



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.**



New St. Andrew Model Member! Lydia Jane, daughter of members Bentley & Jodi Graves, models a "St. Andrew Onesie," the latest addition to our "New Beginnings" basket of goodies and information that is delivered, along with a meal, to all St Andrew families welcoming a new baby. If you are expecting, be sure to contact Faith Community Nurse, Marilee Tollefson, in the office with the due date, so New Beginnings will be ready to pamper your family when the time arrives! And more hands are always needed to cook and deliver meals and baskets - let us know if you can help!

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Dear Friends,

As the infamous phrase goes, "practice makes perfect." Maybe. But what's more likely true is the phrase that's been so often corrected by professional musicians, golfers, writers, and others who assert instead that practice may not make perfect, but "practice does make habit." And how you practice determines whether your habit is good or bad.

In the life of the church, September is always a time to re-group, renew, and excel in some truly godly habits. With words like Rally Day, Common Ground, Faith Walk, and Firm Foundations, the people of St. Andrew conclude their summer vacations and meet again in greater numbers to worship the Lord every Sunday and serve Him every day. Though it's been everything but a quiet summer at church, it's also true that the habits of our congregational life are increasing as we reunite once again to practice the Christian faith.

In the New Testament letter to the Hebrews, there's an interesting verse that says, "Let us not give up the habit of meeting together as is the practice of some, but let us encourage one another all the more." Sounds like even the infant church had an issue with those whose commitment to the Christian community was slipping and needed a reminder that the purpose of all our "meetings together" is to encourage each other as we honor God in our worship, service and fellowship.

And so, I encourage you to "make habit" as you practice the faith this fall in a wide variety of settings that are available to you and your friends here at St. Andrew. It's a great place to grow in faith and life as we form a bond of love in Christ and carry out His mission to the world in response to the grace that is – in a word – perfect!

See you in church!

Love,

Pastor Hricko

Coming soon ...

Firm Foundations Capital Stewardship Campaign

In the last three years, God has richly blessed our St. Andrew community with many new faces, new ministries and new opportunities.

Now, it's time to build on the "Firm Foundations" of God's promises as we open another chapter in service and ministry for Christ!

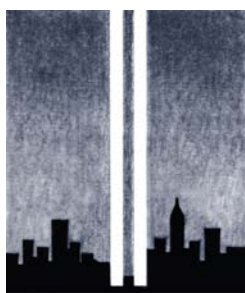
Stay tuned in the weeks ahead for exciting details about a future vision for expanded ministry and much-needed space in St. Andrew's Lower Level, plus additional parking and more!

Open hearts and many hands will be needed to share the message and engage our community in the effort – prayerfully consider how you can help!

To learn more and volunteer your ideas and your time NOW, contact Barbara in the church office!



SEPTEMBER 11 SPECIAL WORSHIP



IN REMEMBRANCE OF

SEPTEMBER 11

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

Be sure to join our congregation for a very special day of worship, renewed hope, and celebration of the strength we have in Christ.

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Autumn is the Time for Learning at ...

Common Ground

Wednesday evenings, September 21 – 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 new topics including...

Our Jewish Roots – Explore Old Testament covenants and Biblical festivals to learn more about our Christian heritage in Jewish faith and tradition. The study will include information about Jewish holidays and practices as they were originally established in Scripture, as they are observed today, and as they are fulfilled in Christ. Led by Pastor Ron Friedrich. (8 sessions, 9/21-11/9)

C.S. Lewis: From Atheist to Christ Follower – C.S. Lewis (1892-1963) authored *The Chronicles of Narnia* series and many other classic works. This session will review Lewis' spiritual transformation from decided atheist to devout Christian, with discussion of the resulting reflection in his literary works, and introduction to his catalog of 'apologetics' (arguments for faith). Led by Justin Griepentrog, MSW/LSWA, Compassionate Grace Counseling Center. (1 session, 9/21)

Christ in the Old Testament – In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "*You search the Scriptures because you believe they give you eternal life, but these are the very Scriptures that point to me.*" (John 5:39 NLT) While some references to Christ in the Old Testament are well known, this study will open up the treasure trove of ancient prophesy that points to the promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of all who believe. Led by Pastor Bob Mordhorst. (8 sessions, 9/21-11/9)

Prayer Expressions – The disciples didn't ask Jesus to teach them to preach, teach or evangelize – they only asked that He teach them to pray. Christ modeled prayer as a vital part of His daily life and ministry. Join Sandra Poyner and others to explore various forms of prayer, and spend time in these practices to strengthen your own faith and lift up the needs and ministry of our faith family and community. (5 sessions, 9/21-10/19)

Check upcoming Sunday bulletins and our website for details and registration.

