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St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I write to you the end of June, Ken and I are at Meeker Park Lodge south of Estes Park, Colorado, attending the 50th annual Luther Academy of the Rockies. Our mornings are filled with theological discussion and lecture, and our afternoons are free to read, hike, nap, shop, or do whatever else we might want to do. This conference is a wonderful balance of renewal of the mind, as well as body and spirit.



We're off to a great start this year with The Rev. Dr. Ann Fritschel telling us about "stewardship for a new generation." (Her father is one of the founders of LAR.) Typically when we speak of stewardship, many of us hear "money" or "fundraising" for the church budget. After a few go-arounds with "Year Round Stewardship," I hope you thought of other things besides money. Dr. Fritschel has been speaking of stewardship in a more holistic way as well, including care for one another, care of our bodies and souls, and care for God's beautiful creation. We are about halfway through her presentations, and I am confident I will have some wonderful things to bring back for us from these lectures.

The second speaker is The Rev. Dr. Carmello Santos, whose training began in neuroscience and ultimately led him to serving in the church. He has been sharing research that has been done on the human brain and our experiences with God. Studies have shown that our brains are actually changed by religious experiences, and different areas of the brain are affected by meditation, "God experiences," and near-death experiences. It's been very interesting to learn more about how our bodies respond physiologically because of our relationship with God.

I'm sorry to say the third speaker has not been very impressive nor inspiring. He is a Midwestern Bishop (whom I will not name) who is nearing the end of his term and has decided to share with us all the things he wished he could have said to others over his 12 years of service. His talks are entitled "Musings of a Bishop in his Last Year of Service." While I believe his intent is to be funny, even cheeky, sadly he is coming across more like a grumpy old man who wants to complain because he is tired of being bishop, much like how Elijah was tired and grumpy when God called Elisha to be his successor.

Being at the Academy this year has also been a joyful time of reunion with old friends. This is our 8th time here, and over the years, we have made some treasured friendships and seeing those friends who we only see in this place has been a great joy. I've reunited with beloved colleagues from Central States whom I have not seen in many years. I also have two seminary classmates who serve churches in the Denver area. We connected with one of them and his family when we worshipped with them this past weekend.

The weather this year has been cold and rainy. We could see that it was snowing up in the high elevations over the weekend, and they had snow here in Meeker Park just last week! Mt. Meeker still has a lot of snow on it – certainly more snow than we have seen in recent years. But since we've been here, we've had a day or two that have been sunny and warm during the day and windy and rainy at night. We've also had a few cold and rainy days that have curtailed our plans for hikes. We did hike to Ouzle Falls Monday afternoon, and when we reached the Falls, it began to rain and then hail. It never fails! The rangers told us the rest of the week is supposed to be some of the best weather they've had yet this season. We hope so!

I continue to be grateful to St. Andrew's and to Nebraska Synod, both of whom value Continuing Theological Education for its rostered leaders. LAR in beautiful Colorado is a great blessing to us both: it offers us time away and off the grid (no internet or cell service here); it offers us time to rest our bodies and renew our souls; it offers thoughtful theological stimulation as the speakers come to us and offer us new perspectives on ways of being and doing Church. And, Wartburg Seminary works hard to make sure this event is very affordable for both pastor and spouse to attend. Thank you for understanding and supporting my need to take advantage of this annual learning opportunity.

We continue to hold you all in our hearts and prayers.

Walking with you along The Way,

Pastor Kim



*PK & Ken near
Lower Copeland Falls
in Rocky Mountain*



Saturday, July 13

Open House 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Worship Service at 4 p.m.

Free Lunch Provided

Enjoy old and new camp activities including:

- Sno Cones
- Zip Line
- Swimming
- Gaga Ball
- Friendos
- Archery

RSVP by June 26 and receive a special
40th Anniversary Celebration cuppie!

CarolJoyHolling.org/anniversary

ACTIVITIES AT ST. ANDREW'S

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH FOR JULY

St. Andrew's will be collecting school supplies for Meadow Lane School during the month of July. We can help by donating:

- Tissues (lots & lots of tissues)
- Fine tip white board markers
- Boys' & girls' underwear (small & medium)
- Sweatpants (small & medium sizes in colors suitable for both boys & girls)
- New & used Legos to use for indoor recess



NOTE: NO HAND SANITIZER. For health purposes, the school district only allows sanitizers that contain specific ingredients.

