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St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

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Dear Siblings in Christ,

Happy New Year! As we look ahead to 2023, I trust that God has many exciting things in store for St. Andrew's! I look forward to walking with you and discovering these many gifts together!



Once of the most highly anticipated gifts coming to us in 2023 is a Social Media Intern. There have been many questions about this: Who is this? WHAT is this? What is it for? Can the money be better spent somewhere else? What is social media? Why do we need it at St. Andrew's? And maybe there are more than these, but these are some of the questions I have been hearing (or that have been asked of me directly). So let's unpack this!

Social Media (in case you don't know) is the use of online platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and the like to promote communication of one's business, ministry, or other activities. Of course these things are not limited to professional use – many people post things to keep friends and family informed of what is happening in their lives. It's a great way to get the word out about important life events, such as births, deaths, serious illnesses, and so on. It's also a great outlet for silly things, like cat photos and videos! Sometimes people just post a picture of what they had for dinner. Social Media can be used for many things, and it is a great way for us to be connected with others and to be Reaching Out – Sharing Grace with our neighbors in town and beyond!

The hope of a Social Media Intern at St. Andrew's is to identify someone (hopefully a college student who needs practical hours for their degree) to help us with this online media presence. Since Pandemic, St. Andrew's (and all other worshipping communities, frankly) have been catapulted into the realm of online media. Churches are notoriously "late adopters," meaning that we are the last ones "to come to the party" on the new ideas of technology and society. (Martin Luther was most definitely an exception to this rule!) Businesses, university and educational settings, etc. almost always outpace us when it comes to embracing new ideas, especially when it comes to technology. The Pandemic forced us all to take a quantum leap into the future and join the rest of the crowd who has been using tech in this way for years.



Because there is only one of me and I have many things to do, and because the others on the Tech Team also have full-time jobs and cannot devote a lot of attention to our online media presence, Council wondered if we could not only use someone who is well-versed in such things but maybe we could also provide a learning opportunity to a student who is pursuing a degree in this area. Thus the idea for a Social Media Intern was born!

At this time, we do not have someone identified for this position. Gene Veburg, 2022 Vice President and Chair of Personnel, has been working diligently all summer to find someone to start this position in Fall 2022. He contacted at least four colleges and universities, including Doane, Southeast Community College, Nebraska Wesleyan, and University of Nebraska Lincoln. Because of a variety of circumstances, including the totally shutdown of one institution's internet and email system, we didn't get much interest from any of these places. Just this December, a casual comment was made to Ken Osborn, who used his connections at Union College to make some introductions to their Communications Department. There is DEFINITELY some interest there by two of the professors. Those conversations are being scheduled now (at the writing of this article) and hopefully we will have some forward movement soon!

As you know, finances at St. Andrew's are tight, but we give thanks to God that after five rather lean years, things have stabilized! That being said, that doesn't mean that we have extra money available for a Social Media Intern. The Immanuel Vision Foundation (a serving arm of Nebraska Synod) offers grants for starting new ministries, up to \$10,000 per year. When I heard about this grant opportunity at Synod Assembly in June, I wondered if we might qualify for such a grant for the Social Media Intern. Last fall, Gene and Charlotte Burke worked hard on the paperwork for the grant application and submitted it at the end of September. In mid-November, we were notified that we had been granted \$6000.00 for this project!

The parameters of the grant are very specific. The \$6000 can ONLY be used to fund the position of a Social Media Intern. We have enough money for one intern in Spring 2023 and one intern in Fall 2023. If we decide to continue down this road and that the Social Media Intern is helpful and is a position that should be continued at St. Andrew's, we can apply for another grant for 2024. This grant is renewable for perpetuity, but only on an annual basis. There are several things we need to do during the year, including reporting to Immanuel Vision Foundation how we are spending the money and how things are going.

Now the big question: why do we need this at St. Andrew's? The short answer is because we feel called to grow our ministries and our outreach to the community in the name of Christ. And as I stated before, because of Pandemic and because of this huge leap churches and other businesses have taken in their online presence, we are learning that most people, when looking for a place to worship, start online and visit the church website. The website has literally become the "front porch" of the church, and we need to make a good impression! To have success here, it will be helpful to have some additional staff. I do not have the time to do it, nor do I have the expertise that is required to make it happen. I have figured out a lot of things with technology in the last five years, but I could use some help in this specific area. Someone who is working toward a degree in Communications will know far more than any of the rest of us!