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

Faith Walk 101 Membership Information Seminar – What did Jesus say about being "members of the body" in the community of believers? What are the sacraments and why are they important? What does it mean to practice Christianity in the Lutheran tradition? Come to explore these and related questions in a small group setting where answers are found and friends are made! Open to those new to St. Andrew, as well as those looking to renew and refresh! Led by Pastor Hricko. (5 sessions, 9/28-10/26)

Where is God in the Music? From earliest times, the gift of music has been employed as a unique and beautiful expression of worship. Join two gifted musicians to learn more about how music has been employed to evoke and enhance sacred connections throughout history and in their own contemporary experiences. Led by Greg Twombly and Jotham Johann. (3 sessions, 10/26-11/9)

Wiccan to Christian: My Story – Join St. Andrew member Jennifer Backus as she shares her early experience as a follower of Wicca, a religion often identified with witchcraft, and how she turned from these pagan beliefs to embrace the saving grace of Christ. Will include time for discussion of how participants might effectively reach those on a similar path with the hope of Jesus. (1 session, 11/9)



Personality & Spirituality: How Do They Connect?

*A one-day Seminar presented by
Wellspring: A Center for Leadership & Wellness*

**Saturday, September 10
9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Led by Dr. Bruce Hartung
Counselor & Professor, Concordia Seminary

**Hosted by
The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew**
Silver Spring, MD

Explore and experience how our unique traits and preferences can inform the ways we connect to the Gospel and the body of Christ.

Uncover insights that will help you recognize and embrace the variety of gifts among God's people and more effectively minister with them to move Christ's mission forward in new and healthy ways.

Great for teams - bring a group & save!

**\$50/person; \$45/ groups of 3 or more
Includes lunch!**

"Early Bird" Registration (til Sept 1)
\$40/person; \$35/groups of three or more

**Get details & register TODAY at
www.wellspringweb.org.**



Cantate Domino Choir Resumes!



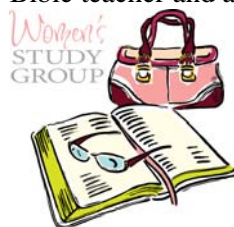
St. Andrew's adult choir will gather to kick off the 2011-2012 season with short rehearsals at 11:00am on August 28 and September 4. Our first

offering of worship music will be on September 11, when we are planning a very special service to commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11, and celebrate the healing and hope we have in Christ!

The choir welcomes those of all experience levels to come share gifts of music with our faith family! Contact Rosemary Wasser at 301-593-4394 or rosemarypyanist@aol.com to express interest and learn more!

New! Wednesday Morning Women's 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 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 Info Desk in the Commons or call/email Linda or Barbara in the office to reserve a space and a book by September 18.

Communion Assistant Training



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

Faith Walk 101

Information & Membership Seminar

**Wednesday evenings,
September 21-October 26
6:30–7:45 pm**

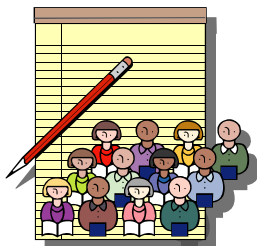
- + What did Jesus say about the church body and the importance of being “members of the body”?
- + What are the “sacraments” and how can they help me experience God in my daily life?
- + What does it mean to be a disciple of Christ – in Jesus’ time, and today?

Join Pastor Hricko and others to explore these and other related questions in a small group setting where answers are found and friends are made!



The Faith Walk 101 seminar includes basic teachings of Christianity in the Lutheran tradition, as well as information about the life we share in the family of St. Andrew.

The seminar is open to those new to our community, as well as those looking to renew their knowledge and refresh their spirit! Although the seminar will prepare participants to unite with our congregation, a commitment to membership is not required to attend.



To register, see the Sunday bulletin or visit www.mystandrew.org.

Childcare is available with a reservation.

