

# St. Andrew Lutheran Church

304 Morewood Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

*Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:00 a.m.*

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## July 2021

### Love Everyone ~ Exclude No One

St. Andrew Lutheran Congregation welcomes all who are seeking a place of healing and wholeness, a nurturing, faith-forming spiritual home. Our community embraces people of all ages, races, abilities, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, and family constellations. Come and See!

### Opportunities for Service

**Fresh Produce Distribution**  
Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

**East End Cooperative Ministries  
Shelter Dinner**  
Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 p.m.

### Worship Updates!

In July, St. Andrew's worship will continue at church on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. We have returned to full spoken congregational prayers and responses, having a lector for the readings, and a cantor to sing the hymns. We ask that attendees continue to wear a mask, maintain six-foot distancing, and refrain from communal singing. The worship committee and council have also made the decision to discontinue signups for Sunday worship, so there is no need to look for new signup links in your Friday "This Week at St. Andrew" emails—please feel free to simply come to worship!

### Outdoor Hymn Sing after Worship Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

Many people in the congregation have missed being able to sing in community over the time of the pandemic, and the worship committee discussed how we might do so again at St. Andrew. We have scheduled an informal (physically distanced) Hymn Sing to take place outside the church after worship on Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Think of some of your favorite hymns in the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal or just come and participate!

### ELCA Youth Gathering

*Is now scheduled for:*

**July 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Visit: <https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering>  
for more information.

### Worship Technology Team

With the return to worship in the sanctuary St. Andrew, will move to livestreaming services on various online platforms. Starting in July, we will be looking for a team of eight people to run the livestream, title screens, and sound system in teams of two each Sunday. Training will be provided, and the system is easy to operate. If you are interested in this new opportunity to help St. Andrew share the Good News of God in Christ Jesus, please speak with Director of Faith Formation Chris Atwood or contact him at [director.faith.formation@standrewpittsburgh.org](mailto:director.faith.formation@standrewpittsburgh.org) or by phone at 724-208-9169.

### 3456 Children's Activities

Third, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders (3456) will meet on **July 18<sup>th</sup>**, and **August 15<sup>th</sup>** from **3:00-5:00 p.m.** We also plan to attend Lutheran Day at Kennywood on **July 21<sup>st</sup>**.

## **From the Pastor** **Pastor Carmichael Will Be Away July 12<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Dear People of St. Andrew,

It has been such a gift to return to worship with God's gifts of Word and Sacrament and to see many of you there! I look forward to a time when others will be able to return and/or we get some other chance to connect.

I was excited to receive the news that our former intern/vicar Parker Kantos has received a call to ministry and will be ordained this month! Please see his message below.

On Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, Williams Stained Glass will be removing three sections (two from the Morewood side and one from the Centre side) of St. Andrew's stained glass windows to begin the restoration process. We look forward to the windows' renewed beauty once repaired and re-leaded, and a brightening up of the look from the outside when Williams installs new clear plate glass covers on the smaller windows later in the summer.

As you see above, I will be away from Pittsburgh from July 12<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>. My mom will be having hip replacement surgery on Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, and I will be returning to assist with her recovery. While I am away, Pastor Larry Kemp will lead worship on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. I should be available to check messages via phone, text, and email, but if you are in need of pastoral care during the first week, please contact Pastor Jennifer McCurry of First Lutheran Church downtown at 412-297-9953 or by email at [jpm@flcpittsburgh.org](mailto:jpm@flcpittsburgh.org). If you are in need of pastoral care the second week, contact Director of Faith Formation Chris Atwood and he will connect you with a pastor. Your prayers for my mom would be much appreciated! I look forward to seeing you soon!

In Christ, Pastor Ross

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## **Parker Kantos' Ordination—Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

Hello, Friends of St. Andrew Lutheran Church,

With great joy and celebration, I am pleased to announce that I have been called to be the next pastor at Brighton Heights Lutheran Church. My ordination and installation are set for July 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. I am extremely excited for this next phase of my ministry.

