



The Messenger

St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

September 2017



A welcoming community, blessed by God's grace, joyfully serving Jesus Christ and spreading the Good News—God's promise of eternal life.

Don't Forget!

In observance of Labor Day, the church office will be closed on September 4th.

Note: All Committees will meet on Tuesday, September 5th, at 6:15PM.

**SAVE THE DATE!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH!**

ELCA Global Church Sunday! God's Work, Our Hands! Rally Day!



All are welcome to join us on Sunday, September 10th, as we celebrate the ministries of our global church, serve our community, and celebrate the beginning of our program year!

The festivities begin with worship at 9:30AM. During worship, we will uplift the wonderful ministries of the ELCA Global Mission Unit. We will sing hymns with musical styles from all over the globe, and we will collect a special offering to support ELCA Global Mission. Plus, our children will be singing during worship!

Then, following worship, everyone is invited into Bethsaida Hall for brunch sponsored by the Witness and Learning teams. In addition to brunch, there will be lots of fun activities for children and families.

After brunch, there will be several service opportunities related to the annual ELCA "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday including a community project with Tanager Place, quilt-tying, and cross decorating for a special project related to the Reformation Hymn Festival. Note: If you ordered a God's Work, Our Hands t-shirt and haven't paid yet, please drop off your payment with Kristin in the church office so she can record that you paid.



**God's work.
Our hands.**

Join us for a great day of celebration and service on September 10th!

**For more details on upcoming faith formation opportunities here at St. Andrew, check out page 7!
It's going to be an exciting program year!**

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings, good people of St. Andrew!

"We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single great mission compels us from above. To plan and work together that all may know God's love." "We All Are One in Mission" (ELW 576)

At the beginning of August, I flew to Atlanta, GA, to attend the first-ever ELCA Rostered Ministers Gathering. Its theme was *On the Way Together*, and it focused on Luke 24:13-35, which is the story of Jesus' walk to Emmaus with two of his disciples. My time at the gathering was filled with excellent speakers, thought-provoking Bible studies, workshops, service learning experiences (including my visit to the Martin Luther King Jr. Center), and worship. In addition, there was plenty of time for fellowship and relationship building with other rostered leaders from across the entire ELCA; I met rostered leaders from California, New York, Washington, Texas, Florida, and many places in between! This experience created a sense that we are truly in this together as a church, and being together is what helps us to be that love of Christ our world so desperately needs right now.

On my flight home from Atlanta, I began to think about how tempting it is for us as individual congregations to become territorial with our ministry and our members. I pondered what could cause a congregation to be so against working together with other congregations. Is it a fear that other congregations might look more attractive and "steal" members? Is it a heritage thing, i.e. we're Swedish and they're Norwegian? Is it some ages-old rivalry?

The truth of the matter is: whether it is a ministry of the ELCA churchwide expression, a ministry of the Southeastern Iowa Synod or any of the other 65 synods in the ELCA, or a ministry of one of the 12 churches of the Cedar Rapids metro area, it is a ministry of the ELCA, which is a ministry of Christ's Church. What would it look like for our 12 ELCA congregations—St. Andrew, First, Gloria Dei, Our Savior's, Holy Redeemer, Hope, St. Stephen's in Cedar Rapids; Faith, Resurrection, Ascension in Marion; Trinity in Walford; or St. John's in Ely—to do a ministry project together that serves the Cedar Rapids metro area?! How might that transform this community of 266,000+ people.

Of course, each church must discern their own sense of mission within the neighborhood in which they are located and where they serve, but that doesn't mean our churches have to be individual and separate in all areas of ministry. Take, for example, the opportunity we have as a congregation to donate funds to Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) to help aid our friends in Christ who live in the Gulf Coast area of Texas. Many of my pastor colleagues from all over the country have encouraged the congregations they serve to give to LDR. Bishop Burk has sent a letter to all congregations in the SEIA synod, urging them to give to LDR to help those in need in Texas. The ELCA National Youth Gathering leaders issued a statement that notes they are looking forward to "getting to work" this June in order to help rebuild and renew the Houston community. That will be at least 30,000 youth and adults from the ELCA working in Houston to help! We too have a chance to be a part of an ELCA-wide effort with this ministry. Isn't it amazing that Christ's Church can come together like that so that the good news can be proclaimed in an area that is suffering and without much hope right now?!

