



Good News

Together, we seek to know Christ and make him known.

From the Rector

With November comes the season of feasts and holidays. It begins with the Feast of All Saints when we remember the saints who formed us and continually guide us by the way they lived their lives. The echo of their lives and their witness to love and hope rings bittersweet in our hearts—we rejoice in remembering, but often experience pangs of loss and loneliness when we do so.

This bittersweet jumbling of emotions; joy, loss, remembrance, and loneliness that are so prevalent on All Saints will be our companions throughout the holiday season. All around us are images of abundance in food, family, and friends. We cannot escape these media-generated expectations. And when these impossibly perfect images of the season do not reflect our reality, it is hard not to, at times, feel isolated and alone.

As Christians, we know we are never alone—our loving God, incarnate in Jesus Christ, walks with us through all the seasons of our lives. That said, we are only human, and sometimes our negative (and very real) emotions get the best of us.

Please, dear friends, do not deprive yourself of your community of faith during this season of love, hope, and (sometimes) loneliness. Your family at St. Andrew craves your company (really) in whatever state you find yourself. We are truly companions along the way and your family by adoption, not by tribe or blood. We will walk together, carrying each other as needs be, laughing or weeping, through this holiday season, and all the seasons to come. We will carry each other's joys and burdens until we find ourselves home with Christ, together. As always, our Savior has the last, best word for us all: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27

Gratefully in Christ,
Lisa+



Fill a Bag for Thanksgiving

Share some love this Thanksgiving by donating a bag filled with food items that will add to our Food Pantry neighbor's Thanksgiving feast.

St. Andrew is partnering with Advent Lutheran Church to distribute 50 bags of food items during the Thanksgiving week Food Pantry. We need your help to provide a few side dishes. Items needed include dinner rolls and butter, jars of gravy or packets of gravy mix, and cans of fruit cocktail and packages of Jello. If you are unable to shop, please give a donation for the items or the purchase of a frozen pie.

Empty bags with an attached list are available in the Narthex. Please help our neighbors have a Happy Thanksgiving by filling a bag and bringing it back by Sunday, November 17th.

Let's Try This Again!

Rake & Cake

Last month we scheduled a day to rake the leaves at St. Andrew with just one small problem - the leaves had not fallen off the tree yet! So we're trying it again in the hopes that Mother Nature will cooperate! We have rescheduled the raking day for Sunday, November 17th right after the 10:30 AM and Noon church services. Stay and rake and enjoy a slice of cake for your efforts. If you have a rake please bring it. Some extra rakes will be available.



November Celebrations

Anniversaries

Ryan & Julie Symonds 01

Birthdays

Jeries Bishara 01

Alissa Sitkowski 01

Susan Zuber 04

Ben Herczog 05

Don Koehler 10

Teagan Koehler 12

Amy Dittebrand 12

Ann Russell 16

Bryson Koehler 18

Joseph Sturm 19

Ted Herczog 24

Jeanne Griffith 27

Leo Poitras 28

Dates to Remember: November

- 2 - Harvest Blessings Festival, 5 - 8 PM
- 3 - All Saints' Sunday, 10:30 AM & Noon
- 3 - Stewardship Ingathering
- 5 - Election Day Bake Sale, 6 AM - Sold Out
- 8 & 9 - Diocesan Convention
- 16 - Window Washing Day, 10 AM
- 17 - Return filled Thanksgiving Bags
- 17 - Rake & Cake, following 10:30 AM & Noon services
- 20 - Vestry Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 28 - Thanksgiving: Church Office Closed

CALLING ALL BAKERS

Tuesday, **November 5th**, is the Election Day **Bake Sale!** Please plan to donate baked goods that will be sold to the hungry voters during voting hours. This is a fundraiser that goes directly to the church, so please support St. Andrew by bringing your baked goods to the church by Tuesday (leave in parish hall kitchen). Or bake on Election Day and bring the fresh-baked treats during the day on Tuesday. And don't forget to stop by and see what's for sale on Election Day. We have some wonderful bakers at St. Andrew



The Browns cooler is just one of the fabulous baskets donated to our basket ticket raffle. Thanks to our Adult Formation class for putting it together.