If you were to Google Brighton Heights Lutheran Church, you might notice that, while it is a Lutheran church, it is a member of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) rather than the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Ultimately, I made the decision to leave the ELCA and join the NALC. I made this decision for a couple of reasons. Primarily, I wanted a denomination that supported and believed in my call to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, as much as the professors who had taught me at seminary, as much as supporters both who had experienced my ministry and those who had not, and as much as I did. Second, throughout the candidacy process, I was very honest with my home Synod in Wisconsin about my feelings and reflections, both about the process and the future of the church, some of which were not the most positive. The candidacy process for me in the ELCA was not always a smooth road due to this and other factors. As a result, I did not feel supported throughout the process.

I do not hold any grudge or any ill will toward the ELCA. Even in situations where I wish that leadership would have supported me more or in different ways, there are no hard feelings.

Overall, I am thrilled that my ministry journey is able to continue. It is my belief that we are all one communal church under God, and, regardless of the label of denomination, we are all siblings in Christ. As I like to joke, I will continue following what I perceive as God's will for my life and my call to ministry, and, if I am on the wrong path, then I hope that God will send the whale to straighten everything out!

Peace and blessings,  
Parker Kantos

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## Worship Livestream and Zoom Gathering

The primary worship service of St. Andrew has returned to the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. weekly. The service will be live-streamed to Facebook, YouTube, and Zoom. The Zoom gathering will still allow those who are not yet ready to attend worship in person to worship together online and share conversation before and after the Sunday service.

10:00 a.m. – Zoom (login information below)

Facebook — [www.facebook.com/standrewlutheranchurchpgh/](http://www.facebook.com/standrewlutheranchurchpgh/)

YouTube — <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjNotsDrdK70XkmEYiutY8Q>

Services will also be posted later in the day to St. Andrew's website: [www.standrewpittsburgh.org](http://www.standrewpittsburgh.org)

For those accessing the service via Zoom, there are three ways to enter:

1) The one-step method Click the following link, which includes an encrypted version of the password:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81295765981?pwd=b0UvOXE1UnBGQIRNN1MvZ0VpRmVLZz09>

2) The step-by-step method a) go to [zoom.us](http://zoom.us) b) click "join a meeting" c) type in the Meeting ID: 812 9576 5981 d) then the passcode: Worship

3) Dial in on your audio-only phone and put in the Meeting ID and numerical passcode.

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Meeting ID: 812 9576 5981, Passcode: 1793746

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81295765981>

## From the Director of Faith Formation

*Then the daughters of Zelophehad came forward. Zelophehad was son of Hopher son of Gilead son of Machir son of Manasseh son of Joseph, a member of the Manassite clans. The names of his daughters were: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. They stood before Moses, Eleazar the priest, the leaders, and all the congregation, at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and they said, "Our father died in the wilderness; he was not among the company of those who gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah, but died for his own sin; and he had no sons. Why should the name of our father be taken away from his clan because he had no son? Give to us a possession among our father's brothers." <sup>5</sup> Moses brought their case before the LORD. And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: The daughters of Zelophehad are right in what they are saying; you shall indeed let them possess an inheritance among their father's brothers and pass the inheritance of their father on to them. (Numbers 27: 1-7)*

This is one of my most beloved Bible stories. The five sisters had no legal standing; in fact, you might even say they had nothing in their favor in the situation. They had each other, they had truth, and they had the fear and love of the Lord their God. Because they stood and worked together, because they had the courage to ask for what is just, and because they did not except an unjust system, they received justice in the grace and love of the Lord their God.

This summer I ask that we stand together to overcome the struggles of our new reality amongst COVID-19. We need you. Yes, you. We need help with leading worship as Lectors, Song Leaders, Ushers, being a Zoom greeter, and working the technology for livestreaming. The Lord your God is calling you to serve your community of faith. This summer I ask that we stand together against injustice in our city. On July 7<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Martin Rafanan will be hosting an adult education conversation about Bethel AME congregation in the Hill District and their nearly 75-year struggle with the city of Pittsburgh for what is just. I hope you will join us to learn and hear God's call for justice.