We expect the Spring and Fall semesters of 2023 to look something like this:

1. Identify a Social Media Intern in the Spring Semester, and likely again in the Fall.

This will be done by interviewing the college professors at Union College, followed by interviewing a few of their best students. At Union, 200 internship hours are required for a degree in Communications, which will suit us perfectly!

2. Once the student has been identified, we will ask them to look at what we are currently doing and give us an analysis. What are we doing well? What can be improved? Where do we need to expand?
3. The next phase will be to develop an online persona. Who is St. Andrew's? What are we all about? How can a First-time Guest gain access to us, both in person and online? The Social Media Intern will be able to help us design and maintain our online presence.
4. The Final Phase will be to implement these ideas and get things rolling. We will also be looking at accessibility, especially for our homebound members, and make sure they have what they need to join us online for worship and other activities. This Final Phase will also include improving WiFi access throughout our building, especially in the Library corner of the church.

You can anticipate a Faith Forum in late January or early February where we will have a "how to" session on how to use some of these things. How do you get to the website? To St. Andrew's YouTube Channel? You may want to watch my Daily Devotions but have NO IDEA how to get there. For that Faith Forum, please bring your device (phone, Tablet or iPad, laptop, etc.) and we will make sure you know how to get connected to us!

What an exciting time to be the Church! This is a great thing we are embarking upon, and a tremendous opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in ways we may have never dreamed of before! Please stay tuned as things develop, and please keep this budding ministry in your prayers.

Happy New Year and Happy New Ministry!

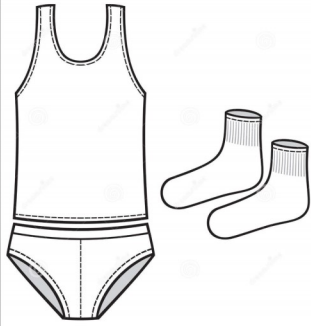
Walking with you along The Way,
Pastor Kim

Pastor Kim is on vacation and will return to the office on January 5. If there is an emergency and you desire pastoral care while she is away, please contact Council President Gene Veburg at 402-580-1018 to be connected to the pastor on call.



ACTIVITIES AND MEMBER NEWS AT ST. ANDREW'S

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH:



Willie's Underwear Project (WUP) is a non-profit started by Willie Shafer over 20 years ago to help children not miss classroom instruction due to accidents. School nurses or health paras from Lincoln Public Schools come once a month to Saratoga School's basement to get needed supplies for their students.

Underwear, sweats, and socks sizes X-small, Small, and Medium go out the fastest and are the most needed. However, all sizes are appreciated.

Sadly, Willie passed away this December. Her daughter is continuing her mother's project in her memory.

Please place your donations on the M.O.M. table in the Narthex; thank you for your generosity!

If you have question, please contact Annette Henry, 402-525-5576.

DECEMBER 2022 M.O.M.

For our December Ministry of the Month we collected \$1,155.05 in support of ELCA World Hunger's "God's Global Barnyard" Program. Through the generosity of St. Andrew's congregation we provided funds for: chicks, \$60; bees, \$240; goats, \$600; a share of a cow, \$100; pigs, \$120.05; and \$35.00 undesignated which will be used as needed.



ALEXIS HARRIS

Master of Education in Elementary Education (Teacher Certification)

Thank you to everyone who stood by my side while I reached my dream of getting my masters. I am beyond grateful for all the love and support.



OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY SURROUNDS:

— **Charlotte Burke and Family** on the death of her husband, Ron, on December 11. Ron's Celebration of Life was held at St. Andrew's on December 20.

May God enfold this family with love and light, and give them hope and comfort through the promise of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FOR JANUARY, 2023, begins a series on *The Ten Commandments*. January is Session One: Dancing the Decalogue, Commandments 1 and 2. Bible studies meet in the church lounge on January 9 at 7:00pm and January 12 at 9:30am. Materials are provided.