It is certainly good news that what ties us together with other ELCA congregations, ELCA synods, and ELCA churchwide is the fact that we have been claimed by Jesus Christ and that the Holy Spirit gathers us around word and table each week. This alone is what makes us strong and what causes us to be an agent for change and transformation in our hurting world. God has great plans for us as a church, whether that is we, the congregation of St. Andrew, or we, the entire ELCA. Together, we will change the world through growing together and sharing God's love together. After all, *"We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all!"*

Peace and blessings,
Pastor Zach

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The August 3, 2017 council meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Pete Martin. Members present (P) were as follows:

P	Lillian Davis	P	Dan Lewis	P	Chris Schwartzhoff
P	Susan Gray	P	Bill Logan	P	Eric Walker
P	Lori Hardin	P	Pete Martin	E	Open Position
P	Pastor Zach Johnson	P	Stephen Nilsen	E	Open Position

Also in attendance: Robyn Cave (for report on preschool) & Chris from Cutting Edge (playground update)
 A motion was made, seconded and approved (m/s/a) to accept the attendance as is.

Devotion: Pete Martin shared a devotional reading.

Minutes: A motion was m/s/a to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2017 Council Meeting.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Zach Johnson reported that the outdoor worship service on July 16 went well with only minor complaints about the ability to access the park. Council members all indicated that they had not heard any negative feedback about the worship service, and many were excited to try this again. Pastor Zach also reported that VBS was very fun and an enthusiastic week of learning and activities was enjoyed by all who participated. Pastor thanked several members of the VBS leadership team. Pastor also thanked the whole congregation for their cooperation during his family vacation in July. Pastor confirmed that our leadership retreat will be Saturday, August 19 from 9am-3pm at the Synod office, and asked that we have an announcement to encourage all to participate in leading the mission of our church forward. The retreat will be co-led by Pastor Erika Uthe from the synod office. A questionnaire will be sent to council and should be forwarded to committees to provide input about the way members see our church and where they would like to see it go. Pastor will be out of the office from August 5 through August 13 at a Rostered Leaders convention in Atlanta; Pastor David Young will be preaching and presiding while Pastor Travis Borosky will cover any pastoral care needs. Pastor reported that September 10 will be Rally Sunday combined with Global Church Sunday and God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. There will be a section on the ELCA global mission during worship with a possible guest speaker, a brunch hosted by the learning committee will be held after worship, and a service project will be held somewhere in the community. *Lillian Davis will meet with Chris Formanek about ordering new God's Work, Our Hands t-shirts. A motion was m/s/a to accept the Pastor's report as submitted.*

Treasurer's Report: Dan Lewis reported July was a good month financially: a stock gift helped with the revenue, and our largest expense was paying state payroll taxes; total giving was \$20,399.90, while expenses were \$15,993.38. The general fund carried a positive balance of \$3,012.33 at July month end, and the overall bank balance was a positive \$31,491.67.

