple, yet beneficial fundraiser ... as you shop for food, a percentage of your purchases is automatically sent to the preschool to be used for educational purposes. Please sign up this month to help benefit such a worthy cause. Contact Preschool Director, Lia Mai Puskar at 301-384-2660 or lcsapreschool@yahoo.com for details.

The preschool is operating at near capacity – we are currently 86% enrolled. There still are a handful of openings in the Beginner’s, 3’s and 4’s programs. Again, please contact Lia Mai directly. And let your neighbors, family members and friends know all about us....

The best preschool in Montgomery County!

All of us at the St. Andrew Preschool wish all of you a blessed autumn!

Lia Mai Puskar
Preschool Director

SALSA

St. Andrew Lutheran Social Adults

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

Oktoberfest



Join the St. Andrew Lutheran Social Adults (SALSA) for our **Oktoberfest** celebration to be held on **Saturday, October 8, 5-8pm**, at the home of Jack and Elaine Hessler (20917 Sunnyacres Road, Laytonsville, MD 20882). The cost for the evening is \$12 per person

and includes a variety of German foods (Brats, German Potato Salad, Red Cabbage, German Chocolate Cake, etc.), beer, wine, music, fun, and good conversation. German attire is welcome, but not necessary. Anyone wishing to assist by preparing German cuisine should contact Elaine Hessler at 301-977-3144. Please sign up in the Commons as there is limited space available. Checks should be made payable to LCSA with a notation of "SALSA Activity" in the memo line and placed either in the offering plate or in Wendy Linstrom's mailbox.

Foundation Swing!



Bring your friends and join us as we kick up our heels in support of a church-wide dinner dance fundraiser to benefit the completion of our lower level on Saturday, October 15. **See Page 5 for details.**

Lutherfest!

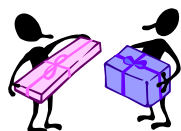
Join a group from St. Andrew as we attend this annual celebration of Martin Luther's birthday on **Sunday**

November 13 from 7-9pm at Zion Church of the City of Baltimore. Zion is the oldest church in this area, founded by German Lutheran immigrants 250 years ago. The festival will include a German dinner of brats, sauerkraut and all the



trimmings, plus singing, good fellowship, and a presentation about Luther's interesting life and work. Cost will be approximately \$10 per person. Sign up at the Info Desk in the Commons NOW so we can reserve tables ASAP! More info at www.zionbaltimore.org. Questions? Contact Wendy in the church office.

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. Watch for details coming soon!

21st Annual Craft Fair

November 19, 2011

9am – 2pm



This annual event is just about here and this newsletter article will cover some of the last minute details that make this ministry so successful.

New to the Fair this year will be a Used Book Table, sponsored by the Social

Ministry Team (see more information on page 6), a Gift Wrap Table, in addition to the gift baskets, and cabbage-patch-like dolls with changes of knitted clothing. (Books and baskets and both plastic and paper shopping bags contribute to recycling and may be left in either the Craft Ministry or the Social Ministries boxes in the Coat Room.)

Extra strong hands are needed on Thursday and Friday (November 17-18) before the Fair and on the day of the Fair (November 19) to set-up and break-down tables. Less strong hands are needed to assist customers with their shopping. Many volunteers are required, so if you are inclined to volunteer for either of these tasks, please call Co-Chair, Marie Jackson at 301-871-3922.

Jeanette Schuder (301-879-5950) will again coordinate the Bake Sale Table. Pies are particularly popular, but everything sells: cookies, cakes, bread, candy, cupcakes, sweet rolls, pastries – you name it – and the more, the better!

If you are a home crafter, your completed projects should be at the church by November 9th in order to be processed and priced. Please leave your items in the Craft Ministry container in the Coat Room should you bring them on a day other than a Wednesday between 9:00 and 3:00, when crafters may be found in the Great Room.

All proceeds from this event supplement the Firm Foundations Capital Fund. Thank you, in advance, for your role in a successful 21st Annual Craft Fair.

Proceeds benefit St. Andrew's "Firm Foundations" Building Program

Saturday Crafts

The Saturday Crafters welcome Gwen Zimmerman for card making sessions on October 8 and November 12. Pricing of completed work for the Annual Craft Fair will also take place on November 12. Please bring your items on or before that date.



SAMOA

St. Andrew Ministry to and for Older Adults



Silver Spring's Holy Cross Hospital presents a variety of seminars and classes for seniors. **Help Yourself: Health Information Empowerment Program** is a two-part workshop series to empower older adults to communicate effectively with healthcare providers and how to

find reliable information on the internet.

Friday, October 21: Communicating effectively with health care providers.