Harvest of Blessings Fall Festival

Come to the Fall Festival on Saturday, November 2nd from 5 to 8 PM. All are welcome for an evening of fellowship and fun. Bring your best chili to compete in the Chili Cook-Off, or just come and be a judge. In addition to the Chili Cook-Off we'll also have a Harvest Veggie Side and Apple Dessert Contest. The evening also includes a scavenger hunt, crafts, cornhole, candy bar bingo, a piñata for the kids and our popular basket ticket raffle. Bring your family, friends and neighbors!

God Blesses Us...*Share the Gift!*

Kim Herczog, Junior Warden

I think I drew the short straw... Kim, talk about the budget during the stewardship campaign. Who likes that word? Budget?! I can feel people cringing in the pews. Personally, I love to spend without restrictions... don't we all? But aren't we taught to be stewards of our money, spend within our means?

When I was young, I took so much for granted. I'm sure many of us did. We were blessed to have food on the table, a roof over our heads and all the amenities that went with that. I remember how cool it was when we got our first microwave! I realize I'm (carbon) dating myself; now all the kids take one to college!! I took all that for granted.

As adults, now we are responsible for paying the household bills, not always fun especially without adequate funds. In a very practical sense, we need to know what funds are coming in so we know what monies can go out.

St. Andrew is our church home. We have bills to pay, a building and beautiful grounds that are gifts for us to maintain. Please, I ask, don't take them for granted. When the popular culture is screaming for attention elsewhere, churches like ours are struggling. We, St. Andrew, in fact are struggling. But we have faith and hope! We have faith in God and faith in God's people.

We are trying to be transparent with our finances. Our budget is published and presented to the congregation at the annual meeting. Each month the current financials are reviewed by the vestry. Each week we post the income amounts versus those pledged and budgeted in the bulletin.

I ask you to prayerfully consider your pledge. I ask you to submit that pledge, so that we can responsibly apply that money towards the operations here at St. Andrew. This building not only is our sanctuary for worship, but serves the community throughout the week in various capacities such as the food pantry distributions. Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous host a variety of meetings throughout the week at a nominal fee. There are yoga, Tai Chi and Zumba classes, bible studies, and Cub Scout meetings. And the list goes on...

St. Andrew is a gift, a blessing.... a place I hope my children and their children call home as well. In a society where violence makes the front page and the media and electrical devices steal our time, help St. Andrew spread the message that we are a sanctuary that worships a loving God, a Savior. We are a place of peace who welcomes all and a church of hope. Do not take that for granted.



Worship Times

Sundays:

10:30 AM

Holy Eucharist

12:00 PM

Contemporary Eucharist
with Celebration Band

Wednesdays:

11:00 AM

Healing & Eucharist

Special Thanks

A special thank you to our friend and fellow parishioner Mary Provins for her donation of a chest freezer to St. Andrew. Currently the only freezer for Parish use is the small freezer in the Worman Room kitchen refrigerator. The donated freezer will give us much more space to store food for St. Andrew events. Thanks Mary!



The St. Andrew Blessing of the Animals took place on October 6th. Pets Charlie and Kelly pranced, barked and received a blessing from Rev. Lisa. The Blessing of the Animals is celebrated in commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi. God bless all our pets!

Accessory Sale Big Success

The St. Andrew Accessory Sale held in October was a big success thanks to the hard work of the St. Andrew Women's Group and all the folks who donated items to the sale. The sale featured tables full of gently used jewelry, lots of scarves, a huge array of purses and even some vintage hats. Shoppers were delighted with the bargains they found at the sale. At the end of the day, the sale raised over \$1300 that will be used for building maintenance and repairs at St. Andrew.





Have you noticed the new bench in the hall near the Food Pantry? It was donated by the folks at Advent Lutheran church in memory of Ron Shorts a longtime Pantry volunteer. What a beautiful and useful memorial!

God Blesses Us... Share the Gift!

The stewardship ingathering for 2020 Pledge Cards is on Sunday, November 3rd. Please remember to bring your pledge card to turn in that day and generously commit to sharing your Time, Talent and Treasure. If you did not receive a Pledge Card, they are available in the Narthex.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 26 at
Noon
Trinity Cathedral
All are welcome to attend!



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