Business Items

Robyn's Nest Pre-School/Day Care: Robyn Cave, owner/director of The Robyn's Nest, met with Council to provide an update to the preschool/daycare program. Robyn thanked Pete Martin and all that helped with repairing her air conditioning. Robyn indicated she would like to do an end-of-summer/back-to-school get-together on a Thursday or Friday evening, and since school starts August 23, asked if August 18 or 19 would work. Pastor Zach confirmed that there is nothing on the schedule at that time, so both dates were tentatively approved. Robyn will choose one with her families and confirm with Kristin. Robyn and Chris indicated that they would like to explore the idea of building the playground off the south side of the church (possibly removing the driveway on that side of the building) from the corner by the office to the corner by the preschool. Since the congregation has approved the location in the front of the building on the west side, discussion was tabled for a separate meeting and any change to the plan would have to be presented to the congregation. Robyn indicated that her new phone has the app for the recently-installed security system, but the weakness of the wi-fi coverage at that end of the building is not allowing her to send the signal to enter. *Pete will be installing a wi-fi signal booster that will provide stronger signal at that end of the building.*

Rally Sunday – September 10: Some further discussion was held around the Rally Sunday (primarily discussed during the Pastor's report), but Eric Walker added that Tanager Place or Youth Port would likely be the service project. Council instructed that Eric should research which organization needs our support more and then we will support that decision.

Financial Assistance Requests: Stephen Nilsen reported that business cards with contact information for some local assistance organizations will arrive August 9. Stephen reported the total cost was around \$20. Council thanked Stephen for his efforts in these cards, which will be available in the office.

Refrigerator Replacement: Pete Martin reported that he has continued shopping for refrigerators (22 cu. ft) and is likely to purchase one from Home Depot soon. *Pete will continue shopping for a refrigerator replacement. A motion was m/s/a to offer the old refrigerator to the congregation first, and if no one takes the offer, we will contact Habitat for Humanity ReStore to donate it to them.*

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-CONTINUED

St Andrew Rejuvenation Clean-up: Pete Martin reported that he and Eric Walker have cleared out more space by removing the desk that was in the work room, and Eric Walker indicated that they have spoken with Kristin about removing the countertop in that room as well. Once that much space is open, council will approach St Andrew Youth about possibly using that space as the youth room since the couches are already in that room and there is a lot of open room without the tables set up for counting. A discussion was held about the bulletin folding machine, and Pete and Eric will look into having it repaired. Further discussion was held about changing the bulletin format to an 8.5x11 size paper. Eric also reported that the quilters area in the back of Bethsaida Hall has been reorganized, and that we have gotten rid of the old pink kids chairs, and the small kids tables may have an interested person.

Resignation of Paul Thulin from Council: *A motion was m/s/a to accept Paul Thulin's immediate resignation from council with great appreciation for his work on council and around church. Council will ask other possible members if they would like to join council to serve out the remainder of 2017.*

Replacing the Council Positions Formerly Held by Karen Wolf and Paul Thulin: Council discussed some possible new members of council that had been asked and will continue to seek a replacement for the open positions formerly held by the now-resigned Karen Wolf and Paul Thulin for the rest of 2017.

Building Use Approval: Pete Martin reported that we have approved (by email vote earlier in the week) the use of the church kitchen and Bethsaida Hall for a member's baby shower on Saturday, August 5 from 12 pm to 3 pm. Church will already be unlocked at the beginning by the people working around the church, and *Susan Gray will lock the church at the end of the baby shower.*

Committee & Ministry Team Reports

Memorial Committee: Dan Lewis reported that the Memorial Committee has discussed purchasing additional flower stands for use during funerals or other such occasions when we need more than the two flower stands we have. Council supported the purchase of additional flower stands. Pastor Zach also brought up the idea of having candle stands to flank the pulpit that match the candle stands around the communion table. *Pastor Zach will look into candle stands that match the current candle stands and report back with the cost.*

Worship Committee: Bill Logan reported that the Worship and Personnel Committees are continuing to pursue a few candidates for the open choir director position. Eric Walker indicated he could check with a few connections he has to local colleges for other possible candidates.

Learning Committee: Susan Walker shared the committee meeting notes with council via email.

Service Committee: Pete Martin indicated we will have a school supply shopping blitz for those in need (fill some backpacks to donate to a local organization). *The CPOD for this weekend will announce the school supply shopping blitz held after church on August 13. Stephen will draft and post flyers.*

Facilities Committee: Pete Martin reported that Sam McCord has begun researching the cost of replacing the parking lot asphalt.

