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St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

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MADYSON ANISA BANITT,

Waverly High School Class of 2023. Madyson is going to college to study Psychology and play volleyball. Location still to be decided.

GRADUATION SUNDAY MAY 21

Join us during worship in celebrating with our high school graduate! Dear Siblings in Christ,

In January 2021, I was invited to attend a grass-roots justice meeting here in Lincoln. Sponsored by the United Methodist Church, the ELCA congregations were invited to partner with the Methodists to begin to affect change and reform in our community. Intrigued, I attended the meeting and was really excited about what I heard.



One of the stories that was told was what happened in Lawrence, Kansas. This same group, DART (Direct Action Resource Training) helped the faith community organize and make some changes in their criminal justice system. The governor there had been calling for additional prisons to be built; the faith community recognized this was not a long-term solution but in fact was only a symptom of a larger problem. The churches held cottage meetings and listened to the people. They then held a large rally (like the one Lincoln will have on May 4 at The Lancaster Event Center), and, long story short, they raised money through a one-cent tax to build an 1800 bed mental health care facility. Then they trained the law enforcement to recognize mental health issues so instead of taking people to jail, they took them to this facility where they could receive the help and services they actually needed.

Unfortunately, because of health concerns I had last year, I was unable to participate in this group as I would have liked. The group moved forward, holding small group meetings in October where 627 people shared the local community problems that "keep them up at night." Eight issues were identified, and with further conversations at a Community Problems Assembly in November, the two focal issues were identified: Criminal Justice Reform and Mental Health.

Now is the time for the rest of us to get involved! There will be a citywide assembly on Thursday, May 4 at 6:30pm at The Lancaster Event Center. Everyone is welcome to attend to hear more about this group, now entitled "Justice in Action," their mission, and their dreams for moving forward. (Please see the flyer on the next page.) Tickets are available at the Connection Center.

I hope you will attend this Assembly and hear what they have to say. If we are serious about living out the call of Jesus to care for the least and the lost who are described in both the Beatitudes and Matthew 25, then it is up to the faith community (and not politicians) to affect that change that is desperately needed in our community.

Walking with you along The Way,

Pastor Kím

A happy and blessed Mother's Day to one and all! We give thanks to God for our mothers and for all the amazing women in our lives!



STICE ACTION Join 20 other faith communities for Justice in Action's Nehemiah Assembly as we ask public officials to take serious action on mental health and criminal justice reform in Lancaster County. This event will be the culmination of months of training, research, prayer, and network building. By participating, you can help people of faith build a voice for justice in our community so big that it can't be ignored!

> Where: Lancaster Event Center, Pavilion 1 When: Thursday, May 4th 6:30 pm (doors open at 6pm)

Who was Nehemiah? What is a "Nehemiah" Action?

In the 5th chapter of the book of Nehemiah, the Prophet Nehemiah returns to Jerusalem to find his people being exploited. During a terrible drought and famine, a group of moneylenders began capitalizing off of the Israelites' desperation by enticing them to buy loans with high interest rates. When the Israelites defaulted on their loans, they were forced to sell their children into slavery (Nehemiah 5:1-5).

Instead of only practicing mercy ministry by providing direct services to alleviate his people's immediate needs, Nehemiah understood the problem stemmed from an unjust system and the root cause had to be addressed with systemic change. In doing this, Nehemiah was practicing justice ministry.

In the scripture Nehemiah used his influence to coordinate a "great assembly" where a large group of Israelites called out the moneylenders for their foul practices. Upon seeing the great numbers gathered to hold them accountable, the moneylenders publicly promised to abandon their unjust practices and to return everything they had taken from the people, and they kept their promise.

Every year Justice in Action will recreate the "Great Assembly" Nehemiah led by holding our own Action Assembly. Like in Nehemiah 5, the assembly will address public officials and powerful decision makers and ask them to publicly commit to use their positions of authority to address our community's problems. For more information and updates, visit facebook.com/JusticeInActionLincoln.

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ACTIVITIES AND MEMBER NEWS AT ST. ANDREW'S

MINISTRIES OF THE MONTH FOR MAY:

Our May M.O.M. will be supporting young families and those with newborns seeking help from Lutheran Family Services (LFS). LFS has a shop where these families can "purchase" items they need. During May, we'll be collecting the following items which are usually in short supply in the LFS shop:

Bottles Bottle Brushes Sippy Cups Breastmilk Storage Bags Nursing Pads Car Seat Covers Baby Wash Baby Lotion Baby Shampoo Laundry Detergent

> Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, Inc.

Feminine Products Teething Rings Nail Clipper Sets Hats/Gloves/Scarves Stuffed Animals

Thank you for your generosity in helping those families in need!