Donations can be left on the M.O.M. table in the Narthex & will be greatly appreciated by the teachers & students at Meadow Lane School.

ST. ANDREW'S READERS NEEDED

If you like to read picture books to children, this is a volunteer opportunity for you.

This fall, St. Andrew's will again be having volunteers going to Meadow Lane School to read picture books to either a 1st grade or kindergarten student. The book can be one from home or from the school library.

You will need to sign up as a level 2 volunteer on the LPS website. Contact Nancy Well for information.

Women's Bible Study Circles

will meet together on July 8 at 7pm in the Church lounge. Pastor Kim will lead the bible study. All women are welcome!

There will be no Bible study in August.



If you would like to volunteer to help transport food from the Food Bank to St. Andrew's, please contact Tom/ Lynn Ochsner lynnfochsner@icloud.com to get details of what this involves.

THE LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY

- Items on the Lutheran Food Pantry's "wish list" at this time include:
 - Canned peas
 - Canned meals (stew, ravioli, etc)
 - Boxed dry dinners (Hamburger Helper)
 - Canned fruit
 - Pork & beans
 - Breakfast bars
 - Fruit juice
 - Personal care items (shampoo, toothpaste, bath soap, etc). *Hotel & sample-sized items like dentists provide are great, too!*
 - Monetary donations to purchase food from the Food Bank.
- Thank you for helping the food needy in our community!



Tom and Lynn Ochsner, Coordinators,
The Lutheran Food Pantry

MEMBER NEWS

**THESE QUILTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE
CAROL JOY HOLLING QUILT AUCTION BY THE ST. ANDREW'S
QUILTERS**

This quilt was donated
by the Verna Smith Family.





Carol Joy Holling Camp,
Conference & Retreat Center

Quilt Auction

Saturday, July 27, 2019



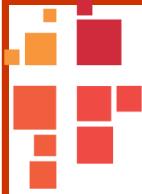
350+ Quilts - All Styles and Varieties

Quilts on Display	9:00 a.m.
Live Auction Starts	9:30 a.m.
Silent Auction Bidding	9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Barbecue Lunch Served	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Specialty Items Auction	2:00 p.m.
Swimming & Boating	12:30 - 5:00 p.m.

- Free Parking & Admission
- Barbecue Lunch: \$7 for Adults, \$4 for Kids (4-12), Free for 3 & Under

**Visit CarolJoyHolling.org/quilt-auction
to learn more and preview all quilts online!**

Carol Joy Holling Camp • 27416 Ranch Road • Ashland, NE 68003



THE LUTHERAN CENTER

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Members—WOWZERS! We are all humbled and deeply grateful for your recent generosity to The Lutheran Center's building campaign. You

should be proud—you are the first congregation to step up to the Bishop's challenge to match the Synod's \$300,000 grant. THANK YOU! Your quick and generous response was very telling to your support and partnership of young adults and their faith journeys. Thank you all so much.

In gratitude,

Jenna Olson Popp
Fundraising Campaign Coordinator

Thank You!

CONGRATULATIONS to Pastor Kim, who celebrated her 19th Anniversary of Ordination on June 24 (the Nativity of John the Baptist).

SAVE THE DATE!!!
The Annual BBQ Cook-Off will take place on Sunday, Oct 27, 5-7pm!



THE FEAST

St. Andrew's will not be serving in July. We will again be serving beginning August 11. Sign up to help at the Connection Center.

FRIDAY NIGHT WINERS...will reconvene at Glacial Till Winery near Palmyra on Friday, July 12, at 6pm. HEADS UP—it's Jimmy Buffett tribute night and there's a \$5 cover charge. Please call or text Jim Yankech (402-304-1149) if you plan to attend. Don't forget your lawn chairs and snacks to share with your faith friends.

We hope to see you there!

Jim & Rose Yankech



FOUND ITEMS!

A JEO Consulting Group travel mug, 2 boys' Husker jackets; 1 gray XL pullover, clip-on sunglasses, a plaid scrunchy, a men's silver wedding ring & 1 black hoop woman's earring. Please come to the office to claim if any of these items are yours.

MOVIE NIGHT!

"One Night With the King" (the story of Queen Esther) will be shown at St. Andrew's at 6pm on July 17. Join us for a movie, popcorn, and fellowship!

OUR PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY SURROUNDS—

The family of Adolph (Rusty) Restau, a former member of St. Andrew's, who passed away June 5. Pastor Kim conducted his graveside service at Lincoln Memorial Park on June 10.