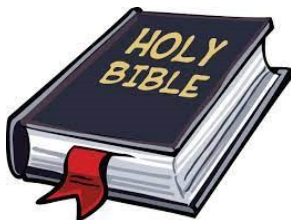
Quilters meet every Tuesday from about 9am to 12 noon. Do join the quilters on Tuesday mornings to put quilts together. No sewing ability is required.

Dominoes anyone? Come to church on January 16 at 1:00 p.m. for fun and fellowship! The ability to match numbered tiles is helpful. You don't need to bring dominoes as other members share theirs.



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY *"Come to the Waters"*

We resume our Bible Study of "Come to the Waters" on Wednesday, January 11. Our Bible Study this year has a water theme (all the stories have something to do with water. The Study Guide is posted at our website standrewslutheran.net/biblestudies. If you're looking for a "No experience necessary" kind of study and some great conversation, this study is for you! Join us on Wednesday nights at 6pm in the Lounge and on Zoom.



"THE CHOSEN" STUDY RESUMES JANUARY 12!



Season Three is out! "The Chosen" is a privately funded TV show about the life of Jesus Christ, told through the eyes of the 12 Disciples. Now that episodes from Season Three are being released (one per Sunday until all eight are available), we will gather on Thursday evenings at 7pm to discuss each episode. Please watch the episode on your own and come with questions and thoughts about what you saw. Some things are straight out of the Bible (you can quote chapter and verse!) and others have a little "holy imagination" to add context and texture to the story. Either way, "The Chosen" is beautifully done and has been a great blessing to all of us who have been watching it and discussing it. We meet on Thursday nights at 7pm, beginning January 12. Join us! To view free episodes of "The Chosen," click [here](#), or search for "The Chosen" in your web browser. There is also a hand app so you can watch them on your phone or tablet, or even cast them to your TV to watch.

THE LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY

The Lutheran Food Pantry appreciates all donations of shelf-stable food and personal care items. Items always needed include (the items with ** are especially needed at this time):

- **Breakfast bars (Pop Tarts, granola bars, oatmeal/fruit bars)
- **Canned chicken
- **Canned variety beans (chili, kidney, pinto)
- **Dry dinners (Hamburger Helper)
- **Fruit juice, small boxes/packets/bottles
- **Jam and jelly
- **Peanut butter
- **Pears, canned
- **Pork and beans
- **Ramen noodles
- **Rice, one pound packages
- **Saltine crackers
- **Snack items (small packages of cookies, nut, fruit-flavored snacks, etc.)
- **Spaghetti sauce



- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam)
- Canned vegetables (**especially peas, **mixed vegetables, corn, green beans)
- Cereal, boxed breakfast
- Fruits, canned (**pears, **peaches, pineapple, fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges)
- Instant oatmeal packets
- Fruit juice, large bottles
- Macaroni and cheese
- Pancake mix and syrup
- Pasta, dry (spaghetti, macaroni, noodles, etc.)
- Potatoes, boxed instant mashed
- Soups, condensed (vegetable, chicken noodle, tomato, cream of chicken, cream of mushroom)
- Spaghetti, dry pasta
- Tomatoes, canned
- Personal care items (shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes)

We know the Lutheran Food Pantry is a blessing to hungry families in our community and we are thankful for your donations and prayers in making it successful.

Tom and Lynn Ochsner, Coordinators, The Lutheran Food Pantry



Zion Lutheran Church, ELCA - Lincoln, NE
Pastor Jacob delivered about 150 pounds of food and about \$750 collected at Pastor Jacob's ordination for the Lutheran Food Pantry located at St. Andrews Lutheran. Thank you to the members of Grace Lutheran Church-ELCA, Zion Lutheran, and others for your generosity and support.



ST. ANDREW'S QUILTERS



CONGRATULATIONS TO ASHER RODERICK OAKESON who received the gift of Baptism on December 4. His parents are Jeff and Rachel Oakeson. His sponsors were Greg and Carrie Henderson.