Reception of Petitions: Stephen Nilsen shared a thank-you letter from Mission of Hope for financial support during May and June.

Feedback from the Congregation: None

Upcoming Meetings & Important Dates:

Leadership Retreat: Saturday, August 19, 2017 – 9am-3pm at Synod Office – carpool from church

All Committee Nights: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 @ 6:15 pm
Monday, October 2, 2017 @ 6:15 pm

Council Meetings: Thursday, September 7, 2017 @ 6:30 pm (Snacks by Eric Walker, Devotions by Bill Logan)
Thursday, October 5, 2017 @ 6:30 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephen Nilsen, Secretary

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

07/31/17

Financial Summary

	Current Month	YTD	%	Budgeted
<u>Our Giving</u>				
Offering	15,068	132,411		
Simply Giving	5,332			
Beginning Balance		-4,056		
Total Gifts	20,400	128,355	61%	210,449
<u>Expenses</u>				
	Current Month	YTD	%	Budgeted
Benevolent Ministries	-	6,400	89%	7,200
Operating Expenses	15,993	122,493	58%	209,537
Total Expenses	15,993	128,893	59%	216,737
Difference + or (-)	4,407	-538		

MINISTRY MUSINGS

Ministry Musings

Submitted by Deacon Gayla Crosmer, St. Andrew Member

“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.” Romans 8:26-27

When I served at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church on the southeast side of Cedar Rapids, the gathered assembly would often sing as a response to the intercessions prayed by the assisting minister, a piece of music located in the Service Music section of the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal. This short piece of music says: “The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express.” What a comfort and sense of reassurance many felt within their beings when they sang these words.

We as children of God sometimes feel overwhelmed with life. We sometimes wonder if we've made the right decision. Sometimes we worry how we will make this paycheck stretch to the next one. We may ask why our loved one is ill or nearing death. We may be fearful that that one relationship may not be reconciled. In these many and various cases, we can be assured that the Holy Spirit will intercede on our behalf if we are unable to name our concerns to God.

God loves each of us and only asks for us to fear, love, and trust in God above all things. I believe it is through our prayer life and worship life that we are able to begin to do this. Each week we gather together here at St. Andrew to worship God through Word and Sacrament. In our daily devotions we spend time with God through Scripture and prayer.

There are many different ways to pray. We can take a walk in nature. We can spend time in the sanctuary here at St. Andrew. We may have a special place in our home or office. We may have a comfy chair in the corner of a room. We know and trust that it is through prayer our relationship with God is strengthened. When our relationship with God is strengthened then our relationships with others are also strengthened.

Personally, I have learned that having a prayer companion with whom I meet on a regular basis helps me stay focused on which concerns are necessary and which are merely spinning my wheels. We pray for each other at other times as well. There are times when each of us must rely on the Spirit to intercede for us, because words “just don't come.”

A prayer companion is indeed a very precious gift from God. I urge you to seek one out, if you do not presently have a prayer partner. If you would like to have a conversation with me at any time about prayer, I'm here. Keep on praying.

Shalom,
Deacon Gayla

“WHY ST ANDREW IS MY CHURCH HOME”

Why St Andrew is my church home

Submitted by Pete Martin, St. Andrew Council President

Well I guess it started when I received a hearty, friendly, smiling greeting at the church doors. You see, a few months prior to my very first visit to St Andrew, I got an invitation from a member of St Andrew. His name is Steve and we both met through our work here in Cedar Rapids. I was a new employee as well as new to Iowa, and Steve was mentoring me and several others on the job. When Steve asked me if I had a church that I attended, I felt a bit guilty that I had not been actively seeking to join a church. In fact, I hadn't been to church in many years. But why not?