Friday, October 28: Finding health information on the internet.

Both sessions are 10:30am to Noon and are free.

Time Management for Baby Boomers, on Friday, December 9, 10:30am to noon, addresses the unique demands that require careful planning and coordination for these seniors. Learn how effective time management can help reduce levels and let you enjoy life more. Free.

Call 301-754-8800 or visit www.holycrosshealth.org to register or learn about other offerings.

Special Thanks

To an ANGEL,

An anonymous donor from our church paid for my husband's nursing home for the month of September. Just know that your generous gift will never be forgotten.

Thank you so very much!

Rosemary Wasser



Health & Wellness

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9



It takes a village to raise a child and it takes a church to be the Family of Christ! Our Health and Wellness Ministry has so many people to thank for all their service in the Lord last month! We thank **Trudy Wehking** for completely cleaning out

and organizing our first aid kits which are located in the church office! **Marie Jackson** cooked the meals for the families of new babies for our New Beginnings program, and **Linda Newcomer** delivered them. **Elsie Trivett** continues to create the wonderful baskets of goodies for these new little ones and **Deb Snyder** puts together their Cradle Roll packets! If you saw that darling little Lydia on the cover of last month's newsletter in our St. Andrew onesie, you may like to know that they were designed and created by **Andrea Pauli**, and we're so grateful! **Dean and JoAnn Aulick** have made two long trips to Annapolis with their van full of medical donations from our church for Orphan Grain Train, making such a difference in the lives of many needy people in Haiti. We love you all!

October: Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Are you unable to afford a mammogram, or do you know someone who is? Shady Grove Adventist and Washington Adventist Hospitals participate in a breast cancer program that offers screenings, patient education, breast self-exam instructions and access to treatment for low-income women ages 40 and older living in Montgomery County. The program is available through partnership with Montgomery County

Women's Cancer Control Program and Maryland's Breast and Cervical Diagnosis and Treatment Program. To learn more about this program, call Melina Talavera, Washington Adventist Hospital's cancer outreach coordinator at 301-315-3147. Breast cancer can be successfully treated with early diagnosis! Don't take a chance by missing your screening mammogram!

Stay Healthy! Get Your Flu Shot!



If you missed the flu shot clinic at church, shots are available at Montgomery General Hospital on: Thursday, Oct. 6, 4-6pm; Friday, Oct. 14, 12:30-2:30pm; Mon., Oct. 17, 3-5:30pm; and Friday, Oct. 28, 10am-noon. Call 301-774-7400 to schedule a flu shot appointment. Shots are \$30, payable by check or cash, and Medicare Part B is accepted (bring your card to your appointment).

“The Word” in the World Global Mission Team

The Global Mission Team focuses on ways St. Andrew can bring God’s love and the Good News of His salvation to parts of the world outside the United States. In the past



few months the Global Mission Team has made some progress that we would like to share with you!

Recently, the team met with representatives of the **Orphan Grain Train (OGT)**, a Christian group that works to pool the

resources of many congregations across the US to support needy people around the world. We are exploring various ways that we can partner with this group. As a start, *we donated remaining funds from our Haiti Earthquake Relief to OGT for mission use in Haiti.*

In other news, last month **we formed a mission partnership in Russia!** One of the our Global Mission Team members, Olga Caprara, spent time as a child in an orphanage in Russia and recently returned there to complete a college internship. Olga learned that a local missionary in Russia had helped three young men from the orphanage obtain scholarships for advanced education in Moscow; however, there was not funding to meet all of their expenses. The Global Mission Team made an appeal to the congregation and, as always, the St. Andrew “family” was more than generous! ***On a single Sunday morning, \$1700 was raised to support these young men.*** Many thanks to all, from the Global Mission Team and the three young men, who now have boundless potential to succeed in part because of your generosity!

The Global Mission Team is prayerfully considering new ways that God may be leading our St. Andrew community to serve Him in the world. **Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Conference Room.** All welcome! For more information, contact Stan Jackson at sjackson3309@gmail.com or at 301-249-5906.

Helping Hands



Helping Hands is a program that our church’s florist, Creative Floral Designs, offers to our members and friends as a way to help our church. If you order flowers from Creative Floral Designs and mention the code word “*Saint*” (or the name of our church),

they will donate \$2 to St. Andrew. Creative Floral Designs may be reached at 240-450-0700 or www.mycreativefloral.com.

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.**



“We’d like to join, but we may have doctrinal problems. Finnegan, here, believes in full immersion; I believe in sprinkling, and Ikey, here, holds to licking.”

Social Action Ministry News

Community Based Shelter Week

Sunday, October 23 through Saturday, October 29, our congregation will furnish three meals a day for 35 women at the Women's Shelter in Montgomery County.