Music for the Soul & the Community



The third week of July saw two musical outreach activities for our community. The week began with the annual *Get Focused Jazz Camp* which drew youth participants from the local community, the Eastern Shore, Northern Virginia, and Florida. The week-long music camp

featured America’s very own art form, Jazz, in a presentation that focused on the creative expression with which God has blessed us. It is interesting to note that historically Jazz has been recognized as a symbol of the freedoms we experience in America and has often been employed in US State Department world tours.

On July 20, St. Andrew hosted a Latin Jazz Concert for the community, and in the spirit of outreach, featured 22 social service resource agencies ranging from Montgomery County HHS to job information to financial and medical help for people in need. The concert was well-attended, and as we have learned, St. Andrew community outreach concerts bring anywhere from 250-600 people from our community into our church. This Latin music concert was co-sponsored by the Maryland State Arts Council and Neighborhood Opportunity Network.

Through these activities and many others, we live our mission of demonstrating God’s love in our community.



Get Focused Jazz Camp 2011

KidCentral News



We are excited about our new year of KidCentral which begins on **September 11 at 9:30am!** We encourage you to bring your children aged pre-K (must be age 4 by August 31) through 6th grade to this wonderful opportunity for learning about Jesus' love. We would like to see our KidCentral program grow. Friends are *always*

welcome and we encourage you to invite them!

- **September 11** – Join us for a “*Getting to Know You*” session in each classroom. Parents should bring their children to the Education Wing at 9:30am where they will meet their new teachers and settle into their classrooms. Parents are asked to fill out registration forms for each child so that our records are kept up to date.
- **September 18 is Rally Day** – Join us in the **Great Room** (gymnasium) at **9:30am** as we enjoy some *Fruits of the Spirit* fun group activities. Each grade level will have a separate focus about the nine visible attributes the Apostle Paul uses to describe true Christian life: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. We feel this is a wonderful platform to begin our new year and we will continue to learn about the character strengths God has given to each of us during the coming year.
- **Praise Craze** – A totally **W-I-L-D** time of music and fun is being added to our KidCentral program beginning on September 18 in the Great Room. **Praise Craze** will meet every Sunday morning as a kick-off for our KidCentral program beginning at 9:25am. Parents will sign their children in at the Great Room entrance and are welcome to stay for awhile and join in the music and fun or head into our 9:30 worship service. Following Praise Craze children will be escorted to their classrooms where the Word of God is taught, the love of Jesus shared, games played and crafts made.



Parents, please be sure to complete registration forms for your child(ren) – forms will be available at registration tables in the Education Wing on September 11, in the Great Room on September 18, and in all classrooms. These forms are very important as they provide emergency contact information, as well as any information about allergies that our staff needs to be alerted to.

PLEASE NOTE: We require all parents to sign their children in and out of KidCentral each Sunday. **Sign in sheets** will be in the Great Room for Praise Craze, and **sign out sheets** are located at each classroom after the 9:30 worship service ends.

Parents are encouraged to assist in their child's classroom occasionally during the year. If you are interested in joining our KidCentral staff, please contact Wendy Linstrom or Deb Stowe for further information.

The KidCentral Staff would like to thank you for the joy and privilege of teaching the children of our church family!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

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 during KidCentral**, with Pastor Hricko, Pastor Mordhorst, Robie Hillhouse and Wendy Linstrom.

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



Preschool News

We're back and geared up for another wonderful year!



On Wednesday, August 31, Parent-Teacher Night will take place in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm. This is an informative evening for the parents of preschoolers to learn about the year ahead, as well as the curriculum for their child's class.

Classes will begin the week after Labor Day, with Orientation Days incorporated into the beginning of the week. By the end of the week, all students will be back in the groove at St. Andrew's Preschool!

As of this writing, there are still openings in our classes. Please let your neighbors, friends, or loved ones know about our high quality Preschool! Our classes are as follows:

Class for Two-Year-Olds

(children must be 2 by June 30, 2011)

Combined 2's & 3's class: Tues. & Thurs. only, 9:15a-12p; \$210/month

Classes for Three-Year-Olds

(children must be 3 by September 1, 2011)

3A class: Mon., Wed. & Fri., 9:15a-12p; \$260/month

3B class: Mon., Wed. & Fri., 9:15a-1:15p (children stay for lunch that parents provide); \$330/month

Classes for Four-Year-Olds

(children must be 4 by September 1, 2011)

4's Pre-K: Monday-Friday, 9:15a-12p; \$365/month

4's Pre-K with Lunch Bunch: Mon., Wed. & Fri., 9:15a-1:15p (children stay for lunch that parents provide); and Tues. & Thurs., 9:15a-12p; \$450/month

For parents of enrolled children, be sure to visit our website (www.mystandrew.org) and click on "Preschool." There you will find information and forms that will need to be completed by the start of the school year.