Jesus is calling, calling you to the table he has laid before you. Jesus is calling you the imperfect, you created in the one image; to come and go; to serve and be served. Jesus is calling. Amen, and Amen.

Director of Faith Formation

Chris Atwood

## Memorial Service for Eileen Bartoli, Amy Bartoli's Mother Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Many at St. Andrew will remember our prayers for Amy Bartoli and her mother, Eileen, who passed away on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. At that time, only a small, outdoor graveside service was possible. St. Andrew parishioners are now invited to a memorial mass to be held on Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Bernadette Catholic Church (part of the Christ the Divine Shepherd parish—[Christ the Divine Shepherd - Monroeville/Penn Hills, PA](#)). The address of St. Bernadette is 245 Azalea Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146. We ask your continuing prayers for Amy and her family as they remember her mother and give thanks to God for her life.

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### Messages St. Andrew Has Received

*From Alice Chater*

St. Andrew Church,

Thank you for all the literature you send me every week. I am so sorry that I cannot attend church anymore. I would surely love to meet all the nice people that attend and take care of the church. It is the nicest place to go and the people make it that way. So glad I belong there even though I can't be there. Love you all.

Alice

*From Literacy Pittsburgh*

Dear Kelly (Treasurer) and Friends,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$450 to Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh in memory of your late congregant, Virginia Nestor.

We appreciate your thinking of the Library with this special gift, which helps support the day-to-day operations, programs and service of the Library.

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh offers resources to every community member, at every stage of life. With your support, we are building community, enabling learning and providing access to technology, books and materials that make our neighborhoods stronger.

Thank you again for your investment in Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh.

Sincerely,

Deanne Heller

Manager of Individual Giving and Donor Relations

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### Youth Summer Programming

St. Andrew Youth Nights will be in person at the church on **Sundays, July 18<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, and August 15<sup>th</sup>** from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** Youth are also encouraged to participate in Lutheran Day at Kennywood on **Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**, and an afternoon trip to Camp Lutherlyn on **Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**.

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### Lutheran Day at Kennywood—Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

The Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod's "Lutheran Day at Kennywood" is returning this summer! Please join members of St. Andrew and the church across SWPA at Kennywood amusement park (4800 Kennywood Blvd., West Mifflin, PA 15122) on **Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**. Tickets are \$25.00. If you would like to attend, please inform Director of Faith Formation Chris Atwood ([director.faith.formation@standrewpittsburgh.org](mailto:director.faith.formation@standrewpittsburgh.org), 724-208-9169) and he will purchase tickets for the group. If you are paying by check, please make it out to St. Andrew Lutheran Church, put "Kennywood" on the memo line, and turn them in to the church office or to Chris.

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## Young Adult Game Night—Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Join the young adults at Church on July 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for an evening of games. Come play shuffle puck, table bowling, foosball, air hockey, and ping pong. Bring your own board and cards games for a night of fun and fellowship.

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### Coming to St. Andrew's Front Lawn—The Mini Free Pantry *Give What You Can / Take What You Need*

Modeled after the Little Library Movement, the Mini Free Pantry Movement began as a grassroots effort to help address food insecurities in neighborhoods across the country and around the world. St. Andrew's Community Ministry committee has been placing shelf-safe food items in our Little Library for a while. When an online news article about the Mini Free Pantry came to their attention, they decided, "Why not!" A grant was applied for and awarded from the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod. Scott Gaugler jumped into action and built the pantry. Soon it will be installed in our front lawn not from the Little Library.