Well that's another story in itself. To make a long story, ahem, a bit longer, I was raised a Catholic (no jeers please). Lets face it ...Catholic guilt is REAL. Besides being taunted and scolded by Nuns, at a young age God was a very scary guy. I knew God as being very judgmental and early on, I knew this sinner didn't stand a chance of making it to Heaven. Nope. No saving me. My soul was destined to fuel Satan's furnace. No amount of Church going and praying was going to do me any good. As soon as I confessed my sins to the Priest on Saturday night I had 14 hrs to be good until Sunday Communion. FAIL! I was BAD somehow somehow. And I know God knew I SINNED. So after I left home, I just quit going to church. I was too busy with a career and living life large. Selfish and self-centered. But all that money and all those material things weren't making me happy. Yes I was happy with my new wife and family, but for a long time I knew there was something missing in my life. I was often stressed out about money, children, work, and my marriage was starting to suffer. I was often cynical and angry at the world. I was feeling out of control. I had to make a change. Maybe going to church could make a difference.

Then 911 happened. Our great, safe nation was shaken to its core. Who would do such a thing. Why did it happen. This great tragedy was bring people together to pray, to help and support one another. I wouldn't say that 911 was the only reason I sought to find a church home, but it sure to be a good way to find calm among the chaos.

I remembered Steve's invitation and I decided to take a chance and visit St Andrew. That very next Sunday, I didn't know what to expect as I approached to the church door. After all, my prior church experience as a Catholic was being one of many, lost in a large crowd of devote Catholics. Stand up, sit down, kneel until your knees ached. Pass the offering basket 3 times. Avoid the Priest on the way out because he knows you haven't been to confession in years.

Well my first Sunday at St Andrew was a wonderful experience. Chuck greeted me at the door and made me feel very welcome. I was introduced to a Pastor who called himself Ed. He took the time to shake my hand and welcome me also and we briefly got acquainted. The Service as a bit different than Mass, not totally foreign to me. After service, I was made to feel very special as many of the regulars took the time to introduce themselves and chat. I said to myself, Wow this is great...everyone knows one another. My first impression was great. That is why I came back with my family. Since then I have learned that being Lutheran at St Andrew is about growing my relationship with God and sharing God's love in our community.

Thank you Steve Sachjen, Thank you Chuck Thulin, Thank you Pastor Ed, Thank you Pastor Zach. And you to all my wonderful friends at St Andrew in sharing together our walk with Jesus.

Pete Martin
President, St Andrew Council

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

St. Andrew Learning Together



Our Faith Formation committee has been busy this summer! We learned so much last year about what worked (and what didn't!) for our church family in Christian Education. We are so grateful for your participation and feedback! Our program has evolved into something we are calling **SALT: St. Andrew Learning Together**. A church like ours is first and foremost about relationships, and cross generational learning is a wonderful way to develop and strengthen these important ties. It follows a format designed to help each one of us, from our youngest child to our most learned adult, gain something new from the lessons Christ has given us to learn.

We found a great curriculum that works in a similar fashion to our VBS program, where we are given a biblical basis with different options to choose from to suit our needs. One of the things we loved about our VBS program this summer was the way it offered different ways for people to be a part of it. In a similar way, our new SALT program will have various roles for every member of St. Andrew to contribute! No need to commit to a whole semester of teaching Sunday School; we will have sign up sheets for you to find an opportunity to lead a lesson, bring the snack, do a skit, read a story, sing a song, and many other fun and inspiring ways to share the Good News with one another. Use your time, talents, and abilities in the way God calls you, whether it is a single Sunday or many! Look for Susan Gray and her clipboard around church to help this ministry succeed!

We will have our first Sunday of SALT following worship on September 17th! See you then!

Wednesday Night SALT: Are you longing for more time for you and your family to grow in faith? Do you feel like you can't always make it to church on Sundays? Do you wish you could have some time away from all the stress of daily life? If so, come and join us on Wednesdays at 7:00PM, beginning September 13th, for a refreshing hour of growing in faith through meaningful conversations and worship. We will gather for a time of singing, prayer, small group learning, and Holy Communion. Think of it as a new way to worship, which includes time for conversation around the Bible and our faith. So why not come and join us and let the Holy Spirit increase your heart for God!