The family of Norm Underdahl who passed away on July 21. His Memorial Service was held at St. Andrew's on July 28.

The Ed Schmohr Family. Ed's grandfather passed away on June 25.

May all who mourn find hope and peace through the promise of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!



PLEASE WELCOME Lou & Rita Lichti (below) and Rob Miller III and Ashley Arndt (pictured right), who joined St. Andrew's on June 16:



WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM of Emma Eloise Miller and Alice Ann Miller who were baptized on June 16. Their parents are Rob Miller III and Ashley Arndt.

Blessings to you!



JULY YOUTH NEWS



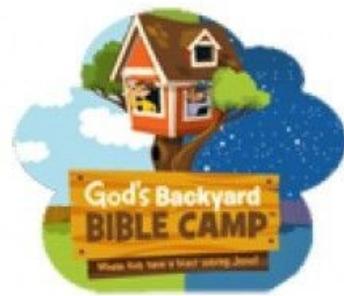
CONFIRMATION CLASS 2019

Pictured (left to right): Pastor Kim, Madyson Banitt, Paige Poppe, and Caden Bauers

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held on Sundays July 7, 14, 21 & 28 after worship from 10:30-12:00.

"God's Backyard Bible Camp" is the theme. This will be a cross-generational activity — there will be lots of fun for everyone!



MYSTERY TRIP

Attention 9th to 12th graders! Join Pastor Kim on a Mystery Trip on Saturday, July 20. We will depart the church parking lot at 6am, returning by 9pm that night. Stay tuned for things to bring!



Dear Family and Friends,

It's July and summer is in full swing! Kids around a campfire get freaked out by classic ghost stories and similarly we adults often believe our own tall tales about the season's potential hazards. Let's find the reality in **"5 Myths About Summertime"**, to shed light on the truths of staying healthy this summer.



Myth #1: You must wait at least 30 minutes after eating to go swimming.--It's really ok to go ahead to jump right in! Previous thinking was that after eating, blood flow was diverted from the extremities to the gastrointestinal track to help with digestion. This in turn would lead to leg cramps that interfered with swimming ability. According to Peter Wernicki, MD, member of the American Red Cross Scientific Advisory Council and chair of its Aquatic Subcouncil, "...the most common cause of muscle cramping while swimming is overexertion--going too fast, too hard or too long." There's plenty of blood to let you digest and swim at the same time!

Myth #2: "Natural" bug repellents are safer than DEET.-- DEET has an undeserved bad reputation. Per a 2014 EPA report, the DEET chemical didn't pose any "risks of concern to human health, non-target species or the environment." As a matter of fact, many repellants labeled "natural" aren't proven effective with the result that inadequate protection increases the risk for a variety of illnesses, from Lyme disease to Zika virus. The smartest action is to follow label instructions using a repellent registered with the EPA, whether it contains DEET or a plant-derived active ingredient such as oil of lemon eucalyptus. EPA registration proves the product's makers have provided scientific evidence that it actually works. For more info visit epa.gov/insect-repellents.

Myth #3: The best way to treat a jellyfish sting is by peeing on it.--Gross, NO! It's unknown where this icky idea originated, but might have something to do with the pH of urine, which can be acidic, and studies supporting acidic vinegar's effectiveness as a treatment. According to Dr. Wernicki, urine's pH is variable, and it can also be diluted and more like fresh water--which can actually make stings worse. Best treatment: remove any remaining tentacles, wash the area with seawater, and soothe with a heat pack or by soaking in warm water. Be careful to not touch dead jellyfish, as they can still sting!

Myth #4: Your car's rubber tires make it a safe space during a storm.--When there's thunder, it's ok to wait it out in a car. The reason isn't because the tires protect you from lightning. According to Jessica Spaccio, climatologist at Northeast Regional Climate Center at Cornell University, "Lightning can travel through the car's metal shell, around the surface, and into the ground, protecting people inside--as long as they're not touching metal." The safest place to be is in a sturdy, fully enclosed building. Stay away from structures like pavilions and sheds, also trees and water. If unable to find good refuge: squat down low, minimizing how much of your body touches the ground.