We still have funding left over to buy inventory and we have received some donations from some of our St Andrew family (Thank you to Leanne Paetz for donating her Thrivent gift card, and to John and Dixie Tymitz and Sue & Scott Gaugler for purchasing and storing inventory.). Volunteers will be needed soon to help in keeping the pantry stocked and orderly. Here are some ways you can help:

- Come to church a little early or stay a little bit afterward to see what is in the pantry and what may need to be replenished. You can take one Sunday a month (like previous coffee hour help, but easier!) or you can offer to cover just once or twice a quarter. There is no need to purchase anything. The pantry can be filled from our inventory.
- Team up with another family and be a tag-team to share your week on an every-other-week basis.
- Easy Peasy: When you go shopping, buy an extra item or two of what you buy for yourself (see notes at the bottom for items that can be used). Bring your items when you come to church and Joyce Compton or Sue Gaugler will get everything into the inventory. This can be an anonymous way of helping if you desire.
- We also still have books for the Little library if you would prefer to help keep it full of books.
- These volunteer activities could be great family project. Talk to your kids about food insecurity and let them help you pick out items to shop for or to help fill the pantry.
- And —We can keep calling it The Mini Free Pantry, or it can be renamed. The movement leaves that open to our discretion. If you have a suggestion, let us know.

**Below is a list of items we will be looking for.** *Keep in mind the population we might be serving in our neighborhood: people experiencing homeless, college students low on funding, immigrant students and families, anyone facing food insecurity due to job loss or the pandemic.* Items should be shelf safe (nothing fresh, frozen or that may go bad in severe weather). Here are some things we suggest:

- Items in cans with flip top lids (nothing requiring a can opener): Tuna, sardines, or Vienna sausage, ravioli, soup that does not need to be diluted
- Fruit or vegetables in single serve, shelf-safe containers
- Single serve peanut butter, cheese & cracker snacks, granola bars, beef jerky, raisin boxes, little cereal boxes, shelf stable milk (Horizon)
- Bottled water
- Plastic utensils, single serve condiment and seasoning packets
- Some full-size products that have also been taken are cake mix & puddings mixes.
- Also consider things for one or two people who are food insecure but who do have shelter and a way to cook like stuffing mix, noodle, or rice mixes in packets, past sauce, cereal.
- Personal care items: Shampoo, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, feminine products, and toilet paper.

Joyce Compton will be coordinating volunteers and inventory. If you have questions, she invites you to ask at [joycecompton28@gmail.com](mailto:joycecompton28@gmail.com) or 412-657-0584. A text is fine as well.

Want to know more about the movement? Here is a website you can visit. <https://www.littlefreepantry.org/>

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# Social Justice Engagement at St. Andrew: A Zoom Conversation about Equitable Development in Pittsburgh

Facilitator: The Rev. Martin Rafanan

Date Time: Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:30 p.m

If you would like to join this discussion, email Pastor Martin at [mjr9201@gmail.com](mailto:mjr9201@gmail.com) and he will send you the URL for the zoom meeting.

Join us for a zoom gathering to discuss equitable development in Pittsburgh through the lens of a reparations request made by Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME), a neighboring congregation in the Middle Hill. We will discuss the Lower Hill Development (28 acres across from PPG Arena) as it relates to the history of urban redevelopment and current development plans in Pittsburgh, and we will learn the story of Bethel AME, the oldest Black Church in Western Pennsylvania (213 years old) and its current fight to regain its "ancestral land." Read about Bethel AME and its history here: <https://www.publicsource.org/bethel-ame-black-church-history-racism-reparations-lower-hill-penguins/>

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## The “Overground Railroad” - A Movement to Help Immigrants on the Move — Infant and Toddler Clothing and Shoes Needed

The “Overground Railroad” is an organization with a new branch in Pittsburgh. It is organized by Grannies Respond /Abuelas Responden. Volunteers meet asylum seekers at bus stations across the U.S. as they make their journey from the borders to their final destination. Families arrive with very few (or no) belongings and usually have young children. Grannies/Abuelas would like to have some children’s clothing on hand, because young children may have an accident on the long journey, and often have no change of clothes with them.