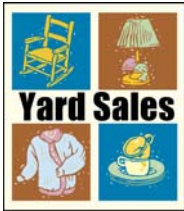
Please sign up in Commons to:

- + **Help prepare meals**
- + **Provide supplies**
- + **Transport food**
- + **Serve supper**

Thrivent Financial will also provide funds to purchase much-needed items at the shelter. Last year, sturdy, comfortable outdoor furniture was donated for the women to enjoy. This year's goal for Thrivent funds is to provide furniture for the indoor living room, as well as towels, blankets, laundry bags and grocery gift cards for emergency food needs. Be sure to check the sign-up sheets for a way you can help!

Local Yard Sales: Help Spread God's Love!

On Saturday, October 1, 8am-1pm, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, at 4200 Olney-Laytonsville Rd (Rt. 108) in Olney will have a giant yard sale to benefit the Hispanic Ministry, the Chinese Ministry led by our former member Rev. Tich Luu, and the Deaf Ministry. You are invited to shop or reserve table space (\$15) to sell your own treasures. Contact Good Shepherd at 301-774-9125 for more information.



Manna Food will benefit from the yard sale at St. John's Lutheran Church (4629 Aspen Hill Rd., Aspen Hill) on Saturday, October 8, 9am-1pm, rain or shine! Stop by -- maybe you will find a bargain or a real treasure!

LMS Monthly Collection

Our next Lutheran Mission Society collection of "Thrift Shop" items is Sunday, October 24. Our last collection of the year will be Sunday, November 27. Drop your donations on that day only in the box in the Great Room.

LMS Benefit Dinner



Sunday, October 23 at 4pm, Kurtz's Beach, Pasadena, featuring fellowship, fine food and music by our own St. Andrew Praise Band! Learn about and celebrate the work of the Lutheran Mission Society! \$37.50 per person. To get more info and reserve your seat or table of eight, contact LMS at 410-636-0123 or rhillhouse@LutheranMissionSociety.org.

The Snowmen Are Coming!

Beginning in early November, Snowmen from the Linkages to Learning Program will arrive. The Snowmen have the names and ages of local children in need with three "wish-list" items for Christmas (all under \$25). Watch for the Snowmen coming soon! Let's once again show our neighbors how much we care!



Helping Our Colesville Neighbors



The Colesville Council of Community Congregations (C-4) is an interfaith affiliation of congregations in the Colesville area that operates Clothes and Baby Closets where needy residents can

shop for clothing and household items.

- *School supplies brought smiles:* 750 back packs filled with school supplies were distributed through C-4 recently. Thanks to St. Andrew folks who contributed funds to help buy those items! The smiles on young children's faces were bright, happy ones.
- *Dinner Together:* Mingle with others from our area and raise money for C-4 on Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30pm. Dinner is at the Greek Village restaurant, 13476 New Hampshire Ave, near the Giant at Randolph Road. Cost is \$40 per person, of which half goes to C-4. Questions? Contact Carol Petzold at 301-871-7413.
- *Clothing Needs:* C-4 clothes closet especially needs 3T boys' long pants, as well as other clothing. The volunteers who sort the clothing request that it is clean before it is contributed. Clothes may always be left in the special, outdoor receptacle at 14015 New Hampshire Ave. It is a secure facility which is emptied four days a week. New or used toys, as well as clean bedding and small household goods, are welcome.
- *Interfaith Thanksgiving Service:* C-4 invites all area churches to an interfaith service on Tuesday, November 22, at the Spencerville Seventh Day Adventist Church north of St. Andrew on New Hampshire Ave. This is another opportunity to get to know our neighbors.
- *C-4 Toy Collection:* We will be collecting toys for children ages 12 and under to be distributed by C-4. Volunteers will be needed on Friday evening, December 16 and Saturday, December 17, to organize the toys and to help parents "shop." If you are able to volunteer, please contact Carol Petzold at 301-871-7413 or carolpetzold@boo.net.