Myth #5: Sharks are attracted to women who have their periods.--It's true that sharks have an incredible sense of smell, but no proof they can home in on a bit of blood amidst millions of drops of water. Humans aren't their meal of choice. Per advice of Jimi Parrington, owner of Shark Diving Xperts in Guadalupe, "Even if a shark could detect a woman on her cycle, its other senses wouldn't convince it she was its natural prey." While sharks usually won't have interest in humans,

it's best to try not to panic if one is spotted. Splashing may attract attention and possibly trigger an attack. Try to exit the water as calmly as possible. Since that's probably much easier said than done, Parrington advises to keep an eye on the shark while holding your ground: "It will likely soon decide you're not its typical food and move off."

A few **additional tips & tidbits of summertime advice, these in regards to the use of sun-screen products to keep skin protected and healthy:

--RIT SunGuard--this is a \$4 package of laundry rinse which, when added to your wash, will result in all your clothes having a UPF (rating system for sun protection level of textiles) of 30 for 20 washes.

--6 months--The number of months an opened bottle of sunscreen stays effective. This is due to sunlight and heat causing breakdown over time resulting in a reduction of SPF protection from around 30 at the beginning of summer, down to about SPF 6 by September.

--UV levels increase by 5% for every 1000 feet ascension in an airplane. So it's advised to apply broad-spectrum SPF 30+ sunscreen before you fly.

--Use a shot glass-full of sunscreen, liberally applied on all exposed body areas, prior to going outdoors; use a nickel-size dollop for the face. Sunscreen sprays should be spread evenly by hand.

--Sunscreen alone (no additional anti-ager ingredients) applied by women to their faces each morning for a year showed a 40-52% improvement in skin texture, pigmentation, and clarity, and 25% in crow's feet. These are the results of a Johnson & Johnson study.

May summer days provide opportunities for relaxation and time spent with loved ones. Let's also revel in the beauty of nature. All these are wonderful gifts from our gracious heavenly Father who never ceases to amaze us with His daily gifts of peace and presence.

Info source: July 2019 issue of PREVENTION magazine, "5 Myths About Summertime" ppgs 58-61 and "Sun Safe Awards" ppgs 36-37. Prevention Magazine, Vol.71, No.7, published monthly by Hearst Communications.

— St. Andrews Parish Health Care Team Nurses



PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Due to the importance of personal privacy and HIPAA regulations, please obtain their permission prior to requesting prayers on behalf of another individual. Thanks for your help!



NEBRASKA SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORTS

Greg McVicker and Cindy McVicker attended the Nebraska Synod Assembly in Kearney, NE, May 31-June 1. Following are their reports:

Greg McVicker:

I want to thank the congregation of St. Andrew's for allowing Cindy and me to attend this amazing assembly. I don't know about Cindy but I left inspired and spiritually uplifted. By the way, if any of you get a chance to hear Bishop Mass speak and haven't done so, he is incredible.

The theme for the 2019 Nebraska Synod Assembly was "We Are the Church for the Sake of the World". A lot of our workshops and addresses by keynote speakers centered on this theme.

One workshop which left me invigorated and wanting more was a workshop entitled "Once We Were Refugees". It was presented by Pastor Bill Say and his wife Ann from the Kansas City area. Pastor Say stated that at one point we, or our ancestors in most cases, were immigrants or refugees to this country.

He went on to say the two commandments that Jesus taught us to live by were: 1) Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 2) Love thy neighbor as thy self. He then continued with a quote from Leviticus 19:34: "When a foreigner resides among you in your land do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native born. Love them as yourself for you were foreigners in Egypt."

Pastor Say defined a refugee as someone forced from their home or homeland because their home had been destroyed or it was unsafe for them and/or their family to remain. There are 65 million refugees in the world today awaiting placement in other countries. The average stay for a refugee in a refugee camp is 17 years.

Once accepted to come into the United States, the family is given 90 days to find a place to live, register kids in school, and fill out federal forms. Let alone learn a new culture, customs and language. In fact, 50% of the refugees cannot read or write in their own native language.

The 91st day is where the Say's program comes in. It is an opportunity to help refugee arrivals identify their interests and teach them to become self-supporting. Bill and Ann started "Once We Were Refugees" in the 1970s with the Vietnam refugees, teaching them how to sew, and this program has continued for 45 years.

Ann, along with a group of volunteers, teaches a nine-week sewing class that touches on the basics. At the end of the nine weeks, after satisfactorily completing five projects (a pillow case, apron, an item with an elastic waistband, a grocery bag, and two quilts—one being a story quilt), the refugees are allowed to take home the sewing machine, a pair of scissors, an iron and ironing board, some thread, and 10 yards of fabric.