CONGRAULATIONS TO RACHEL CHRISTINE OAKESON who received the gift of Baptism on December 18. Her sponsor was Jeff Oakeson.

UPCOMING YOUNG FAMILY EVENTS

It is safe to say that virtually all churches are adjusting to challenges and expectations regarding meeting the needs of young families. St Andrew's is no different. We are planning two events in response and you are invited to participate in both.

- *The first event is a **Childcare Staffing Task Force** meeting on Sunday January 15 at 10:30 AM.*
- The second event is a **Young Family Engagement Initiative** meeting on Sunday February 5 also at 10:30 AM.

We need your creative ideas on how to hire childcare workers for our childcare/nursery program and how to design a Christian Education program that meets the needs of young families. A meal will be served during the February 5 meeting.

Please contact Pastor Kim, Gene Veburg, or Jim Yankech if you have any questions. We need your help, and we hope you will attend. Thank you!

ANNUAL MEETING



The Annual Meeting (Reports) will be Sunday, January 29, at 10:15am.

Please join us for this important meeting.

A preliminary Annual Report will be sent out the week of January 22.

The Golden Ladle

SOUP'S ON! And so is the competition! Please join in our soup cook-off! We will enjoy some soup and fellowship following the Annual Meeting (Reports) on Sunday, January 29. The Winner will have their name engraved on the plaque in the Narthex...and of course "bragging rights" for 2023! Don't miss out on the fun!

A sign-up sheet will be at the Connection Center beginning January 8.



Lutheran Lock-In

January 20, 2023
7PM - 7AM

Hosted by First Lutheran, Sheridan Lutheran and Southwood Lutheran

Join us at Sheridan Lutheran for a night of fun games, fellowship, and free time at the Copple YMCA.

Register by January 18!
\$15 for fun and food

RSVP by contacting your Youth Leader on or before the January 18 deadline!

YOUTH LOCK-IN AT SHERIDAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sponsored by First Lutheran, Southwood Lutheran, and Sheridan Lutheran this lock-in is for youths 8-12 grades, January 20-21.

Rough Schedule:

- 7:00pm – Check-in, Prayer, and Rules
- 7:15pm – Group Games (Dodgeball, Gaga Ball, 9 Square, Board Games, Video Games, etc.)
- 8:45pm – Head to the YMCA
- 9:00pm – 1:00am Pizza, Swimming, Basketball, etc. at the YMCA
- 1:15am – Return to Sheridan
- 1:30am – Group Games (Video Games, Dodgeball, Infection, Sardines, Capture the Flag, etc.)
- 3:00am – Movies/Sleeping
- 6:00am – Breakfast and Clean-up
- 7:00am – Prayer, Head Home

What to bring:

- Bring a peanut-free snack to share (each attendee should bring something if possible)
- Swimsuit (if you want to swim, towel and shower stuff)
- Sleeping bag and pillow (if you want to sleep)

If you have a youth who's interested, please contact Pastor Kim.



The mission of the Food Bank of Lincoln is to alleviate hunger in Southeast Nebraska.

St Andrew's Lutheran Church
1015 Lancaster Ln
Lincoln, NE 68505-2117

Dear Friends of the Food Bank,

Thanks for your gift of \$6,247.50 on 12/10/2022 to the Food Bank of Lincoln's Child Hunger Programs. We are grateful.

As rising food prices continue to stretch already tight budgets, your support will help put food into children's backpacks and neighbors' cupboards. Thank you for helping provide hope and a bit of relief for the estimated 1 in 7 kids who are facing hunger in Southeast Nebraska.

This year marks our 40th anniversary. As we reflect on the past and prepare for the challenges of the next 40 years, we remain committed to serving children, individuals, families, seniors and veterans in Southeast Nebraska. We promise to continue treating our neighbors with dignity and respect, seeking innovative solutions to get more food to neighbors in need, and doing our best to respond to ongoing changes and challenges.

Friends, like you, help make that possible.

We are grateful for your kindness and support and promise to put your gifts to good use.

