

# St. Andrew Lutheran Church

304 Morewood Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

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

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## Worship Has Returned to the Sanctuary!

We are so pleased to share that St. Andrew has returned to the sanctuary for worship as of + Pentecost Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>! It was wonderful for those who were able to be here to gather again around God's gifts of Word and Sacrament, and we give thanks for the gifts of technology and hard work of members who made live-streaming the service possible so that the larger community could be together online, as well.

As June begins, worship will continue at church on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Masks are required for all who come to worship, and attendance will be limited to 50 people to ensure we are able to maintain six-foot distancing. For now, we are still asking everyone to sign up for places at worship so that we have information for possible contact tracing should anyone become ill after a gathering.

The signups for each Sunday are as follows:

June 6:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-june1>

June 13:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-june2>

June 20:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-june3>

June 27:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-june4>

## 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.

## June 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, June 1<sup>st</sup>  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

**East End Cooperative Ministries  
Shelter Dinner**  
Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 p.m.

### Reconciling Works Rescheduled June 2<sup>nd</sup> 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84433804154?pwd=MEtqWVBqV0k3MlZTQXZhVzZQUIZOdz09>

Meeting ID: 844 3380 4154

Passcode: Pride

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Meeting ID: 844 3380 4154

Passcode: 440432

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84433804154>

## From the Pastor

*[Paul writes] If we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*  
Romans 8: 25

*[Jesus said,] <sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning ... <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.*  
John 15: 26-27; 16: 13

I was so thankful to be able to return to worship in person with people of St. Andrew on Pentecost Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>! With pandemic precautions still in place, we know that our worship and community gatherings are not yet what we hope them to be, but I pray that we can bear with one another in patience as people slowly return to community activities and as we add back elements of our communal life. Your pastor, council, and worship committee are doing their best to establish and maintain a safe environment for all.

The Gospel text above comes from Pentecost, when the church gave thanks for God’s gift of the Holy Spirit. As Jesus prepares his disciples for his departure, he tells them that they will not be left alone, but that the Spirit of truth will come to them. The Spirit will be their Advocate, and will help them remember and continue receiving the wisdom and testimony of God.

As we resume our ministries and other activities this summer, it will be important for us to trust in and rely on the presence of God’s Spirit. It will take time to rebuild relationships, get to know our new neighbors, and learn the current needs of our community. It will take prayer, listening, and open minds to discern together where God is leading us and how God is calling us to serve. Still, trusting in God’s abundant grace, we know that we can look forward in confidence and hope, assured that the Spirit will declare to us the things that are to come.  
In Christ, Pastor Ross Carmichael

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### Young Adult Bring-Your-Own Lunch Gathering at Schenley Park Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Young Adults of St. Andrew are invited to bring your own lunch and gather at Schenley Park on **Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 12:00-2:00 p.m.** We will meet on the hill between the ice skating rink and oval where we will share conversation, yard games, and more. Bring your own lunch, blankets and/or chairs, and outdoor games. If it rains we will meet at church and share our lunch and play games inside.

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### Return of 3456 Children’s Activities

St. Andrew will return to in-person activities for third, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders this summer. 3456 will meet on **June 27<sup>th</sup>, 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>.**

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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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## Worship Livestream and Zoom Gathering via Phone, Tablet, or Computer

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/)

Services will also be posted later in the day to St. Andrew's YouTube channel and website.

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

St. Andrew 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/u/kdCNtCDfLy>

## Taking Faith Home

Taking Faith Home — a resource for prayer and Bible readings at home (previously featured as an insert in St. Andrew's weekly bulletins) is available to view on the "This Week at St. Andrew" Friday email.