This program has grown into advanced classes where individuals learn how to use industrial sewing machines as well as learning computer skills and, just recently, a course in forklift operating.

Ann then went on to talk about the quilts. One quilt goes to Lutheran World Relief and the other, the story quilt, is theirs to keep.

Why a story quilt? It is a way for the refugees to tell their story. Remember, almost 50% of them cannot read or write their native language. Ann then showed us six story quilts telling the inspiring story behind each one. These were not the original quilts but facsimiles.

Bill went on to finish the workshop by stating two things: Refugees are not opportunists and they are not undocumented. In fact, they are one of the most documented groups you will meet.

Bill then left us with this quote from Hamdi Ulukaya. Does anyone know who he is? Hamdi was a Turkish refugee who started a local yogurt business, saved up enough money to buy a small factory, and turned it into the Chobani Yogurt Company. This is the quote: "The minute a refugee has a job, that's the minute they stop being a refugee."

I returned to the meeting hall all pumped up and inspired, telling Pastor Kim what I heard, when the next thing on the agenda came up; the church-wide report by the ELCA representative, David Wunsch. Well I'm proud to tell you Nebraska is number one according to this report. The Nebraska Synod resettles more refugees, percentage wise, than any other synod in the United States and the Nebraska Synod contributes more money to the ELCA than any other synod in the United States.

Cindy McVicker:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank St. Andrew's for the wonderful experience of attending the Nebraska Synod Assembly! This was the third time Greg and I were able to attend Assembly. We represented past congregations we were members of. On a personal note, we were able to reconnect with two of our former pastors. So again, thank you!!

One of the highlights of the Assembly for me was listening to Bishop Maas speak. We are fortunate to have such a great leader; his message was wonderful and enlightening. I enjoyed his sense of humor as well. We were able to be part of the assembly that welcomed a new church into the Synod. Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church in Holdrege, NE, overcame obstacles and established a new church in Holdrege and is now a member of the Nebraska Synod! Greg and I also listened to Bishop Shoo from Tanzania speak of the amazing work that is happening in Tanzania in conjunction with the Nebraska Synod.

One of the biggest highlights for me was the music! The music for the two-day assembly was led by the group Glocal. Glocal is a group of musicians from all over the world. It is a combination of local and global talent. We listened to talent from Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Tanzania, Chicago and St. Paul! We sang songs in Spanish, Nigerian, Indonesian and English! The musicians introduced the songs with TLC (T-title, L-language, and C-country).

On Saturday morning I attended a workshop entitled Prayer Practices. I am sure I need to develop a richer and deeper prayer life; perhaps you do, too! They suggested following these three steps: 1) Set aside a definite time to pray each day. 2) Find a special place where you are comfortable. It should be a quiet and peaceful place. 3) Keep a single focus when you pray, let God be the single focus of your time set apart to be in the presence of the Lord. I was introduced to the prayer practice of breathe prayer. To practice the breathe prayer, find a comfortable position and slowly repeat each phrase in the following Psalm. Pause between each line for however long you desire. Simply rest and be. When thoughts flit in your mind or sensations move in your body, do not be concerned. Simply notice and let go. When your time is complete—it could be seconds, minutes—take a deep breath, then offer a silent thank you for your being, your breath, your life.

Psalm 46:10—Be still, and know that I am God. (pause); Be still and know that I am. (pause); Be still and know. (pause); Be still. (pause); Be. (pause)

Thank you again for the wonderful opportunity of attending the Nebraska Synod Assembly! I would highly recommend you attend sometime!

Pastor Kim's 2019 Synod Assembly Report

Ascension Sunday June 2, 2019

My favorite part of the Assembly was hearing from Bishop Maas. He is a terrific preacher, and he did not disappoint.

Bishop spoke first about the Ascension and how the 11 surviving disciples were left there on the mountain, gazing up into heaven. He compared their gazing up to our nostalgia for "looking back." If we only look to what happened in our congregation of yesteryear, we will never move forward to the future to which God is calling us. The angels arrive and remind them that it's time to get busy! It's only then that they look around and what happens? They are filled with joy! They're not joyful that Jesus has left; they are joyful because they have been entrusted with the Message and are ready to share it!