Grannies Respond/Abuelas Responden is in need of **clothing for infants and toddlers up to age three only!** The group is also seeking gently worn or new children shoes in **Little Kids’ sizes, 2-10 only**. Donations can be brought to St. Andrew on an ongoing basis. **Please do not bring any other clothing to church**—we have nowhere to take it for donation.

Spanish-speaking volunteers are needed to assist travelers with bus connections since the bus station has no Spanish-speaking employees. To learn more about the Overground Railroad, check out this video: <https://vimeo.com/42556817> and website: [www.granniesrespond.org/volunteer](http://www.granniesrespond.org/volunteer).

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## God’s Work—Our Hands Sunday—September 12<sup>th</sup> Collection Begins Now!

God’s Work—Our Hands Sunday is an annual event in our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), “an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.” (elca.org).

Each year, St. Andrew’s Community Ministry team seeks opportunities for service in our local community on this Sunday. For this year’s project, we will assemble kits for the Overground Railroad. We are asking for donations of:

Any tote bags or backpacks in nice condition.

Adult food items: snack bars and similar items, water boxes or bottles, wet wipes

Children’s items: Juice boxes, applesauce pouches, individually wrapped teething biscuits and similar items.

Also *small* stuffed animals, finger puppets, coloring books, crayons, etc.

The organization already has plenty of toiletry items and diapers from Global Links. Donations can be dropped off at the church over the next two months.

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# In Our Prayers

St. Andrew continues to provide support for people in need through the ministry of prayer. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, or if you have a prayer request, please email [st.a.prayer.team@gmail.com](mailto:st.a.prayer.team@gmail.com).

Thank you all for your ministry of prayer!

**We pray for St. Andrew...** for the pastors associated with our congregation: **Pastors Ross, Janet and Keith, Bob, Deb, Dona, Erin, Kim, Larry, Martin, Melissa, Paul, Peter, and Sarah**; for discernment and wisdom as we seek new ways of sharing the Gospel; for safety and protection for the congregation and community.

**We pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton**; for the **Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, Bishop Kurt Kusserow**, and our **Assistants to the Bishop, Pastor Peter Asplin and Pastor Melissa Stoller**; for our companion church, the **Tulear Synod of the Malagasy Lutheran Church in Madagascar** and its bishops, **Rev. Dr. Denis Rakotozafy and Octave Benil Andrianjafy**.

**For the United States and its people**, that all may know justice and peace; for the president, **Joseph Biden** and the Vice President, **Kamala Harris**; for all our elected officials and for those who serve in the armed forces; for God's blessing upon all nations, especially those suffering from internal strife, oppression, violence, and terrorism; for those who suffer from the effects of natural disasters.

**For healing ...** for all who are sick with covid-19 and for those grieving loved ones who have lost their lives to the virus; for all who work in healthcare; for those in the hospital; for the people of India facing a crisis with the recent surge in coronavirus numbers.

**For those who are unemployed or furloughed; those struggling to secure work; those without health insurance; and all who have suffered economic instability due to the pandemic.**

**For those with cancer**, including **Bonnie Adelson, John Aitken, Bob, Paul Bonenberger, Rod Hermann, Abigail Litz, and Bishop Michael Lozano of the NWPA Synod**

**For those whose needs are ongoing: Marissa, Larry Lash, Rhonda, Mary Sommerfeld, and Tom Swanson.**

**For those who have been hospitalized recently or are preparing for or recovering from surgery, including Ruth Carmichael, Pastor Kim Rapczak, Mark Difilippo, and Bob Thackeray.**

**For all who are in need or who have requested our prayers: Bonnie Adelson and Bruce Klotz, Angie, Brian, Cindy, Deb B., Rachel Faulkner, Karen Grecko, Rod and Beth Hermann, Chad and Wendy Hermann, Conrad, Taumi, and Arly Kalcich, Ken, and Mr. Tyson.**