## 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.

## Welcome to Discord

We invite you to connect with congregational activities on the St. Andrew Discord server. Discord, a popular group-chatting app, was originally made to give gamers a place to build communities and talk. St. Andrew will be using Discord for youth events, confirmation class, and young adult events. More applications will be coming online in the months to come, including livestreaming worship. You can join the server with this link:

<https://discord.gg/fhRX2rJE>

# From the Director of Faith Formation

## *One Body with Many Members*

*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.*

My siblings in Christ, it has been a joy to see so many of you take part in leading worship as we have been assembling the worship videos every week for almost a year. It is my hope that as we return to in-person worship you will continue to lead worship and that new and former worship leaders will return to lead. From the amazing welcomes that are testament to your and our faith, the voices sharing the Good News through the reading of the scriptures, assisting ministers raising prayers like incense, musicians and vocalists lifting their gifts in praise, and the many technical gifts from sound editing, video editing, putting together the Order of Worship, recurring and organizing worship leaders, ushering and creating signup sheets for safety, our shared faith is richer when you use your gifts to lead worship.

*For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.*

You can help continue to make worship at St Andrew a shared experience of our faith together. When you share your gifts, your story, your lived experience, your faith with the Body of Christ gathered at St Andrew, you help all of us grow in faith.

*The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.*

I know there are so many other commitments in your lives, but I am asking you consider that when you see a call to help lead worship we are asking **you**. Please prayerfully consider how you can use your gifts to help lead worship. I dream of the day when every person in our community can say they have helped lead worship in the last year.

*Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.*

Director of Faith Formation  
Chris Atwood

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## Youth Summer Programming

St. Andrew will be returning to in-person youth events this summer. Youth nights will be in person at the church on **Sundays, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 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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## Commemoration of the Emanuel Nine

As part of the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, voting members adopted a resolution designating June 17<sup>th</sup> as a commemoration of the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine —

Clementa C. Pinckney  
Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd  
Susie Jackson  
Ethel Lee Lance  
DePayne Middleton-Doctor  
Tywanza Sanders  
Daniel Lee Simmons  
Sharonda Coleman-Singleton  
Myra Thompson

The nine people shot and killed on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 during a Bible Study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, SC.

### Documentary and Conversation Wed., June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. -or- Thurs., June 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Join by Video: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83973713751>

Join by Phone: 301-715-8592 (Meeting ID: 839 7371 3751)

Watch the Emanuel documentary on your own (more information [about the film](#) and [where to watch](#) it) then join the Authentic Diversity and Justice Team of the synod for conversation via Zoom.

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## From Lutheran Disaster Response

Dear friends,

Over the past two months, a surge of COVID-19 cases has ravaged India. The country has officially recorded over 20 million cases and 220,000 deaths. On April 30<sup>th</sup>, India reported over 400,000 new COVID-19 cases, the highest daily count in any country during the pandemic. Thousands of deaths are documented each day, yet the actual number is suspected to be much higher. **Lutheran Disaster Response needs your help.**

Padhar Hospital, a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh, has a ward dedicated to COVID-19 patients. Unfortunately, the hospital is currently being forced to turn away patients because it lacks the space and oxygen to support them.

**Lutheran Disaster Response is helping Padhar Hospital purchase an oxygen generator for its COVID-19 ward so it can treat more patients and not have to turn away people suffering with COVID-19.**

**[Please give today. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those impacted by the COVID-19 crisis in India. Gifts designated for “Asia-Pacific Disaster Response” will be used entirely \(100%\) to respond to COVID-19 and other disasters in the region.](#)**

In addition to online giving, gifts can be made over the phone by calling 800-638-3522 or by making a check payable to “ELCA” with “Asia-Pacific Disaster Response” on the memo line and sending it to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
P.O.Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Together, we can help provide immediate support for people impacted by COVID-19 throughout India and the Asia-Pacific region. Please join me in prayer and partnership, and stay connected on [Facebook](#) for updates.

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## 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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## Congratulations and Godspeed to St. Andrew's Graduates!