With gratitude,


Michaela Kumke
President & CEO


Alynn Sampson
Vice President of Operations & Impact

The Food Bank of Lincoln is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, TIN 47-0640293, and in good standing. Your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. No goods or services were provided to the donor in consideration of this donation. **This letter serves as a tax receipt and acknowledgement for your donation.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT A GLANCE

JANUARY, 2023

- 1/1 **Worship**
Fellowship Time
- 1/3 Quilting
- 1/4 Faith Partners
Choir Practice
Handbells
- 1/5 Yoga
- 1/6 Men's Bible Study
- 1/8 **Worship**
Fellowship Time
Youth Meeting
- 1/9 Ruth Circle
- 1/10 Quilting
Executive Team
MARA
- 1/11 Bible Study
Choir Practice
Handbells
Vitality Meeting
- 1/12 Rebecca Circle
Yoga
"The Chosen"
- 1/15 **Worship/Prayer Station**
Fellowship Time
Nursery Task Force Meeting
- 1/16 Dominoes
- 1/17 Quilting
Council
- 1/18 Bible Study
Choir Practice
Handbells
- 1/19 Yoga
"The Chosen"
Stamping Up Club
- 1/20 Men's Bible Study
- 1/22 **Worship**
Fellowship Time
Vitality Cohort
- 1/24 Quilting
- 1/25 Bible Study
Choir Practice
Handbells
- 1/26 Yoga
"The Chosen"
- 1/27 Men's Bible Study
- 1/29 **Worship/Installation of Council Members**
Fellowship Time
Annual Meeting—Reports
Golden Ladle Soup Competition
- 1/31 Quilting



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS DECEMBER 2022

1. Pat Harris asked for approval to purchase a new vacuum to use in the Fellowship Hall. Undesignated Memorial Funds will be used for this.
2. Curt Weller was appointed to be Church Treasurer for 2023.
3. Cindy gave an update on the Reading Program at Meadow Lane School. There will be a change this time – volunteers will read to 2nd Graders to help establish fluency. Readers may read to the kids, or the kids may read to the volunteer. Sign ups will be available soon.
4. Gene has reached out to two professors at Union College in Communications, who have several students in mind for candidates for our Social Media Intern. Look for an article in the January StAnd.
5. Breakfast is being served to the kids in the morning on Sundays. If there is more interest in breakfast for other children, we can expand this area of hospitality.
6. A Sunday School Coordinator is needed.
7. Two biohazard kits have been ordered, in case of spills at church. One is in the nursery and the other is in the church office.
8. A Task Force has been appointed to brainstorm about how to staff the nursery, who we can hire, how we can seek out applicants, etc. This meeting will take place on Sunday, January 15 after worship.
9. A Young Family Meeting will be called for February 5 after worship to engage our young families in Faith Formation strategies. A meal will be provided.
10. It was presented to Council that several unusable donations have found their way into the church. This includes books, stuff animal toys, children's chairs, and others. Before making an item donation to the church, please make sure it is something the church can use. Please do not simply drop off items without checking with the pastor or council president.
11. Regular giving in November was \$1,541.35 above the budget estimate. Year to date regular giving is less than the budget estimate by \$44,625.69. Special giving for November was \$864.64. November was a good month and giving was above budget. Thanksgiving Offering (undesignated) was sent to the Brian Maas Leadership Fund at Nebraska Synod.
12. Opening balance of the checkbook in December was \$8819.86. Closing balance was \$11,175.00. Opening balance of savings was \$34,113.44 and closing was \$34,115.29. Backpack balance \$5702.20 – the first semester has been paid. There was a big repair needed with the boiler for the sanctuary.
13. Election Meeting: Doug Wageman was appointed Financial Secretary for 2023.
14. Gene Veburg was elected President of Church Council for 2023. Charlotte Burke was elected Vice President. Laura Hahn was elected to serve a second term as Secretary.
15. Thank you to Cindy McVicker and Greg Riege for their service on Church Council, and welcome to new members Julie Cummings and Curt Weller.

**St Andrew's Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes November 15, 2022**

Present - Pastor Kim Osborn, Jonathan Gordon, Greg Riege, Jim Yankech, Ron Lehms, Annette Henry, Charlotte Burke, Laura Hahn, Gene Veburg, Doug Wageman, Ryan Bates, Cindy McVicker

Absent - None

Guests - David Jensen

Call to Order

Jim called meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Opening Prayer

Greg offered the opening prayer..