**For those who are grieving: Colleen Cooke.**

**For those with special needs:** for those seeking racial justice and equity; for the LGBTQIA+ community; for support and protection for our transgender siblings as discriminatory laws are proposed and enacted in various states; for those living with HIV/AIDS; for unaccompanied minors, migrants, and refugees, and for parents and children separated from one another; for those who are differently-abled; for those who are in prison; for all who are awaiting additions to their families; for those who are in discernment and those who are making difficult decisions; for those who travel; for those with addictions; for those in difficult or disintegrating relationships; for those who have personally experienced the fragility of life; and for those who mourn,

**We pray in thanksgiving ...** for God's promises and blessings through the covenant of Baptism; for God's love and grace that come to us through the Word; for the Christian community and the gift of the Holy Spirit; and for the many ways God continues to bless us.

**For all the saints ...** for those who have recently died, including **Bill Miller**; for the promise of the resurrection to eternal life, that it would bring comfort and hope to all who mourn.

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## Welcome, Theo William Best!

With Mandy, Ty, and big brother Jack Best, we celebrate the birth of Theo William Best on Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021! Theo was born at 7 pounds, 8 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long and both he and Mandy are healthy and doing well. Thanks be to God! We look forward to meeting (at least via Zoom) our new brother in Christ soon!

## Farewell and Godspeed to the Novelli Family!

We invite your prayers for Jennifer, Alessandro, and Roberto Novelli as they move this month to join Max, who has taken a new job in Copenhagen, Denmark. They have blessed us by their presence in the St. Andrew community for many years, and we will miss them greatly. We wish them many blessings as God leads them into this new chapter in their life together!

### July Celebrations

#### Birthdays

- 2 Michael Best
- 4 Lois Boehm
- 5 Kayla Klingensmith  
Neal Mortensen  
Sherri Williams
- 7 Johanna Asplin
- 14 Vivian Caruso
- 26 Griffin Jones  
Chris Lepsch
- 28 Amos Mangano Rollinson
- 30 Giovanni LeDonne
- 31 Jacob McKenna  
Roberto Novelli

#### Anniversaries

- 10 Jimmi and Timothy Kocher-Hillmer
- 16 Sue and Scott Gaugler
- 24 JoAnn and Carol Chonoska

### Thank You!

... to everyone who helped set up and/or distribute produce on June 1<sup>st</sup>: **Sue and Scott Gaugler, Christy Ruhe, Dixie Tymitz, and Hal Wilcox.**

... to **Vickie Al-Ebrahim, Pastor Deb Byrum, Scott and Sue Gaugler, Sharon Koch, Richard Krug, Doug Lash, Solveig Rafanan, and Dixie Tymitz** for preparing food for the East End Cooperative Ministry Shelter Dinner on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

... to **Sue Gaugler** for serving as pianist on Sundays, June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 20<sup>th</sup>.

... to **Jeff Denlinger** for serving as pianist on Sundays, June 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

... to **Joyce Compton** for serving as lector and to **Richard Krug** for serving as cantor on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

... to **Kelly Spaninger** for serving as lector and to **Kristen Asplin** for serving as cantor on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

... to **Sharon Koch** for coordinating musicians and singers for worship.

... to **Kristen Asplin** and **Linnea Asplin** for serving as Zoom hosts for worship in June.

... to **Kristen Asplin, Joseph Paetz, and Chris Atwood** for their work with the technology and sound system for streaming worship services in June.

... to **Jonathan Gaugler** and **Scott Gaugler** for building the Little Free Pantry that will be located outside the church.