**Linnea Asplin** graduated from Valparaiso University in Indiana with a double major in computer science and Chinese.

**Isla Chapman** graduated from Drexel University in Philadelphia with a Bachelor's degree in public health.

**Conrad Kalcich** graduated from Arizona State University with a M.A. degree in English literature.

**Katie Natoli** graduated from Penn State with a Master of Business Administration degree in May.

**Clark van Beek** graduates from Plum High School this month and will be attending Shenandoah University in Virginia in the fall.

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## Messages St. Andrew Has Received

*From Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank:*

Dear St. Andrew Lutheran Church,

We truly appreciate your past support of Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. Your efforts have helped feed children, families, and seniors in need.

All my best,

Maria Montaro

Community Fundraising Coordinator

*From Margie Visconti, May 6, 2021*

Dear St. Andrew Friends,

Thank you for the May 2, 2021 letter and ALL of the past letters you have sent, which shows true friendship. I am very healthy and happy and I still do volunteer work. My family members are all well. My house friends and I planted a backyard vegetable garden that is doing well. In the front yard, we planted flowers. Have a great summer.

Your friend,

Margie

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## St. Andrew GAP Relay Running Team

St. Andrew is looking for eight (8) runners to make a up a GAP Relay team. The GAP Relay is a group run on the 150-mile Great Allegheny Passage to Cumberland, MD. Our team will start the run in Pittsburgh on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, finish our adventure on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, and celebrate with a finishers' party like no other! The cost is \$130 per participant—covering registration and a team shirt. Please reach out to Chris Atwood for more information. You can also check out the GAP Relay website here: <https://p3r.org/races/gap-relay>.

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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, Modeste 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, 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 recovering from surgery, including Conrad Kalcich and Kristen Asplin.**

**For all who are in need or who have requested our prayers: Bonnie Adelson and Bruce Klotz, Rachel Faulkner and her family, Cindy, Deb B., Karen Grecko, Kara Greeley, Rod and Beth Hermann, Chad and Wendy Hermann, Conrad, Taumi, and Arly Kalcich, Gretchen Tucker, Marsha Young.**

**For those who are grieving: Ann Belser, Colleen Cooke, Jan Kurth, and their family; Grant and Phyllis Givens, David, Joy, Joshua, and Samuel Givens; Rebecca, Stephen, and David Sue.**

**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 **Dmitri Belser, Jack Givens, Andrew Koller, and Mary McCole**; for the promise of the resurrection to eternal life, that it would bring comfort and hope to all who mourn.

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## June Celebrations

### Birthdays

- 1 Ian Brown
- 2 Lily Gaugler
- 5 Jess and Kris Rogers
- 6 Esther Dugoni
- 8 Pastor Connie Bonner
- 9 Pat McKenna
- 10 Marie Caruso  
Richard Kennedy
- 11 Pastor Sandy Kessinger
- 12 Pastor Larry Kemp  
Kayla Sallach
- 13 Anna Lepsch
- 15 Kim Henry
- 19 Lester Prince  
Robert Thackeray
- 22 Lucia McElwain
- 24 Sylvia Reeder  
Andrew Schepler
- 26 Pastor Dona Van Eck  
Ronan John Gonzaga Baker
- 28 Phil Koch
- 30 Danilo Stoyko

### Anniversaries

- 10 Pastor Ross Carmichael Ordination
- 19 Pastor Martin and Solveig Rafanan
- 21 Joyce Compton and Kelly Spaninger
- 26 Sarah and Matthew Reeder

## In Sympathy

We offer sympathies and prayers for the family and friends of

### Dmitri Belser

Ann Belser (Jan Kurth)'s brother

### Jack Givens

David (Joy) Givens' grandfather, Joshua and Samuel's great-grandfather

### Andrew Koller

Colleen Cooke's friend

### Mary McCole

Rebecca Sue's aunt

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

## Thank You!

... to **Kristen Asplin, Sue Gaugler, Jimmi Kocher-Hillmer, Maria Mangano and David Rollinson, Jonathan Paetz, Joseph Paetz, and Bonnie Tesch** their contributions to worship on the + Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