Sunday Adult Forum—By Heart: Conversations With Luther's Small Catechism

On October 31st, 1517, a German Old Testament Professor changed the course of the church forever when he nailed the *95 Theses* to the church door in Wittenberg. Now, 500 years later, Martin Luther's theology and teachings have helped to guide the church in its proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. One of Luther's most influential documents was the *Small Catechism*, an at-home guide that parents used to teach children about Jesus and our faith. Today, this document is still widely used as an instructive tool for teaching about our belief in Jesus. However, a lot of Lutherans haven't read or studied the *Small Catechism* since they were in confirmation and have forgotten its instruction. I can't think of a better way to begin our celebration of the 500th observance of the Reformation than to open the catechism once more and study its contents! Please join me every Sunday after worship, beginning September 17th, for a meaningful and enlightening conversation with the *Small Catechism*. -Pastor Zach

Coming Alive! Observing 500 Years of God's Reforming Through Lutheran-Catholic Spiritual Dialogue

Sunday, September 17th, 3:00PM-4:30PM, at St. Andrew

You are invited to join people from St. Andrew and St. Ludmila for an afternoon of open conversation and learning. The history between Lutherans and Catholics has been full of disagreements, but there is much we share in common. As God continues to reform the church, Lutherans and Catholics have begun to reconcile their differences, realizing that what holds us together is our faith in Jesus Christ. This will be the first of 4 open dialogue conversations; the topic will be: *The 95 Theses and Vatican II: Reconciling the Reformation*. And, of course, refreshments will be provided!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OUR PRAYERS

The family of Rev. Jim Adix (passed away Aug. 4th)

The family of Ben Eye, Lori Lutsch's father (passed away Aug. 18th)

The family of Elwin Cabbage, Beth Horth's father (passed away Aug. 22nd)

Assisted Living/Nursing Home Residents:

Sandra Brenneman & Lita Schminke

Prayers and cards are appreciated; addresses available from the church office.

HOSPITALIZED OR HAVING SURGERY? If you or a loved one is hospitalized or will be having surgery, please contact the church office especially if you would like a pastoral visit.

JOIN THE PRAYER CHAIN: Praying for others and knowing others are praying for you can be a healing experience. If you would like to join the St. Andrew Prayer Chain, please email Nan Schroeder at nanlschroeder3@gmail.com.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Please sign up on the flower chart in the narthex. Please indicate 1 or 2 bouquets. The current cost is \$20 each. The church administrator will then be in touch with you.

BULLETINS & NEWSLETTERS: Bulletin announcements are due on Wednesdays. The deadline for the October *Messenger* is September 21st.

BUILDING REPAIRS FUND: Thank you for your additional financial support for the "Building Repairs Fund" to help with facilities expenses. Additional donations to the "Building Repairs Fund" are still needed and greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU, FELLOWSHIP HOSTS! It's hard to believe that summer has already passed, and another three months of Sunday Fellowship hours are history! Thank you to all the folks who took a turn at hosting this pleasant summer tradition, as members, friends and guests of St. Andrew enjoyed refreshments and time to relax and enjoy one another's company. The ministry of hospitality and fellowship are definitely important and truly are worth the effort. The signup pages were not all available, and rather than name some and miss some, please accept these sincere words of appreciation to every one of you! Perhaps we can have some "off season" fellowship hours in the coming months — please let Mary Rogers know if you'd be interested in supporting this activity.



WEEKLY DEVOTIONS AREN'T "FALLING" OFF!