Bishop said he feels the same when he looks around the Nebraska Synod. Sure, the things we measure – "butts, buildings, and budgets" – are all declining, aging, or a lot smaller than they used to be. Nevertheless, God is doing amazing things in Nebraska Synod! But if we focus only on the hard things, the things that are declining, we're going to miss all that is good and exciting:

Nebraska Synod continues to lead the other 64 synods of the ELCA in Mission Support to Church-wide at 54%.

Beginning in July, we will be offering a unique learning opportunity called "The Emmaus Project" where former seminary professors will be offering classes and other continuing education opportunities for everyone, not just rostered folk or church leaders. And it's not intended to be just for education; it's intended to be spiritual formation and to help us grow in our relationship with God.

Immanuel Communities is offering 2 kinds of grants this year, one for \$1000 to "celebrate" what we're already doing and one for \$10,000 for ministries that we want to grow.

Opportunities for our youth: Mission Trip, LYON, and MSG.

Our leaders are some of the best in the ELCA: Deacons, PMA's, Pastors, and Spiritual Directors from "Seeking the Spirit Within." "Seeking the Spirit Within" celebrated its 10th anniversary this year.

We accepted a new congregation onto the Roster: Spirit of Grace in Holdrege, NE. This is the first "new" congregation in Nebraska in 7 years.

And these are just some of the things that Bishop and others mentioned. There are so many good things happening, I couldn't write them all down. As I mentioned last week, the Church doesn't look the same as it used to, but that doesn't mean that it's "dying;" it's just changing. But we need only look around to see what God is doing in our midst. When we can see that, we will be filled with nothing but joy!

--Pastor Kim



ST. ANDREW'S COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 21, 2019

Council Members in Attendance: Ron Lehms, Elizabeth Gordon, Larissa Banitt, Gene Veburg, Bryce McBride, Doug Wageman, Jim Yanech, Lois Steyer, Jody Busse and Pastor Kim Osborn

Council Members Absent: Jolene Bartling

Opening Prayer: President Ron Lehms offered an Opening Prayer

Open Time for Congregation:

Property Chair, Charlotte Pasco reported the following:

- Currently seeking a contact with Krauter-Bosn for the bi-annual transition of our furnace and air conditioning.
- The tree near the outside unit(s) will need to be cut back as they are compromising the unit function.
- There are several additional trees that will need to be removed from the property.
- The leak in the Women's Restroom near the Coffee Bar that developed last year is in need of repair.
- An Emergency light has been installed in the office area.
- Desks that are no longer being utilized will be donated to Habitat for Humanity Restore.
- There is a continued need for additional people to help assist with lawn care in the summer months.
- Gutters on the sanctuary that sustained wind damage last year will need to be repaired.
- A number of hazardous chemicals have been discovered around the Church and will be need to be removed.
- The parking lot is in need of repair. It is estimated that the cost to repave the parking lot would be approximately \$35,000.00.
- The lines in the parking lot are also fading and will be in need of striping.

Pictorial Directory Chairs Lois and Harry Muhlbach reported the following:

- The Pictorial Directory has been scheduled for October 8th and 9th. There will be two (2) photographers present. Sign-ups will begin later this summer.

Adoption of Agenda: A motion was made by Jody Busse and a second by Elizabeth Gordon that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

New Business:

Website: The website is now up and accessible

Allo: We will continue to move forward with the transition of phone service to Allo.

Copier Lease: Bids for a new copier lease were presented and reviewed. Pastor Kim will follow up on some minor details to ensure that the comparisons are equivalent. A motion was made by ???? and a second by ???? that the lower of the two bids be accepted and moved forward.

VBS: Larissa reported that VBS will be held on the Sundays in July from 10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. The theme for this year's VBS will be "God's Backyard Bible Camp". Volunteers will be needed to help with snacks, activities and crafts. Those interested can touch base with Kristie Seybert.

ST. ANDREW'S COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 21, 2019

Council Retreat Projects: No additional updates available at this time.

Cross At The Heart: To date, St. Andrew's has raised over \$5,000 for the Lutheran Student Center's Cross At The Heart Campaign. The final Worship Service at the Student Center will be Sunday 6/9/19 at 3:00 PM.

Summer Backpacks: St. Andrew's will once again participate in the Summer Backpack Program. Sign-up sheets are available at the Connection Center for those who are interested and able to assist.

Unfinished Business:

Reports: Worship Pillar meeting minutes from 2/28/19 were received.

Pastor's Report: The April 2019 Pastor's Report was received.