... to everyone who helped set up and/or distribute produce on May 4<sup>th</sup>: **Sue and Scott Gaugler, Song Jian, Dixie Tymitz, and Hal Wilcox.**

... to **Jeff Denlinger, April Galyardt, Jimmi Kocher-Hillmer, Maria Mangano and David Rollinson, Jonathan Paetz, and Joseph Paetz** for their contributions to worship on the + Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

... to **Sue Gaugler, Jimmi Kocher-Hillmer, Richard Krug, Maria Mangano and David Rollinson, Jonathan Paetz, and Joseph Paetz** for their contributions to worship on the + Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

... to **Scott and Sue Gaugler, Sharon Koch, Jimmi Kocher-Hillmer, Renee Makaroun, and Dixie Tymitz** for preparing food for the East End Cooperative Ministry Shelter Dinner on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

... to all who helped with our five RE-New Work Days on Saturdays, April 24<sup>th</sup> through May 22<sup>nd</sup>: **Steve Browne, Tim Browne, Scott and Sue Gaugler, Lily, and Audrey; Maria Mangano and David Rollinson, Amos, and Neil; Lester Prince, Rebecca Sue and David, and Hal Wilcox.**

... to **Joseph Paetz, David Rollinson, Kristen Asplin, and Chris Atwood** for all their work setting up the technology for livestreaming from the sanctuary.

... to **Jeff Denlinger and Jimmi Kocher-Hillmer** for leading the music of the congregation on + Pentecost, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

... to **Sarita Doshi, Crispin Galyardt, and Clark van Beek** for planting the geraniums from Pentecost worship.

... to **Jimmi Kocher-Hillmer**, organ, for leading the music of the congregation on + Holy Trinity Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

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

... to **Jimmi and Timothy Kocher-Hillmer** for mixing sound for online congregational worship videos.

... to **Chris Atwood** for compiling and editing the congregation's worship videos during May.

... to **Kristen Asplin, Amanda Best, and Conrad Kalcich** for serving as Zoom hosts for worship.



## Advocate for Children in Immigration Detention with PROKID Act

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service is encouraging people of faith to call for compassionate treatment of migrant children arriving at the U.S. southern border seeking protection from violence, natural disasters, and poverty in Central America. The Protection of Kids in Detention Act (PROKID) has been introduced in the Senate and House to provide oversight and ensure transparency, protection, and accountability in the treatment of children in immigration detention.

For more information, a sample message, and means to contact legislators online, please visit the LIRS Action Center at: <https://www.votervoice.net/LIRS/campaigns/83789/respond>.

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## 2021 Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly June 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, Online via Zoom

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 has 156 congregations and 58,542 baptized members across the region. Each year the synod meets in assembly to engage in the work of the larger church together. These gatherings include voting members made up of clergy, deacons, and laypeople from congregations across our geographical area. This year’s assembly theme is “On Purpose — Faithful and Fulfilling Lives.” “Vocation is not only what you do for a living, it is what you do with your life. At the 2021 Synod Assembly—in addition to the important legislative decisions that impact the congregations in our synod—we will explore the purpose and fulfillment found in biblical narratives: embrace your identity as a child of God, embody hope, take care of others, and keep growing.” Synod Assembly will be held from Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Representing St. Andrew will be Kelly Spaninger, who serves on Synod Council, Karen Shaffer, Lester Prince, and Pastor Ross, and we thank them for their willingness to serve in this way.

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## Agapé Summer Camp Opportunities

Camp Agapé is an outdoor ministry of the Lutheran Church, providing summer camping programs and retreat facilities. Located in Hickory, PA, about 35 miles southwest of Pittsburgh, Camp Agapé has over 250 acres of rolling hills, fields, and forests. The beautiful, rustic site provides a unique opportunity for Christian growth and living in a simple environment. The natural setting allows visitors to enjoy the beauty and wonder of God’s creation while experiencing an intentional Christian community.