October 2011 Service Assistants Calendar

8:00 *Ken Austin, Anne & Bill Harpster, Tim Rolf
 USHERS 9:30 *Luther Tollefson, Elroy Hill, Marv Brown, Trish & Jimmy Baker
 11:00 *Bonnie Sabo, Kay Caviness, Janet Burton, Greg King

		October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
WELCOME CENTER	pre/post 9:30	Dorothy Dieterich	Karen Matthiesen	Lynn Wright	Bonnie French	Marie Jackson
	post 11	Amanda Wingo	Jim & Willie Farmer	Lisa Tipton	Judy Downey	Karen Rosales
ALTAR PREPARATION		Linda Parker, Stacey Henning	Linda Parker, Stacey Henning	Marian Lewis	Marian Lewis	Carol Baker
GREETERS	8:00	Alice Scipio	Harriet Fuerlinger	Harriet Fuerlinger	Jennifer & Alan McKenna	Jennifer & Alan McKenna
	9:30	Karen Rosales- F	Millie Forrey, Audrey Belsinger-F	Marie Jackson-F	Linda Newcomer-F	Karen Matthiesen-F
		Lois Blodgett- S	Lynn & Judy Hollenbach-S	Millie Forrey, Audrey Belsinger-S	Lina Rashid-S	Linda Newcomer-S
		Matt & Sarah Krueger-R	Marie Jackson-R	Lynn & Judy Hollenbach-R	Karen Matthiesen-R	Lina Rashid-R
11:00	Laura & Steve Olson	Bruce Brizendine & Denise Marshall	Bruce Brizendine & Denise Marshall	Linda & Doug Schaus	Linda & Doug Schaus	
LECTORS	8:00	George & Andrea Pauli	Jennifer Shaltanis, Bob Rathbun	George Harris, Lucie Austin	Eddie James, Ken Austin	William Wooden, Bill Harpster
	9:30	Carol Ames, Sandra Poyner	Bill Fristoe, Sara Giron	Marian Lewis, Angela Sullivan	Irma Cuellar, Jonathan Moser	Dick Goetsch, Jane Owen
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:00	*Deb & Ed Stowe, Roger Caldwell, Eddie James, Helena Jacobs	*Robie Hillhouse, Brian Nockleby, Walter & Carol Petzold, Evelyn Blaes	*Leslie Hollowell, Carol Petzold, Lucie Austin, Bill Wyeth, Tricia King	*Bruce Emmel, Lucie Austin, Deb Stowe, Mark Wallen, Lyndi Lahl	*Bruce Emmel, Tricia King, Robie Hillhouse, Mark Wallen, Lyndi Lahl
	9:30	*Paul Lobien, Jim & Marianne Solfronk, Irma Cuellar Peggy Gorski, Claudia Jacobson, Karen Matthiesen, Deborah Shoup	*Kathleen & Klaus Strebhel, Carol Ames, Margot & Bill Golding, Tom Polansky, Lina Rashid, Phil Droege	*Marty Herrin, Lois Blodgett, Jeanette Schuder, Dorothy & Bill Fristoe, Peggy Hayeslip, Don Becker, Marilee Tollefson	*Trish Baker, Jim & Marianne Solfronk, Sandi Goetsch, Marilee Tollefson, Carol Ames, Jay & Jean Jacobsen	*Kathleen Strebhel, Vicky Aceto, Carol Brown, Sandi Goetsch, Marilee Tollefson, Sue Zimmerman, Jay & Jean Jacobsen
	Pew	Marilee Tollefson	Dorothy Fristoe	Sandi Goetsch	Claudia Jacobson	Irma Cuellar
	11:00	*Marianne Lohr, Nancy Choudhry, Angela Green, Duane Taylor, David Van Norstrand, Stu Richards	*Stan & Sandy Jackson, Beth Victor, Lisa Tipton, Jack Reinhart, Tamara Arsenault	*Amanda Wingo, Jim & Willie Farmer, Jeff Lohr, Jackie Lobien, Gloria Reyes	*Jeff & Barbara Wahlbrink, Carol Witmer, Gary Fields, Shelly Hoffman, Mandy Williams	*Jeff & Barbara Wahlbrink, Carol Witmer, Gary Fields, Shelly Hoffman, Mandy Williams
STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY		*Marge Schwalm, Bob Helms, Marilyn & Ray Miller	*Jeff Wahlbrink, Lucie Austin, Peggy Gorski, Marv Wehking	*Dennis Lahl, Janet Burton, Sandi Goetsch, Pat Herrin	*Shelley Mitek, Beth Victor, John Adam, Carl Rose	*Chris & Kristin Mannina, Marilyn & Ray Miller
ACOLYTES	8:00	Sydney Alexander, Rachel Alexander	Raul Ayala, Jake Howland	Carolyn Bowering, Jeanette Moser	Alexis DeBleeker, Carlos Piedrasanta	Jackson Grimes, Thomas Schoppert
	11:00	Marisa Arsenault, Beret Bruwelheide	Benjamin Bowering, Zachary King	Nelson Chiaravallotti, Rachel Patch	Sydney Francis, Alex Rosales	Alexander Hagedorn, Paige Sullivan
ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY		Willie Farmer	Carlos Garcia	Carlos Garcia	Sue Smith	Sue Smith

***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.***