As we kick off another year of fun and learning with the Preschoolers, please keep the children, teachers, and parents in your prayers. Adapting to a new environment is never easy, and it can be quite a challenge for 2, 3, and 4 year olds. It's especially tough watching parents melt as they leave their little ones for the first time!

Looking forward to another blessed school year!

Lia Mai Puskar
Preschool Director

Spiritus Youth Choir Restructured & Resuming September 11

Mark your calendars & join us!

Spiritus Youth Choir weekly rehearsals will resume on **Sunday, September 11 in the Great Room, 10:30-11:00am.** Age eligibility is open to elementary, middle and high school youth. The musical repertoire will be a more traditional style of music (however not limited to) and should be the common thread to hold the interest of a

diversified age group. Our musical expectations are high for St. Andrew and we look forward to combining the two previous choirs of Spiritus and Canticule

into one all-inclusive Spiritus Youth Choir. Our goal is to sing at least once a month and on special holidays.



In addition to seeking new members, all previous participants are invited to return to sing. No special musical training is required, however a willingness to sing, listen and be attentive are goals for every choir. Older youth will be able to sing harmony, descants, do some conducting, accompany on instruments, and perform solos or whatever you feel you can do to lend your special musical talents to the choir. We also plan to continue American Deaf signing.

If you have any questions or concerns as to whether your child may or may not enjoy the choir, why not have him/her observe one of the rehearsals without having to feel committed too soon?

We hope to see your child for our kickoff rehearsal on September 11. Every year our choir has grown into higher and higher membership and our hope is that this year will be no exception.

Questions? Contact Choir Director, Kathy Gomez, at kgomez1@comcast.net or 301-219-6477.

Soli Deo Gloria! (To God Alone Be Glory)

Your IRA MRD



If you are taking a MRD from your IRA, this year it is possible to contribute all or a part of your MDR directly to the church. This

is called a Qualified Contribution Distribution or QCD. **You do not pay any tax** on this distribution. Please talk to your financial planner, tax consultant, or financial planner.

Help Us Save Money!

If St. Andrew can “sign up” four new ADP clients for payroll services (size of company does not matter), the church will get our Payroll processing FREE for one year! This would translate into a savings of \$3,250 for the church’s expenses! ADP is an excellent provider of payroll services for businesses of ALL sizes. If you are currently doing your payroll manually or using another service, please consider giving ADP a try and know you are helping your church at the same time. For more info, contact Ange Lorenz at angelika_lorenz99@hotmail.com or at 301-384-4394 x228.



October Newsletter Deadline Sunday, September 11

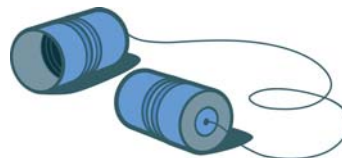


Please email your articles to my.standrew@verizon.net. Thank you!

Telephone and/or Email

Don't have email? Do have email? In either case, please read on ...

Occasionally the church office sends out time sensitive emails. In order to get the message to members without email, several volunteers



Spread the Word

immediately make telephone calls to members who have indicated they would like to be kept informed. If you are not on the list to

receive a call and would like to be, please let us know. And if you would be willing to call a maximum of five people when you learn of a time sensitive matter, please let us know. Even if you don't have email, but would be willing to quickly pass on a message to other members, please let us know.

Thanks go to the present “telephoners” who are Millie Forrey, Harriet Fuerlinger, Liz Mugge, Lynn Wright and yours truly, Dorothy Cockrell, who can be reached most of the time at 301-847-0337 and who looks forward to hearing from you.

Colonial Williamsburg Concert



Historical artifacts are not the only things of interest in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. **Marilyn Candler and Tim Friedlander** will be displaying their musical talents at a candlelight concert presented in Williamsburg's

Bruton Parish Church at 8:00pm on Saturday, October 8. The concert is free, the environs are impressive, the audience is convivial, and you are all invited to join us there! Let Marilyn know (glcandler@verizon.net; 301-309-9411) if she can save a place for you at a nearby cafe for an after concert snack!