Financial Reports: Financial Secretary, Doug Wageman reported that April 2019 giving was rather low; more specifically, April 2019 giving was reported to be \$2,403.08 under budget. Year to date regular giving is reported to be \$7,009.43 under budget. Special giving is reported to remain consistent; totaling \$3,754.12. Typographical errors requiring correction were noted: (1) Winnie Keleher's name and (2) "alter" to "altar". Treasurer, Greg Riege, reported the opening checkbook balance for April 2019 to be \$13,178.06. The closing checkbook balance was reported to be \$17,458.38.

Coffee Bar: Weekly sign-ups are needed to host the Coffee Bar which includes picking up the donut holes at the 50th and O Street Hy-Vee. It was suggested that Church Groups (i.e., Council, WELCA, Men's Group, etc.) consider hosting one Sunday per month. Council agreed to host the first Sunday of each month.

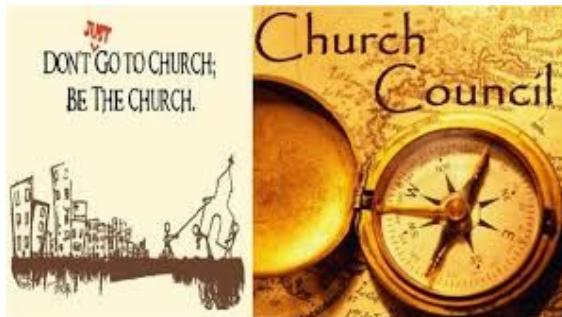
Worship Assistance: Assistance with Worship is needed throughout the month of June.

Upcoming Events:

6/2/19	June Council Sunday
6/3/19	Safe Sanctuary Training at Sheridan Lutheran
6/4/19	Executive Team
6/11/19	June Council Meeting
7/7/19	July Council Sunday

Closing Prayer: Council member, Bryce McBride offered the Closing Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of Council Secretary Jolene Bartling by Jody L. Busse



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS JUNE 2019

1. The software for worship needs to be upgraded. The laptop is outdated (Windows 7), as is Easy Worship. Bryce will get some quotes on a new laptop, software, and Easy Worship. The CD duplicator is also a little buggy.
2. Mavis Seelmeyer has resigned as our children's choir accompanist.
3. VBS is July 7, 14, 21, and 28, 10:30am-12pm. Please sign up in the hallway if you can help.
4. Discussion of a congregational camping trip. Please contact Bryce & Samantha McBride if you're interested in participating.
5. For May 2019, regular giving was \$4934.89 under budget. Year to date, regular giving is under budget by \$11,944.32. Special giving for May was \$1048.30.
6. Opening checkbook balance was \$15685.38. Ending balance was \$8989.44. The big expense this month was synod apportionment.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT A GLANCE

JULY

- 7/8 Women's Bible Study-All Circles
7/5, 12, 19, 26 Summer Backpack Distribution
7/7, 14, 21, 28 Vacation Bible School
7/9 Executive Team Meeting
7/11, 18 Book Study
7/12 Friday Night Winers @ Glacial Till Winery, Palmyra
7/16 Council Meeting
7/17 Movie Night, 6-8pm
7/20 Youth Mystery Trip
Iris Society's Sale



AUGUST

- 8/13 Executive Team Meeting
8/20 Council Meeting

Church Photo Directory



SAVE THE DATES!!!

It's time to update the pictorial directory! Dates for taking pictures for the new St. Andrew's Pictorial Directory are **October 8th and 9th, 2019.**

May 2019 Financial Secretary Report
Respectfully Submitted by Douglas Wageman

**For May 2019, regular giving was \$4934.89 under budget.
 Year to date, regular giving is under budget by \$11944.32.
 Special giving for May was \$1048.30.**

Monthly Summary				Prior Year	
	Month	Yr-To-Date	Budget 2019	May 2018	YTD 2018
Pledged/Unpledged	\$14,242.00	\$89,717.90	\$251,800.00	\$17,374.00	\$94,178.10
Loose	\$71.19	\$390.19	\$1,225.00	\$194.00	\$629.35
Misc	\$300.00	\$575.00	\$1,100.00	\$300.00	\$400.00
Total Operating Income	\$14,613.19	\$90,683.09	\$254,125.00	\$17,868.00	\$95,207.45
Total Special Gifts	\$1,048.30	\$15,545.66		\$8,661.77	\$34,741.48
Total Non-Operating Income	\$1,048.30	\$15,545.66		\$8,661.77	\$34,741.48
Total Church Income	\$15,661.49	\$106,228.75		\$26,529.77	\$129,948.93
Number Sundays	4	21	52	4	21
Average Operating/Sunday	\$3,653.30	\$4,318.24	\$4,887.02	\$4,467.00	\$4,533.69