Every weekend, members and friends of St. Andrew have the opportunity to take a few minutes to read a short devotional message written for them by laypersons of our congregation. These friendly, encouraging messages provide an extension of the ministry of our church as these are sent via e-mail, posted on the congregational Facebook page, and circulated in other ways as well. Some members forward a devotion to friends or family members, some re-post it on their own Facebook page, and others pick up a printed copy and give or send it to a person who would appreciate it. In this way, we're participating in both "outreach" and "inreach", sharing within and beyond our walls! Contributors are needed and will be warmly welcomed! Talk to Mary Rogers or Pastor Zach for encouragement.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!

God's blessings to everyone celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month! If your special day is not listed or is listed incorrectly, please update the church office.



Birthdays:

2: Eleanor Walker
5: Jason Pierce
9: Alex Bahmann
11: Doug Nelson
12: Andrea Kula
12: Mary Rogers
12: John Winter
13: John Schuchmann Jr.
14: Heather Gire
15: Lori Hardin
17: Jean Dallege
17: Julie Peglow
17: Marcy Walker
18: Michael Barton
18: Kara Leyse
18: Audrey Salmon
19: John Peglow
21: Andy Goodrich
21: Katherine Johnson

23: Gail Miller
23: Melinda Reeder
23: Megan Van Kirk
26: Ron Brandt
26: Adam Walker
27: Gayla Crosmer
27: Karla Hamdorf
28: Kelly Leyse
28: Craig Nilsen
28: Nan Schroeder
29: Bill Logan
30: Ann Beem

Anniversaries:

3: Jeff & Tamara Korth
11: Mike & Chris Calef
12: Mike & Marcia Skow
13: Vernon & Martha Gericke
18: Steve & Angie Mudd
23: Irv & Kathy Schau
27: John & Julie Peglow

ANNOUNCEMENTS—CONTINUED

CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNICATION PROJECT: The Witness Committee is putting together a means by which important and time-sensitive information can be quickly communicated to members of our congregation. For instance, if a member dies and a funeral service is planned, it can't be assumed that everyone will read an obituary in the newspaper, or that they will hear about it from someone else.

In an effort to meet this need, we're working on creating a congregational communication method, probably using a combination of telephone and e-mail contacts. At least four individuals acting as captains are needed — these would be people who will start the phone calls to additional volunteers. This means support and cooperation from the members of St. Andrew.

We intend to create a group e-mail program like the one used for the weekly devotion, and that will cover those for whom we have e-mail contact. The information will also be posted on the St. Andrew Facebook page. For those who aren't online and who might not be at worship to hear an announcement, the "tree" should cover their needs. There will be an insert in upcoming worship bulletins, and additional copies in the narthex, asking for your preference for contact means (e-mail or telephone) and for updated information. If you're willing to support and participate in this plan, please talk to a member of the Witness Committee — Bonnie Taylor, Lori Hardin, Mary Rogers, Jan Mudd, Chris Formanek or Lyal Bauer.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Volunteers are needed for various roles including greeters, ushers, communion servers, assisting ministers—just to name a few! Please sign up in the narthex. Thank you! Note: If there are still openings by the newsletter deadline, volunteers may be assigned using time/talents information; if there are dates on which you are not available, please notify Kristin in the church office.

REMINDER ABOUT NEWER DOOR SYSTEM: St. Andrew's doors remain locked during daytime hours while Robyn's Nest Preschool is in session. If you need to access the building for church-related tasks during office hours and do not have a key, please ring the doorbell on the right side of the main entrance. If you do not have a key and come outside the designated office hours, it is possible that no one may be available to "buzz" you in. If possible, please contact the church office ahead of time to confirm your plans. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all get used to this new system.