SALSA

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

Oktoberfest

Join the St. Andrew Lutheran Social Adults (SALSA) for our **Oktoberfest** celebration 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 at 301-977-3144. Please sign up in the Commons as there is limited space available. Checks should be made payable to *The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew* with a notation of *SALSA Activity* in the memo line and placed either in the offering plate or in Wendy Linstrom's mailbox in the Commons.

Olney Big Band Dance & Fundraiser

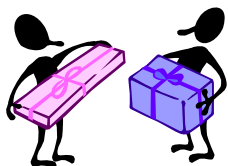
Join SALSA as we kick up our heels in support of this church-wide fundraiser on **Saturday, October 15, 7-11pm** in the Great Room.



Tickets are \$25 per person and include dinner and dancing to the sound of the Olney Big Band (www.olneybigband.org). Please sign up in the Commons and make

checks payable to *The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew* with a notation of *Olney Big Band Dinner/Dance* in the memo line. Checks may be placed either in the offering plate or in Wendy Linstrom's mailbox in the Commons.

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!

Craft Ministry



This Craft Ministry newsletter article is a **check list** of all those items currently needed in order to complete several projects which will be on sale at the Craft Fair in November:

- Figs** – This is a new one and this writer has no idea how Co-Chair, Marie Jackson (301-871-3922), intends to use them!
- Sewers** – If you are willing to work on sewing projects at home, again the contact is Marie and there is an urgent need for this help.
- Plywood** – This request is for the tops of the mushroom stools described in the June newsletter. Dimensions are 12-13 inch circles of ½-¾ inch plywood. Carpenters can leave these in the Coat Room box at church which is marked “Craft Ministry.”
- Vegetables & Herbs** – On September 19, the Marinara Sauce will be prepared in the church kitchen under the skillful hands of Karla Goodridge and May Nee, along with any other volunteers who wish to assist them. To accomplish this task they need lots and lots of tomatoes (skinned and chopped), any and all varieties of squash, carrots (parboiled), green and red peppers, garlic, onion, celery, basil, oregano and other herbs appropriate to the recipe. Non-perishables may be left in the coat room; frozen and fresh donations may go in the church kitchen either Sunday or Monday, September 18 or 19.
- Canning Supplies** – Large and small jars with lids and rings are always welcome for both the sauce and the jams and jellies.
- Fruit, Sugar & Sure-jel** – Fresh fruit for the jams and jellies may be left in the church kitchen, but please notify Dorothy Fristoe at 301-989-8772 or bdfristoe@verizon.net. And, of course, the non-perishables go in the box in the Coat Room.

That's the list, folks. All donations GREATLY appreciated!

Community Based Shelter

October 23–29, 2011



St. Andrew has a long history of partnering with Interfaith Works, including the Community Based Shelter (CBS), a congregation and community-supported program of rehabilitative services for

homeless women. During the week of October 23-29, 2011, we will be providing breakfast, lunch, and dinner, as well as needed supplies to CBS residents. Special thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for generous grants that have supported significant CBS needs for supplies and equipment, including needed outdoor furniture last year which residents have used throughout the year.

How can you help during our week? Beginning in September, volunteer by adding your name to one of the sign-up sheets in the Commons to ...

- ♥ Donate kitchen supplies and/or toiletries
- ♥ Donate breakfast foods
- ♥ Prepare bag lunches
- ♥ Prepare part of one of the dinner meals
- ♥ Serve one of the dinner meals to residents

SAMOA

St. Andrew Ministry to and for Older Adults

The office of continuing education and parish services at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri is offering a **LutherHostel event October 1-4, 2011.** The program's purpose is education and fellowship opportunities for adults 55 and older. The main presenter will be

Congressman John Shimkus discussing "Public Service and My Lutheran Faith." Other presenters will be Charles Arand and Joel Biermann, both Theology professors at the seminary. There will be a variety of activities including an organ demonstration, Bible studies, a reception and dinner at the home of the Seminary president. For more information call 314-505-7486 or visit the Seminary's website at www.csl.edu. Registration deadline is September 15.



CONTINUING
EDUCATION

Health & Wellness

September is Healthy Aging Month!