Open Time For Congregation and Community

- None

Adoption of Agenda

Gene moved and Greg seconded to approve agenda. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

New Business

- Memorial Funds Request (Pat Harris). Presentation was rescheduled for December.
- Presentation and Approval of Nominations. Ron moved and Ryan seconded to approve slate. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.
- Presentation and Approval of the 2023 Budget (Doug Wageman). Ron moved and Gene seconded to approve 2023 budget. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.
- Additional leave request from our Office Manager
Charlotte moved and Jonathan seconded to give Mariann three more vacation days for a total of 7 days per year beginning January 2023. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

Old Business

- Online giving update-going well so far.
- Staffing Vacancy and Opportunity Updates
 - Social Media Intern—No news on Grant as of yet.
 - Nursery Attendant—Morgan Olson will be our new Nursery Attendant. Sunday School using lectionary-based curriculum starting at Advent through Easter.
 - Sunday School Coordinator—None
 - Worship Musician—None
- SMART Goal Updates
 - Building use
Our building use is full as of now.
 - Digital Direction
Tech Team Update: Carpet will be installed on sound board deck this week, then desk will be mounted and cables installed.

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- SMART Goal Updates (continued)
 - Strategic Partnership
Take a break, reach out to our neighbors to communicate offering our building.
Ruby Thompson from Tabitha will join us at November Council meeting
- Faith Forum
 - Vitality Initiative Update
In Phase 3 ahead of program at this time.
 - Financial Update - November 20

Reports

- Approval of October Council Minutes
Charlotte moved and Gene seconded to approve minutes as submitted. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.
- Pastor's Report
Please reference Pastor's October Report
- Financial Secretary report
Please reference Doug Wageman's Report
- Treasurer's Report
October checkbook opening balance was \$15,214.00. Closing balance \$8,819.96. Saving opening balance was \$34,113.15. Closing balance was \$34,114.44. Backpack balance is \$11,699.70. Fall balance not yet paid.

Upcoming Events

- "Every Sunday is Council Sunday"
- Vibrant Faith Leadership Series—the schedule can be found in the shared drive
- Faith Forum—Finances-Sunday November 20
- Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Social--Wednesday November 23
- December Budget and Election Meeting--Sunday December 4
- December Council Meeting Dates (*moved up one week*)
 - Executive Team—Tuesday December 6
 - Council—Tuesday December 13
- Council + Spouse "Holiday" Social-Sunday December 11 @ 5 PM @ Jim and Rose's.
- January Reports Meeting– Sunday January 29, 2023.

Reminders

- Council Opening Prayer Schedule
December—Cindy

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- Opportunities to Serve
 - Food Transportation—volunteers are needed to transport food from the Food Bank to the Lutheran Food Pantry (contact Tom or Lynn Ochsner)
 - Faith Partners Team Members
 - Nebraska ELCA Synod Volunteer Opportunities
 - <https://nebraskasynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Position-Committee:Descriptions.pdf>

- Google Drive Access to Council documents
 - https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/OAIGOME3dm_HOUK9PVA
 - Google -> Drive -> Shared drives -> Council -> 2022 -> (select which month you want)

- Google Drive Access to the lockup schedule
 - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18QOAXOCVW1UHM4dZNNpHTZUMEQYeObZa/edit#gid=1633616313>
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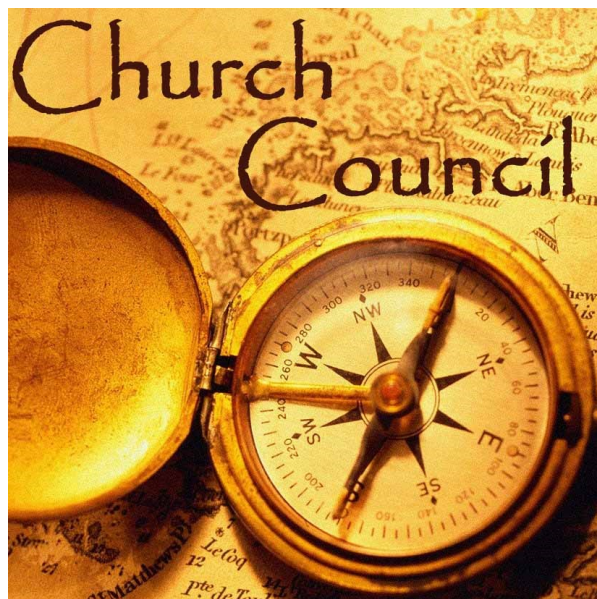
Adjournment