### In Sympathy

We offer sympathies and prayers for the family and friends of

#### Marguerite Gregg

a member of St. Andrew who passed away on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

#### Bill Miller

Colleen Cooke's friend

*Rest eternal grant them, O Lord,  
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*



# 2021 Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly Recap

St. Andrew is a member congregation of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod (a word that comes from the Greek for a “way, road, or path together”), which met in its annual assembly from Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. This year’s theme was “On Purpose — Faithful and Fulfilling Lives.” Here is a summary of the synod assembly’s actions:

- Elected the following voting members to the 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly: Rev. Kerri Clark, Rev. Beth Clementson, Rev. Brenda Henry, Tom Hough, Dennis Lane, Rev. Martha McCreight, Rev. Jennifer Mc Curry, DaMisha McFarland-Pollock, Kyle Neumann, Sophia Rau, Andrew Sabol, Holly Schmitt, and Melanie Thomas
  - Elected the following members of the Synod Council with terms ending in 2025: Jennifer Armstrong-Schaefer (AL), Rev. Beth Clementson (AL), Beryl Gundy (5), Rev. Brenda Henry (4), Rev. Allyn Itterly (6), Janice Jeletic (1), Rev. JJ Lynn (2), Linda Schaeffer (3), and Holly Schmitt (AL)
  - Elected the following members to the Committee on Discipline with a term expiring in 2027: Rev. Scott Bryte, Jeanette Christensen, Lori Greene, and Rev. Erin Jones
  - Elected the following members to the Lutheran Senior Life Board of Directors: Scott Celin (2023), Chris Jordheim (2024), Rev. Kari Smail (2024), and Michael Sparlin (2023)
  - Elected the following members to the Lutheran Service Society Board of Directors: Rev. Martin Galbraith (2023) and R. Brandon James (2024)
  - Elected the following member to the Bethesda Lutheran Services Board of Directors: Rev. James Arter (2025) • Elected the following members to the Glade Run Lutheran Services Board of Directors: Ronald Montelaro (2023) and James Thompson (2023)
  - Adopted the following change to the bylaw 101.22 so that it reads: Pastors and deacons on this synod's roster of ministers who are retired, on continuing disability, or on leave from call, and who are not undergoing discipline, shall have the privilege of voice and vote at Synod Assemblies upon request. Such requests must be received in writing by the Synod Council by the end of the year for the following year's Synod Assembly. At its first meeting of the year, the Synod Council shall establish a formula for lay voting members for that year's Synod Assembly that complies with the voting member requirements of †S7.21.”
  - Adopted the Amended Budget for 2022
  - Adopted the 2022 Interim Ministry Guidelines
  - Adopted the 2022 Compensation Guidelines for Ministers of Word and Sacrament
  - Adopted the 2022 Compensation Guidelines for Ministers of Word and Service
  - Adopted the Mission Support Formula for 2022
  - Adopted the changes to the Synod Bylaws brought by the Committee Structure Task Force
  - Adopted a resolution asking the SWPA Synod to make the first strategic initiative of Synod Council to be: Rekindle a passion for the Gospel.
  - Adopted a resolution thanking the bishop for communicating the Southwestern PA Synod’s endorsement of the American Families United Act to our local representatives of the United States Congress and our United States Senators on behalf of the Southwestern PA Synod, and to encourage our rostered ministers and members of our synod’s congregations to continue the good work of communicating our synod’s endorsement of the American Families United Act to their United States Representatives and Senators.
  - Approved the Recommendations of the Committee on the Bishop’s Report: 1) That everyone be encouraged to live into their baptismal vocational identities by being the people of God called to share the witness of Christ’s love in our homes, communities, and the world; 2) That everyone recognizes their own God given gifts and talents, and those of their neighbor, for the work of God’s Kingdom; 3) That we acknowledge the pain of those who have and continue to suffer from past and present racism; then continue through the help of Holy Spirit to strive for justice and peace for all.
  - Celebrated the Ordination Anniversaries of the following Ministers of Word and Sacrament:
    - 25 years: Rev. Dorothy Worth and Rev. Lewis Messinger
    - 50 years: Rev. Cyril Hurnyak 55 years: Rev. David H. Clement, Rev. William Hauser, Rev. C. Gerald Huhn, Rev. Steven J. Myers, and Rev. Frank L. Zeman
    - 60 years: Rev. Cletus Fahrion
    - 70 years: Rev. Mont Bowser
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## Community Ministry Updates

### **Fresh Produce Distribution at St. Andrew — Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> Setup: 11:30 a.m. until Delivery Truck is Unloaded Distribution: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

St. Andrew continues its Produce to People Distribution following the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank's current precautionary guidelines: outdoors with masks and no-touch sign-ins. If you would like to help, assistance is needed at 11:30 a.m. until the delivery arrives, and, if necessary, to pack boxes. ; at 5:00 p.m. to set up and move food outside; then from 5:30-7:00 p.m. to record names, direct cars, and distribute food boxes. Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-produce12> .