Do you know someone who is newly diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease? Join a group starting Tuesday, September 13 and every second Tuesday of the month



from 2:30-3:30pm sponsored by Arden Courts and held at Friendly's restaurant at 12048 Cherry Hill Road, near White Oak. This group will help you and your loved one begin the journey on the right foot. You will learn about

Alzheimer's and other related dementias and will receive care-giving tips and useful techniques for home, as well as community resources. You'll also get a card to receive a 10% discount at Friendly's every Wednesday through the end of December 2011!

If you're a caregiver of an aging parent, there is a free Family Caregivers' Conference being presented on Thursday, September 22, 2 9am-3:30pm, at Camelot by Martin's, 13905 Central Avenue in Upper Marlboro, MD. Get support, information and resources about your parents, relatives or friends. The conference will provide caregivers with an opportunity to increase their knowledge of available services and programs, learn strategies to reduce caregiver stress and develop a network of resources and support. Pre-registration is required, by calling 301-265-8450. Car-pooling may be possible. If interested, call the church office at 301-384-4394 and ask for Marilee, Faith Community Nurse.

You can keep the flu bug from biting you! Get your flu and pneumonia shots early this year right here at church on **Sunday, September 25 from 8:30am-12:30pm** in the Great Room!



Seasonal flu and pneumonia are very serious illnesses for people over 65 years old. If you have an illness that weakens your body and its natural defenses against disease, you are also at great risk for complications. Don't take the risk! Medicare Part B participants receive vaccines for free. Watch for the sign-up sheet for appointments and more information at the Welcome Center in the Commons, or call Marilee in the church office.

Colesville Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteers. If you can spare about two hours once or twice a week, your help would be greatly appreciated. Meals are generally distributed Monday-Friday (except holidays) between 11am-1pm. If interested, please call 301-384-5735.

Social Action Ministry News

LMS Monthly Thrift Shop Item Collection



It's time for fall house cleaning! Share your gently used items with the Lutheran Mission Society (LMS). Their next pick-up of Thrift Shop items is Sunday, September 25 at St. Andrew. LMS is in particular need of pots and pans and small kitchen items this month. Please place your items

inside the doors to the Great Room. The next pick up dates are October 24 and November 27 (there will be no pick up in December).

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LMS Annual Dinner



Please make plans now to attend the Lutheran Mission Society's 2011 Annual Dinner. This year's event will be held Sunday, October 23 at Kurtz's Beach (2070 Kurtz Ave., Pasadena, MD) beginning at 4:00pm. Join them for a

time of faith, fellowship, and fine food. Tickets are \$37.50 each. Tables seat eight people. For tickets and more information, please call 410-636-0123 or email Robie Hillhouse at RHillhouse@LutheranMissionSociety.org. Come and learn about the Lutheran Mission Society's exciting year of ministry!

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Book Collection



Keep them coming for the Craft Fair book table on November 19. Any books left over after the fair will be distributed to VA hospitals. Please place all books in the Operation Paperback box in the coat room.

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Job Assistance



In partnership with People4People, we continue to receive notice of many job opportunities. These notices are placed in the big white Employment Notebook on the Information Center in the Commons. If you or someone you

know is in need of a job, please stop by and take a look at the many opportunities that are listed in the binder.

Thrivent Builds

The dedication of the Thrivent Builds house is scheduled for September 10 at 3:00pm at 11511 Idlewood Road in Veirs Mill Village, Silver Spring. September 10 is also our congregation's work day.

Tamara Arsenault is looking for volunteers now!

Contact her at 301-445-6858 to let her know that you will join the work crew beginning at 8:15am on Saturday, September 10.



The Comedy Night fundraiser was very successful and Thrivent Builds is now within \$2,000 of its goal of raising the \$10,500 local contribution for the house renovation to put a low-income family in decent housing. Contributions may be made payable to Thrivent Builds and placed in Walter Petzold's box in the Commons or mailed to him at 14113 Chadwick Lane, Rockville, MD 20853.

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C-4 Toy Collection



C-4 (Colesville Council of Community Congregations) will once again distribute Christmas toys to low-income families. If you are a bargain shopper who watches for sales, you might want to keep your eyes open for toys for children ages 1-12, including baby dolls and

Barbie dolls, preschool toys, electronic games, musical instruments, arts and crafts items, athletic games, dress-up kits and nail kits, sports equipment and games, balls (soccer, football, basketball), and trucks (electronic and regular). Collection will begin in late November and early December.

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Next Social Ministry Meeting



Anyone who has a heart for social ministry is invited to join our team for meetings. The meetings are held the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the conference room. The next meeting will be September 19.