Camp opportunities for this summer are now available. “Traditional or ‘classic’ camp is where children have the opportunity to explore outdoor ministry at its finest. Camp Agapé has many classic camp activities to offer, such as hiking, fishing, bouldering, swimming, campfires, sports, arts and crafts, Bible study, and religious services.” Camp options, pricing, and registration are available at [www.campagape.org](http://www.campagape.org). For more information, please contact [campinfo@campagape.org](mailto:campinfo@campagape.org) or 724-356-2308.

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## Lutherlyn Summer Camp Opportunities

Lutherlyn, a church-affiliated camp in Prospect, PA, “is a God-given place to be accepted, challenged, and sent ... A week at camp is great for a camper’s self-esteem, independence, and faith development (not to mention really fun!). But it is more than just a week away from it all ... each camper is sent back home and out into the world with the challenge and tools to let their light shine so that others may see the love of God in them.”

Registration for Summer Camp 2021 has begun. Please visit [www.lutherlyn.com](http://www.lutherlyn.com) for dates, prices, details, and registration. There is a short video introducing summer camp available at [www.lutherlyn.com/summer](http://www.lutherlyn.com/summer). “Camperships” (financial aid scholarships) are available to help ensure that children and youth do not have to miss camp due to financial concerns. For additional information, please contact the camp office at 724-865-2161 or [registrar@lutherlyn.com](mailto:registrar@lutherlyn.com).

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## Community Ministry Updates

### *Give What You Can / Take What You Need*

We will be adding a little free pantry (see photo) to the walkway in front of the church soon!

This pantry will provide a dedicated space for food and toiletries and will allow the little free library to return to its original use and hold more books. In addition to the single-serve food items we have been stocking, we could use additional donations. Items to bring this month: Regular size cereal boxes, sanitary pads (mini or maxi), toilet paper). Please contact Sue Gaugler at [sgaugler321@gmail.com](mailto:sgaugler321@gmail.com) or 412-735-8872 if you have questions.



### **Fresh Produce Distribution at St. Andrew — Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</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-produce11>.

### **Community Ministries Meeting Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.**

Anyone interested in learning more about our ministries with the neighborhood and larger community is welcome to attend. To access the Zoom meeting, please use the encrypted link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84191019533?pwd=bXhucnYlaxBRbmo3NnQ4Z2dUNXBKZz09>

Or access using Meeting ID: 841 9101 9533 and Passcode: 077744

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### **East End Cooperative Ministry Shelter Dinner—Thursday, June 17<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-shelter26>.

### **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.**

Sundays - 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.— Produce Distribution 6:00 p.m.— Confirmation Class	2	3 8:00— Simplicity AA	4	5
6 + 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.—Worship	7	8 6:00 p.m.— Confirmation Class	9 7:00 p.m.—Young Adult Happy Hour—On Dis- cord	10 SWPA Synod Assembly Day 1  8:00— Simplicity AA	11 SWPA Syn- od Assembly Day 2	12 SWPA Synod Assembly Day 3
13 + 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.—Worship  5:00-7:00 p.m.—Youth Night	14 7:00 p.m.— Community Ministry Meet- ing	15 6:00 p.m.— Confirmation Class	16	17 5:30 p.m.— Shelter Din.  7:00 p.m.— Ed. Meeting  8:00— Simplicity AA	18	19
20 + 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.—Worship	21 7:00 p.m.— Worship Com- mittee	22 6:00 p.m.— Confirmation Class	23 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	24 8:00— Simplicity AA	25	26 9:30 a.m.—Council Meet- ing  12:00-2:00 p.m.—Young Adult Bring Your Own Lunch Gathering
27 + 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.—Worship  3:00-5:00 p.m.—3456 (Children's Activity)	28	29 <i>No Confirmation</i>	30			