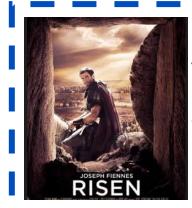
OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY SURROUNDS:

—- **the Family of Pat Kent.** Pat passed away on April 1 and her Celebration of Life was held at St. Andrew's on April 5.

—-Laura Hahn and Family on the death of Laura's aunt. The Celebration of Life was held on April 19.



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



MOVIE NIGHT RESUMES!

Please join us on Sunday, May 14, at 6:30pm for our first movie of 2023, "Risen", which follows a Roman soldier's search for Jesus' body following his Resurrection. This is disturbing to both Romans and Hebrews alike.

You won't want to miss the telling of this epic story! Bring a lawn chair and a beverage, if you wish; the popcorn will be provided. See you on the 14th.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FOR MAY is "Love in Action: the Art of Inter-generational Hospitality" by Sarah Carson. Ruth Circle will meet on May 8 at 7:00pm in the Lounge. Rebecca Circle will clean the kitchen on May 11 prior to the 9:30am Bible Study. All women are welcome!

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 May 15 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.





During April our Youth Group helped the nursery/Sunday School children make cards for our member shut-ins and/or those in their 90's.



Examples of the cards:



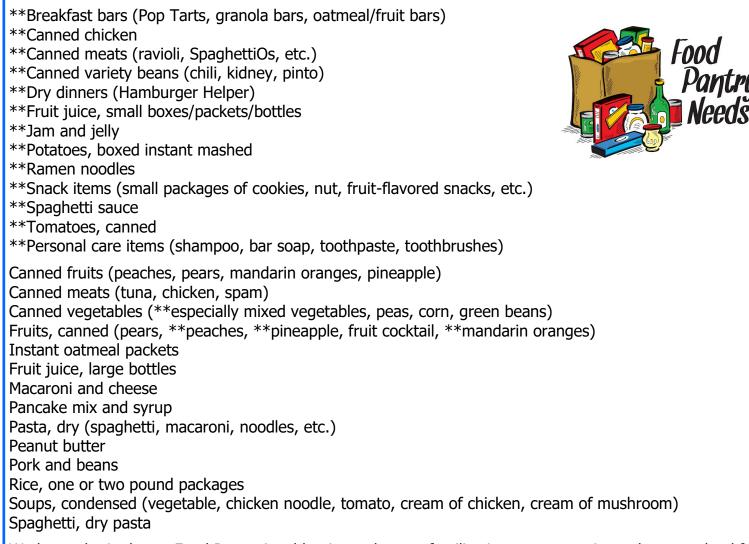


FUTURE ACTIVITY: May 7, 6pm: Youth Group Bowling

A special THANK YOU to Gene and Sharlotte Veburg for their commitment in helping with the Nursery and Sunday School children! Their patience and kindness is an example to all!

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):



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



MISSION SUPPORT





THANK YOU

To the members of

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

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from the

Nebraska Synod

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In grateful appreciation for giving

\$21,846.00

for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synod and churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Synod Bishop Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT A GLANCE

 5/3 Failer Study 5/4 Yoga Justice Meeting @ Lancaster County Event Center 5/5 Men's Bible Study 5/7 Worship Fellowship Time Youth Group—Bowling 5/8 Ruth Circle 5/9 Quilting Executive Team MARA 5/10 Bible Study 5/11 Rebecca Circle Yoga 5/12 Men's Bible Study 5/14 Worship Time Movie Night: "Risen" 5/15 Dominoes Group 5/16 Quilting Council 5/17 Bible Study 5/18 Yoga Stamping Up Club 5/19 Men's Bible Study 5/21 Worship/Prayer Station/High School Graduate Sunday Fellowship Time 5/23 Quilting 5/24 Worship Time 5/25 Yoga 5/26 Men's Bible Study 5/27 Koga 5/26 Men's Bible Study 5/27 Koga 5/26 Men's Bible Study 5/27 Koga 5/20 Quilting 5/20 Quilting 5/21 Worship Time 5/23 Quilting 5/24 Worship Time 5/30 Quilting 	5/5 5/7 5/8 5/9 5/10 5/11 5/12 5/14 5/15 5/16 5/15 5/16 5/17 5/18 5/19 5/21 5/23 5/24 5/28	Yoga Justice Meeting @ Lancaster County Event Center Men's Bible Study Worship Fellowship Time Youth Group—Bowling Ruth Circle Quilting Executive Team MARA Bible Study Rebecca Circle Yoga Men's Bible Study Worship—HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! Fellowship Time Movie Night: "Risen" Dominoes Group Quilting Council Bible Study Yoga Stamping Up Club Men's Bible Study Worship/Prayer Station/High School Gradua Fellowship Time Quilting Bible Study Worship/Prayer Station/High School Gradua Fellowship Time Quilting Bible Study Worship Time	<image/>	
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SAVE THE DATE! For VBS this year, we are again partnering with First Lutheran and Our Saviour's Lutheran Churches. VBS will be held at Our Saviour's June 19-23. Watch for information in upcoming bulletins.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS APRIL, 2023