The Droege Report



Today I am going to deviate from talking about the Lower Level project and say a word of thanks to some special LCSA parishioners and friends of St. Andrew.

As some of you readers may know I am Lutheran while my wife, Katie, is Roman Catholic. A few weeks after we started dating we realized we were madly in love. However, if this fairy tale relationship was to go further we needed to check out each other's church. Both of us, understandably so, were a little hesitant since we each thought we would be kidnapped and brainwashed by the other side. I attended Katie's Catholic church first. She was living downtown at the time and her local parish was St. Matthew's Cathedral. I was extremely impressed. She said all Catholic churches looked like this. I was also relieved since there were so many similarities. They believed in a Triune God, sang three hymns, prayed the Lord's Prayer, recited the Nicene Creed, and discriminated against women by not letting them be pastors/priests or serve in leadership positions in the national/international church hierarchy. The one difference I noticed was the Catholics seemed to have short sermons that were not always on topic and the Lutherans had long sermons that were not always on topic.

So I was pretty confident going into next Sunday when Katie would come to my home church, First Trinity Lutheran Church in DC. Of course for the first time ever this very traditional Lutheran parish decided to invite Clowns for Christ (this is not to be confused with Pastors Hricko, Mordhorst and Carlson of LCSA) to conduct the service. Now Clowns for Christ is a terrific outreach mission, but you don't want them up on the altar for your first church date. The car ride after church was uncomfortably quiet until Katie said, "Why don't you just drop me off at my home and maybe I'll call you sometime."

The good news is that time, the Holy Spirit and an unquenchable love can do wondrous things to the point where earlier this summer Katie said, "Wow, you Lutherans are amazing people." No, this did not come after a sermon on Sunday (come on, really?). It came about on what appeared to be an unremarkable day. Katie's father passed away earlier this year and the family was in the midst of selling the house. It was close to closing day when the realization hit that

there was still a bunch of furniture left in the house. Katie suggested giving St. Andrew a shot at it and if they couldn't come today it would all go in the dumpster. I sent the email at 2:00pm and by 7:00pm five members and friends of St. Andrew (Luther Tollefson, Robie & Mike Hillhouse, and Carol & Walt Petzold) showed up and started hauling furniture out to go to Lutheran Social Services. (They would have been done an hour earlier but Luther found a working TV up in one of the guest bedrooms and everyone took an hour break to watch the Protestant Olympics on German Public TV where the Lutherans were up against the Unitarians in the hymn sing championship. I think we all know who walked away with the gold medal on that one.)

So Katie and I want to say thank you to those five who rallied so quickly that night (even coming back the next day to get the remaining pieces of furniture) and to the rest of the congregation who do wonderful things each and every day.

Thanks!

Phil



from left: Luther Tollefson, Carol Petzold, Robie & Mike Hillhouse, Walt Petzold

Thanks Upon Thanks!

Dear St. Andrew Friends,

1 Chronicles 29:28 tells us that David “died at a good old age, having enjoyed long life.” While we are thankful that our Dad, Bud Lewis, also lived to a good old age, it was still a shock and deep sadness for us at his death. While we walked through those last days and parting, it was a great comfort in our mourning to be blessed by the saints of St. Andrew. Thank you all foremost for the prayers surrounding Dad, Mom and us all, and for your love and care during this difficult time. Thank you also to all those who gathered with our family to give thanks to God for Dad’s life. He was a comfort to us. To all hearts and hands who helped, from preparing and folding bulletins to washing dishes, all gifts and givers known and unknown, thank you for your kindness.



Marty & Sharon Lewis **Kathy & Clues Hammer**
Peggy & Kurt Eckel **Andy & Deni Lewis**



Dear Friends,

My sincere thank you for all the prayers and love sent to me...it is most gratefully received.

Betty Johnson



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Throughout my life, God has placed people in my path as Christ’s light in the world, helpers and companions along the way. God has richly blessed me through you. I am forever thankful for each of you: His witnesses.

Love and prayers,

Linda Yost



Dear Friends,

Thank you for the opportunity to meet the wonderful folks at St. Andrew. We look forward with great joy to partnering with you in ministry. Thank you as well to your entire congregation for the donation of medical supplies and equipment. Your gift is both life changing and life saving. I can assure you that these things will be a great blessing to the needy in Haiti.