CHURCH OFFICE RE-ORGANIZING EFFORTS are underway! In order to make better use of the space, some items and supplies have been or may be relocated. If you need help finding anything, please don't hesitate to ask Kristin. Note: We are also in the process of sorting through and re-organizing miscellaneous items, supplies, files, and other resources; this may be an ongoing project for some time. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

GARDEN NEWS! Where has the summer gone?? Our garden has been busy all summer!! This year we have swiss chard growing and it has been a great crop! Every Friday this summer we have been out harvesting about 6 to 7 large (40 gallon) bags of swiss chard. This has been an ongoing crop that we can give to Feed Iowa First. We also received exciting news about the garden... Women's Magazine is doing a photo shoot of our garden! Women's Magazine is doing a story on Sonia, she started Feed Iowa First, and Sonia choose our garden for the photo shoot. This is exciting that St Andrew will be talked about in a large magazine on how we are helping feed those in need. I want to thank everyone who has helped with the garden, and watch for St Andrew and Feed Iowa First in Women's Magazine soon!

SUPPORT S.A.Y WITH CANS/BOTTLES: You may still drop off clean, empty, and rinsed **IA-refundable** cans and bottles. There are boxes marked "Cans only" and "Plastic only." Glass is NOT accepted. Thank your for your support of the St. Andrew Youth!

GRACIOUS GROCERIES: Items listed can be collected in the cart in the Narthex. Thank you for supporting Gracious Groceries & Crossroads Mission.

Food items needed: canned meats, peanut butter, instant and dry cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, canned soups and broth, canned ravioli/spaghetti, pasta sauces, macaroni and cheese, instant potatoes, side dish mix pouches, rice/beans/pasta, salt/pepper/seasonings, sugar/flour, pancake mix/syrup, cake mixes/frosting, cooking oil, protein bars/snack items, crackers, coffee/juice

Other items needed: toilet paper, dish soap, liquid hand soap, trash bags, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, soap, shampoo/conditioner, feminine hygiene products, hand towels, bath towels, kitchen towels, wash cloths, cleaning supplies

September 2017 Calendar—St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Pastor's Sabbath 9:00AM Bulletin Assembly 1:00PM Blessed Piecemakers	5:30PM Worship
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:30AM Worship 10:45AM Fellowship and children's music practice	Labor Day— church office closed	6:15PM All Committee Meetings *Note: change from usual pattern due to Labor Day Holiday	6:30PM Choir 7:00PM Confirmation Orientation meeting	6:30PM Church Council Meeting	Pastor's Sabbath 9:00AM Bulletin Assembly 1:00PM Blessed Piecemakers	5:30PM Worship
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:30AM Bell Choir 9:30AM Worship followed by brunch and service projects <i>*God's Work, Our Hands/Global Church/Rally Sunday*</i>	6:30PM Blessed Piecemakers	11:30AM STARS brunch at church with program by Ron W. 6:30PM Group Meet- ing (Sue H.)	6:30PM Choir 6:30PM Confirmation		Pastor's Sabbath 9:00AM Bulletin Assembly 1:00PM Blessed Piecemakers	9:00AM-12:00PM Event (Marcia L.) 5:30PM Worship
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:30AM Bell Choir 9:30AM Worship 10:45AM SALT & <i>By Heart</i> Adult Forum 3:00PM Lutheran- Catholic Dialogue	6:30PM Blessed Piecemakers 6:45PM Mutual Min- istry Committee 7:00PM CR Railfans		6:30PM Choir 6:30PM Confirmation	Messenger Deadline	Pastor's Sabbath 9:00AM Bulletin Assembly 1:00PM Blessed Piecemakers	5:30PM Worship
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:30AM Bell Choir 9:30AM Worship 10:45AM SALT & <i>By Heart</i> Adult Forum	6:30PM Blessed Piecemakers <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Pastor at Tri-Synodical Conference</div>		6:30PM Choir 6:30PM Confirmation	Women's Bible Study ("Katie's Ladies") meets at Vino's/RG Books beginning at 5:30PM	Pastor's Sabbath 9:00AM Bulletin Assembly 1:00PM Blessed Piecemakers	5:30PM Worship

Walking Moai meets at Noelridge Park on Thursdays at 6:30PM

Coffee Moai meets at Roaster's on Saturdays at 9:30AM, beginning Sept. 16th

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