Gene moved and Ryan seconded to adjourn. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Closing Prayer

Pastor Kim.

Recorded and submitted by Laura Hahn.





PASTOR'S COUNCIL REPORT DECEMBER, 2022

1. Thanksgiving Eve Worship was well-attended with 46 in person and 6 online. Those present enjoyed pies in the Atrium afterwards. (Four 12-inch pies were purchased from Sam's and donated by a member of the congregation.)
2. Pastor Jacob Krueger was ordained at Grace Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 3. He has been called to serve Zion Lutheran Church in West Lincoln/Emerald.
3. Rachel Oakeson will be baptized on December 18 when her family joins the congregation. Her son, Asher, was baptized on December 4. Husband Jeff will also be accepted into membership.
4. The Monthly Clergy Bible Study/Book Study is dissolving, due to lack of interest. I started this group 12 years ago when I first came to Lincoln. There is a weekly Text Study at American Lutheran that will take its place. Future Lincoln Cluster Clergy Gatherings will be every other month at Scooters at 84th and Van Dorn.
5. I completed the 10 two-part Master Classes offered by Vibrant Faith. They were all excellent and will give me some good ideas for things to implement with the congregation in 2023. These classes go toward my continuing education requirement by the ELCA to participate in 40 hours of education per year.
6. Christmas Eve worship will be Saturday, December 24 at 5pm. Christmas Day worship will be Sunday, December 25 at 9am. Since HyVee is closed Christmas Day, we will not have coffee and donuts after worship that Sunday.
7. I will be on vacation and out of the office December 26-January 4, returning to the office January 5. If there is an emergency during that time where members would like pastoral care, please contact the Council President or Marianne in the Church Office to be connected to the pastor on-call (TBD).
8. Matt Schur will be our Guest Preacher on January 1. Because Matt is a lay person, we will not celebrate Communion on that Sunday.

November 2022 Financial Secretary Report Respectfully Submitted by Douglas Wageman

Regular giving in November was \$1,541.35 above the budget estimate.
Year to date regular giving is less than the budget estimate by \$ 44,625.69
Special giving for November was \$864.64

Monthly Summary				Prior Year	
	Month	Yr-to-date	Budget 2022	Nov 2021	YTD 2021
Pledged/Unpledged	\$21,494.12	\$193,188.05	\$257,532.00	\$11,378.69	\$189,164.56
Loose	\$42.00	\$547.50	\$600.00	\$1.00	\$312.00
Misc	\$0.00	\$1,575.99	\$1,800.00	\$50.00	\$1,735.00
Total Operating Income	\$21,536.12	\$195,311.54	\$259,932.00	\$11,429.69	\$191,211.56
Total Special Gifts	\$864.64	\$27,130.15		\$8,272.00	\$28,854.76
Total Non-Operating Income	\$864.64	\$27,130.15		\$8,272.00	\$28,854.76
Total Church Income	\$22,400.76	\$222,441.69		\$19,701.69	\$220,066.32
Number Sundays	4	48	52	4	48
Average Operating/Sunday	\$5,384.03	\$4,068.99	\$4,998.69	\$2,857.42	\$3,983.57