Together in His Service,

Elfie Eberle, Chairperson, MD Orphan Grain Train



September 2011 Service Assistants Calendar

8:00 *Eddie James, Bob Atwell, Bruce Emmel, Carol Petzold
 USHERS 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

		September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
WELCOME CENTER	pre/post 9:30	Bonnie French	Marie Jackson	Claudia Jacobson	Dorothy Fristoe
	post 11	Judy Downey	Karen Rosales	Angela Green	Kay Caviness
ALTAR PREPARATION		Trudy Wehking, Karen Hale	Trudy Wehking, Karen Hale	Lois Blodgett, Nancy Choudhry	Lois Blodgett, Nancy Choudhry
GREETERS	8:00	Rodney & Karen Bohlmann	Mary Ann Rydland	Mary Ann Rydland	Alice Scipio
	9:30	Joan Garey - F	Trish & Jim Baker - F	Paul & Arlene Buck - F	Matt & Sarah Krueger - F
		Vicky Aceto - S	Paul & Arlene Buck - S	Sharon Helms - S	Karen Rosales - S
	11:00	Nancy & Scott Graeves - R	Sharon Helms - R	Trish & Jim Baker - R	Lois Blodgett - R
	Willie Farmer	Michael & Tamara Arsenault	Michael & Tamara Arsenault	Laura & Steve Olson	
LECTORS	8:00	William Wooden, Jennifer Shaltanis	Ken & Lucie Austin	Walt Petzold, Bill Harpster	Bob Rathbun, George Harris
	9:30	Mary Brundage, Deatrice Williams	Trish Baker, Don Becker	Paul Van Akkeren, Peggy Hayeslip	Kathleen Strebel, Carol Baker
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:00	*Deb & Ed Stowe, Roger Caldwell, Walt Petzold, TBD	*Robie Hillhouse, Brian Nockleby, Walter Petzold, Ed Stowe, Evelyn Blaes	*Leslie Hollowell, Ken & Lucie Austin, Bill Wyeth, Tricia King	*Robie Hillhouse, Alice Scipio, Mark Wallen, Lyndi Lahl, Ed Stowe
	9:30	*Paul Lobien, Jeanette Schuder, Marianne Solfronk, Irma Cuellar, Peggy Gorski, Claudia Jacobson, Karen Matthiesen, Deborah Shoup	*Kathleen Strebel, Trish Baker, Vicky Aceto, Marty Herrin, Klaus Strebel, Tom Polansky, Phil Droeger, TBD	*Marty Herrin, Lois Blodgett, Jeanette Schuder, Dorothy & Bill Fristoe, Peggy Hayeslip, Don Becker, Eldra Simmons	*Trish Baker, Marv & Carol Brown, Sandi Goetsch, Marilee Tollefson, Sue Zimmerman, Leslie Hollowell, Jean Jacobsen
	Pew	Dorothy Fristoe	Sandi Goetsch	Claudia Jacobson	Irma Cuellar
	11:00	*Marianne Lohr, Nancy Choudhry, Angela Green, Duane Taylor, David Van Norstrand, Barbara Richards	*Stan Jackson, Carol Witmer, Lisa Tipton, Jack Reinhart, Sandy Jackson, Tamara Arsenault	*Amanda Wingo, Janet Burton, Willie Farmer, Jeff Lohr, Jackie Lobien, Gloria Reyes	*Jeff & Barbara Wahlbrink, Carol Witmer, Gary Fields, Shelly Hoffman, Mandy Williams
STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY		*Sandy Jackson, John Adam, Diane McCoy, Marv Wehking	*Jeff Wahlbrink, Lucie Austin, Pat Herrin, Marv Wehking	*Marge Schwalm, Janet Burton, Jack Reinhart, Beth Victor	*Luther Tollefson, Laurie Levin, Shelley Mitek, Carl Rose
ACOLYTES	8:00	Mary Beth Strebel, Jake Howland	Abby Snyder, Sabrina Hayes	Grant Konoza, Christian Garcia-McConnell	Samantha Hayes, Beret Bruwelheide
	11:00	David Hricko, Brooke Butler	Nora Wahlbrink, Feetor Thomas	Rachel Patch, Jourdan Wells	Denis Reyes, Brian Hughes
ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY		Karen Matthiesen	Trudy Wehking	Trudy Wehking	Willie Farmer

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.