- 1. Maggie Loos presented an idea to Council to auction off a parking spot in the parking lot as a fundraiser for the Youth Gathering.
- 2. St. Andrew's received a very nice gift from the Estate of Pat Kent.
- 3. A Tech Team Meeting will be called for Wednesday, April 26 at 7pm.
- 4. St. Andrew's is invited to attend the Nehemiah Assembly on Thursday, May 4 at the Lancaster Event Center. This event is being led by the Justice in Action Committee of Lincoln, NE.
- 5. The Little Food Pantry will be adopted by another Girl Scout Troop (the one that meets at St. Andrew's is disbanding).
- 6. We had three guests with Harvest Hosts in April and one pending reservation for May. Pastor Kim greets each guest and offers them a Welcome Basket. Each guest makes a small donation to the church for our hospitality.
- 7, Checking Opening Balance \$8,665.20. Ending Balance \$17,696.46. Savings Opening Balance \$34,127.91. Ending Balance \$34,132.26.
- 8. Regular giving in March was \$936.02 under the budget estimate. Year to date regular giving is less than the budget estimate by \$4646.30. Special giving for March was \$2663.70.





PASTOR'S COUNCIL REPORT APRIL, 2023

- 1. Pat Kent died April 1. Her Celebration of Life was held at St. Andrew's on April 5. Interment a Lincoln Memorial.
- 2. Our Social Media Intern, Shiloh Baillou, submitted some recommendations for our Facebook page and YouTube Channel. I added "Lincoln Nebraska" to the YouTube Channel, but so far, that is all I have had time to do.
- 3. We had 15 children participate in the Easter Egg Hunt. The High School Youth stuffed 1021 eggs so there were plenty for everyone.
- 4. I will be out of the office and on vacation April 11-17, returning to work on April 18.
- 5. Pastor Fred Andersen (UMC, retired) will serve as pulpit supply on April 16.
- 6. We have three Harvest Host reservations for April.
- 7. We have been invited to participate in VBS with First Lutheran and Our Saviour's. A planning meeting will be held on Monday, April 17 at 11am at First. Anyone who is able to help plan is welcome to attend. If we have children attend this year, we have been asked to consider making a financial contribution to help with the costs. I have requested a suggested amount per child; the coordinators will get back to me.
- 8. The next Young Family Meeting will be Saturday, April 22 at 11am at The Front Porch (59th and Adams).
- 9. The next Vitality Cohort will be Sunday, April 30 at 1:30pm.
- 10. High School Senior Sunday will be celebrated on May 21 during worship.
- 11.The 2023 Movie Night Series will begin Sunday, May 14 at 6:30pm. Our first movie will be "Risen."

St Andrew's Lutheran Church Church Council Meeting Minutes March 21, 2023

Present - Pastor Kim Osborn, Jonathan Gordon, Jim Yankech, Ron Lehms, Laura Hahn, Doug Wageman, Charlotte Burke, Julie Cummings

Absent - Gene Veburg, Annette Henry, Curt Weller, Ryan Bates

Guests - None

Call to Order

Charlotte Burke called meeting to order at 7:07 PM

Opening Prayer

Ron Lehms

Open Time For Congregation

None

Adoption of Agenda

Motion-Jonathan made a motion to adopt the agenda Seconded-Ron Lehms Voted-Unanimous voice vote

New Business

- Property—March 25, 2023 Church Cleanup Day
- Personnel

Shiloh Bailou has been engaged as Social Media Intern Discuss employee vs contract status: Shiloh, Steph Jensen: insurance/tax issues Shiloh and Steph will be part-time employees Second Phase Social Media Intern-Creative Discuss Faith Forum directions; results of Young Families' meetings. They met on March 18 at the Front Porch. Want to keep Sunday School "as is". April 2 Easter Egg Hunt April 16 Youth Group making cards with Sunday School group Membership Roster Update: ELCA Constitutional Requirement; vote to accept **Ron accepted roster update; Jim seconded; unanimous voice vote**