2022 Special Giving Summary

Special	Month	Yr-to-date	Thrivent Choice Dollars		
			Allocated To:	Date	Received
Adult Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	Back Pack Program	01/07/22	\$12.00
Back Pack Program	\$24.00	\$9,745.00	National Youth Gathering	01/06/22	\$89.00
Building Fund	\$120.00	\$2,610.00	Back Pack Program	07/07/22	\$14.00
Carol Joy Holling Scholarships	\$0.00	\$0.00	Back Pack Program	11/09/22	\$24.00
College Scholarship Fund	\$0.00	\$540.00	General Fund	11/09/22	\$428.00
Cross at the Heart	\$0.00	\$0.00	Total		\$567.00
Donuts	\$69.00	\$293.50			
Easter Lilies	\$0.00	\$288.00			
Food Pantry	\$75.00	\$910.00			
NYG & SCRIP	\$42.28	\$2,189.29			
Mer Nyquist Memorial	\$0.00	\$1,280.00			
Vitality Initiative	\$0.00	\$35.00			
Lent, Eastern Europe Crisis Response	\$0.00	\$1,880.00			
Darlene Lehms Memorial	\$0.00	\$1,340.00			
Todd Larson Memorial	\$0.00	\$1,935.00			
Gloria Larson Memorial	\$0.00	\$20.00			
Stanley & Verda Akland Memorial	\$0.00	\$3,000.00			
Pat Strauss, Scholarship Fund	\$0.00	\$20.00			
UNL Lutheran Center	\$0.00	\$20.00			
Memorial Karen Lowry, Food Pantry	\$0.00	\$12.50			
Memorial Angie Clark, Food Pantry	\$0.00	\$12.50			
Harvest Host	\$0.00	\$40.00			
Lutheran Disaster Response	\$0.00	\$100.00			
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$0.00	\$25.00			
Joan Nyquist Sparks Memorial	\$9.70	\$309.70			
Poinsettias	\$131.66	\$131.66			
Bishop's Leadership Development Fund	\$393.00	\$393.00			
Total	\$864.64	\$27,130.15			

*Thank you for your
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JANUARY, 2023 CALENDAR - ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NEW YEAR'S DAY 1						
9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 	OFFICE CLOSED	9:00am Quilting	12:00pm Faith Partners 6:00pm Choir-Practise 7:00pm Handbells 6:30pm Den Meeting	1:00pm Yoga 6:30pm Den Meeting-Bears 6:30pm Den Meeting-Tigers 7:00pm Troop Meeting	7:00am Men's Study 1:30pm Lancaster County Chorus Practice 4:15pm Girl Scouts	
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9:00am Worship/ 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:00am YouthMeet- ing	OFFICE CLOSED 7:00pm Ruth Circle	9:00am Quilting 7:00pm Executive Team 7:30pm MARA	6:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm Choir-Practise 6:30pm Den Meeting 7:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Vitality Meeting	9:30am Rebecca Circle 1:00pm Yoga 6:00pm Scouts 6:30pm Den Meeting-Bears 6:30pm Den Meeting-Tigers 7:00pm The Chosen-Season 3 7:00pm Troop Meeting	7:00am Men's Study 1:30pm Lancaster County Chorus Practice 4:15pm Girl Scouts	
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MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY 16						
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9:00am Worship/ Prayer Station 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:30am Nursery Task Force Meeting	OFFICE CLOSED 1:00pm Dominoes Group 	9:00am Quilting 7:00pm Council Meeting	6:00pm Bible Study 6:00pm Choir-Practise 6:30pm Den Meeting 7:00pm Handbells	1:00pm Yoga 6:30pm Den Meeting-Bears 6:30pm Den Meeting-Tigers 7:00pm The Chosen-Season 3 7:00pm Troop Meeting 7:00pm Stamping Up Club	7:00am Men's Study 1:30pm Lancaster County Chorus Practice 4:15pm Girl Scouts 5:30pm Scout Pinewood Derby Set-up 7:00pm Youth Lock-in @ Sheridan Lutheran	Youth Lock-in @ Sheridan Lutheran Church 10:00am Scout Pinewood Derby
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9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:15am Annual Meeting-Reports 11:15am Golden Ladle Soup Competition	OFFICE CLOSED 6:00pm Iris Society Meeting	9:00am Quilting				



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Zoom Meeting Room # 717-771-9636. Password 773704
Call in number: 346-248-7799 or
go to the website standrewslutheran.net
and you can click on the Zoom link!

**Bring on
the
NEW YEAR!**