### **East End Cooperative Ministry Shelter Dinner—Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**

St. Andrew provides a meal once a month, on the third Thursday, for guests at East End Cooperative Ministries (EECM) in East Liberty (6140 Station St., 15206). This month, we will deliver our dishes to the front desk of the shelter by **5:30 p.m.**, so please use containers you do not want returned to you. We will not stay and help serve the meal. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-shelter27> .

### **Community Lawn Party Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.**

St. Andrew will be having a community lawn party at the church on Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> starting at **5:30 p.m.** We ask that you bring your own dinner. Fun and faith activities will follow from **6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.**

### **National Night Out—Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

Pittsburgh is holding National Night Out again this year. National Night Out is a community-building campaign that happens in various places across the U.S. as neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts, and other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, and visits from public safety personnel. The event seeks to promote neighborhood camaraderie and police-community partnerships to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places, to live (<https://pittsburghpa.gov/national-night-out/>). Join us at church on Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for sno-cones, games, and conversation with our neighbors! We will have visits from various city safety personnel. In 2019 they brought emergency vehicles of all kinds for people to tour. Bring kids of all ages!

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### **Sisters Celebrating Diversity - Six Week Online Summer Book Club**

Sisters Celebrating Diversity is a group that began meeting about two years ago to build relationships and bridges between diverse people from various denominations in Pittsburgh. Sue Gaugler from St. Andrew, along with Pastor Sarah-Lee-Faulkner, have participated in this group. This summer, the group is offering a six-week book club discussing *Oneness Embraced: Reconciliation, the Kingdom, and How We are Stronger Together* by Dr. Tony Evans. The group will be led by co-facilitators Ernestine Sudduth and Sue Smith.

Book: Oneness Embraced, by Dr. Tony Evans  
Dates: Tuesdays, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Place: Zoom (registrants will receive the link)

Participants are encouraged to order the book in their preferred format in preparation for these gatherings. Please RSVP by emailing [sisterscelebratingdiversity@gmail.com](mailto:sisterscelebratingdiversity@gmail.com) and the Zoom link will be sent to you.

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Sundays - 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 8:00— Simplicity AA	2 6:00 p.m.— Women's AA	3
4 + 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.—Worship	5	6 5:30-7:00 p.m.— Produce Distribution	7 Social Justice in Pitts- burgh Conversation (via Zoom) 7:00-8:30 p.m.	8 8:00— Simplicity AA	9 6:00 p.m.— Women's AA	10
11 + 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.—Worship	12	13	14	15 5:30 p.m.— Shelter Din.  8:00— Simplicity AA	16 6:00 p.m.— Women's AA	17
18 + 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.—Worship 3:00-5:00 p.m.—3456 (Children's Activity) 5:00-7:00 p.m.—Youth Night	19 7:00 p.m.— Worship Com- mittee	20 6:00 p.m.— Confirmation Class	21 Lutheran Day at Ken- nywood  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	22 8:00— Simplicity AA	23 6:00 p.m.— Women's AA	24 Young Adult Game Night—7:00-9:00 p.m.
25 + 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.—Worship After worship—Outdoor Hymn Sing	26	27 6:00 p.m.— Confirmation Class  7:00 p.m.— Christian Ed. Meeting	28 5:30-6:45 p.m.— Summer Together Community Lawn Party	29	30 6:00 p.m.— Women's AA	31