Old Business

- Faith Partners: Speaker feedback was very positive; possible future topic
- Lenten Meals: Feedback: had a good turnout, good food, and fellowship

St Andrew's Lutheran Church Church Council Meeting Minutes March 21, 2023

Reports

- Approval of Special Council Meeting Minutes—Hiring of Shiloh Bailou; Minutes will be completed for April Council Meeting
- Approval of February 21, 2023 Council Regular Meeting Minute Jonathan moved and Ron seconded for approval; passed with unanimous voice vote
- Pastor's Report for March 2023
- Financial Secretary's Report-See Doug Wageman's report

Treasurer's Report	
Checking opening balance	\$15,939.05
Ending Balance	\$ 8,665.20

Savings Opening Balance	\$34,123.99
Ending Balance	\$34,127.91
From Wells Fargo Statement	

Upcoming Events

Property Cleanup March 25, 2023 Easter Egg Hunt Palm Sunday Holy Week-Easter Service

Adjournment

Ron made a motion to adjourn and Jonathan seconded. Adjourned at 8:01PM.

Closing Prayer

Pastor Kim

Recorded and submitted by Laura Hahn, Council Secretary

March 2023 Financial Secretary Report Respectfully Submitted by Douglas Wageman

Regular giving in March was \$936.02 under the budget estimate. Year to date regular giving is less than the budget estimate by \$4646.30 Special giving for March was \$2663.70

Mor	nthly Summary	1		Prio	r Year
	Month	Yr-to-date	Budget 2023	Mar 2022	YTD 2022
Pledged/Unpledged	\$19,736.90	\$57,995.45	\$250,347.00	\$18,299.00	\$55,819.00
Loose	\$5.00	\$44.00	\$800.00	\$65.00	\$69.00
Misc	\$401.00	\$551.00	\$1,800.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Total Operating Income	\$20,142.90	\$58,590.45	\$252,947.00	\$18,464.00	\$55,988.00
Total Special Gifts	\$2,663.70	\$11,941.27		\$1,885.33	\$5,024.22
Total Non-Operating Income	\$2,663.70	\$11,941.27		\$1,885.33	\$5,024.22
Total Church Income	\$22,806.60	\$70,531.72		\$20,349.33	\$61,012.22
Number Sundays	4	13	53	4	13
Average Operating/Sunday	\$5,035.73	\$4,506.96	\$4,772.58	\$4,616.00	\$4,306.77

2023 Special Giving Summary

			Thriven	t Choice Do	llars
Special	Month	Yr-to-date	Allocated To:	Date	Received
Adult Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	Back Pack Program	02/08/23	\$12.00
Back Pack Program	\$0.00	S312.00	Food Pantry	02/08/23	\$25.00
Building Fund	\$120.00	\$482.50	Back Pack Program	03/21/23	\$192.00
Carol Joy Holling Scholarships	\$0.00	\$0.00	Quilt Ministry	03/21/23	\$29.00
College Scholarship Fund	\$0.00	S324.00			
Cross at the Heart	\$0.00	\$0.00			
Donuts	\$39.00	S123.75			
Easter Lilies	\$259.03	\$259. 0 3			
Food Pantry	\$267.00	S617.81			
NYG & SCRIP	\$523.49	S1,357.07			
ELCA World Hunger	\$0.00	S10.23			
Immanuel Community Foundation	\$0.00	\$6,0 0 0. 0 0			
Worship Technology	\$0.00	\$650.00			
Betty Dasenbrock Memorial	\$0.00	S25.00			
Clinic With A Heart	\$0.00	S100.00			
Lent, World Central Kitchen	\$1,072.00	S1,287.00			
Harvest Host	\$19.18	S28.88			
Quilt Ministry	\$29.00	\$29.00			
Scholarship Fund	\$335.00	\$335.00			
Total	\$2,663.70	S11,941.27			



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MAY, 2023 CALENDAR - ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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				9:00am Quilting	OFFICE CLOSED	9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship Time
			31	30	MEMORIAL DAY 29	10:00am Fellowsnip Time 28
4:00pm Jensen Renewal Ceremony	7:00am Men's Bible study	10:00amLincoln NE Elementary Meetup 1:00pm Yoga	6:00pm Bible Study	9:00am Quilting	OFFICE CLOSED	9:00am Worship/Prayer Station/High School Senior Sunday
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Meeting	1:00pm Iris Society Meeting Set-up 7:00pm Pack Meeting	Elementary Meetup 1:00pm Yoga 7:00pm Stamping Up Club	-	7:00pm Council	1:00pm Dominoes Group	10:00am Fellowship Time 6:30pm Movie Night: "Risen"
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Saturday	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday	Sunday



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