2019 Special Giving Summary

Special Giving	May	Yr-To-Date	Thrivent Choice Dollars		
			Allocated to:	Date	Received
Adult Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	Backpacks	02/06/19	\$93.00
Back Pack Program	\$19.00	\$3,007.00	Food Pantry	02/06/19	\$28.00
Building Fund	\$150.00	\$890.00	Organ Maintenance	02/06/19	\$76.00
Carol Joy Holling Scholarships	\$0.00	\$0.00	Capital Improvement Fund	02/06/19	\$259.00
College Scholarship Fund	\$0.00	\$633.00	Back Pack Program	03/06/19	\$504.00
Cross at the Heart	\$0.00	\$2,055.67	Lutheran Food Pantry	03/06/19	\$250.00
Donuts	\$57.80	\$339.95	Quilters Ministry	03/06/19	\$100.00
Easter Lilies	\$0.00	\$245.75	Back Pack Program	05/07/19	\$19.00
Food Pantry	\$139.00	\$2,794.50			
NYG & SCRIP	\$282.50	\$2,347.72			
The Feast	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Thrivent	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Wednesday Night Meals	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Youth	\$0.00	\$20.00			
Organ Maintenance	\$0.00	\$76.00			
Capital Improvement Fund	\$0.00	\$979.00			
Memorials Winnie Keleher	\$0.00	\$190.00			
Altar Candle Fund	\$0.00	\$529.90			
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$0.00	\$837.17			
Quilters	\$0.00	\$100.00			
NE Synod Flood Relief	\$0.00	\$100.00			
Memorials Ted Anderson	\$400.00	\$400.00			
Total	\$1,048.30	\$15,545.66			

SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR JULY 2019*

July 7, 2019	9:00 Worship
GREETER/USHERS/ ACOLYTE/READER/ COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	St. Andrew's Council Members
SLIDE PRESENTER	Bryce McBride
SOUND	Geoff Weller
July 14, 2019	
GREETERS	Pam Dill, Samantha McBride, Greg & Cindy McVicker
USHERS	Marv & Marlys Beuning, Daryl & Mary Swanson
ACOLYTE	NEEDED
READER	Samantha McBride
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Samantha McBride, NEEDED, NEEDED
SLIDE PRESENTER	Lois Muhlbach
SOUND	Harry Muhlbach
July 21, 2019	
GREETERS	Don & Margaret Hoffmeyer, NEEDED
USHERS	NEEDED, NEEDED, NEEDED, NEEDED
ACOLYTE	NEEDED
READER	NEEDED
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	NEEDED,NEEDED, NEEDED, NEEDED
SLIDE PRESENTER	Ken Osborn
SOUND	NEEDED
July 28, 2019	
GREETERS	NEEDED, NEEDED,NEEDED
USHERS	NEEDED, NEEDED, NEEDED, NEEDED
ACOLYTE	NEEDED
READER	NEEDED
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	NEEDED, NEEDED, NEEDED
SLIDE PRESENTER	Sandy Popescu
SOUND	Don Dingman

JULY, 2019 CALENDAR - ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Our Regularly Scheduled Activities

SUNDAYS

9:00 am Worship
10:30am Christian Education (**School Year**)

FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAYS (School Year)
7th-12th Grade Youth Group

THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

1:00 pm Dominoes Group

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
5:30 pm Executive Team Meeting

THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
7:00 pm Council Meeting

TUESDAYS

9:00 am Quilting

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
(Except June, July & August)
5:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: CLOSED
Tuesday-Friday 8 am-3 pm

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE (Summer)

7:30 pm Worship Team

1st THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
(except July & August)
12:30 pm Clergy Text Study

THURSDAYS

1:00 pm Pitch Club

FRIDAYS (School Year)
7:00 am Men's Bible Study



EVERY MONTH (Except August)

7:00 pm 2nd Monday, Ruth Circle
1:30 pm 2nd Wednesday, Dorcas Circle
9:30 am 2nd Thursday , Rebecca Circle