

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

304 Morewood Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213

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

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October 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

Produce Distribution
Tuesday, October 5th
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

EECM Shelter Dinner
Thursday, October 21st
6:30 p.m.

Worship Updates

St. Andrew's weekly worship services continue at the church on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. We ask that attendees continue to wear a mask, maintain six-foot distancing, and refrain from communal singing. In September we updated our method of Communion distribution—Leaders of St. Andrew's altar care team are preparing bread/wafers with a drop of wine or grape juice on each. We look forward to seeing you in worship soon!

Lector and Cantor Schedule

Sunday	Lector	Cantor
October 3 rd	Joyce Compton	Ian Brown
October 10 th	Sue Gaugler	Colten Rohleder
October 17 th	Kelly Spanniger	Timothy Kocher-Hillmer
October 24 th	Lester Prince	Jeff Denlinger
October 31 st	Joyce Compton	Kristen Asplin

Audio-Visual Ministry

St. Andrew continues live streaming Sunday worship from the sanctuary to various online platforms. This requires several people to ensure everything runs smoothly. We are still looking for a few more people to help run the livestream, title screens, and sound system in teams of two each Sunday. The system is easy to operate, and training will be provided. If you are interested in this opportunity to help St. Andrew share the Good News of God in Christ Jesus, please contact Director of Faith Formation Chris Atwood at director.faith.formation@standrewpittsburgh.org or by phone at 724-208-9169.

Congratulations and Blessings to Maggie Kemp and Brandon Simpson!

Maggie Kemp, daughter of Pastor Larry and Joyce Kemp, and Brandon Simpson were married on Friday, July 16th in Schenley Park. We invite your prayers for Maggie and Brandon, and we wish them the best of God's blessings in their life together!

ELCA Youth Gathering July 24th-28th, 2022

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

From the Pastor

¹God is our ref-^luge and strength,
a very present^l help in trouble.
²**Therefore we will not fear, though the^l earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths^l of the sea;**
³though its waters^l rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble^l with its tumult.
⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-^ly of God,
the holy habitation of^l the Most High.**
⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall^l not be shaken;
God shall help it at the^l break of day.
⁶**The nations rage, and the^l kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth^l melts away.**
⁷The LORD of^l hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob^l is our stronghold.
⁸**Come now, regard the works^l of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up-^l on the earth;**
⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in^l all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the^l shields with fire.
¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that^l I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted^l in the earth.”**
¹¹The LORD of^l hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob^l is our stronghold.
Psalm 46, + Reformation Day, October 31st

Dear People of St. Andrew,

On October 12th, St. Andrew celebrates its 130th anniversary as a congregation. The occasion of such an anniversary becomes an opportunity to tell stories of the congregation's history, many of which are not regularly told. Did you know?

- St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church was founded with the aim to be the first English Lutheran Church of the Missouri Synod in the downtown section of Pittsburgh
- The congregation's first home was the Fifth Avenue Bank Hall at the corner of Fifth Ave and Stevenson St.
- The first parsonage, known as the "Round House" was obtained at 405 Fifth Ave. on September 10, 1891.
- St. Andrew's first church building was dedicated on October 23, 1892 at the corner of Stevenson and Colwell streets.
- In summer of 1897, St. Andrew opened a Sunday School ministry in Oakland.
- The cornerstone for the current church building was laid on September 8, 1901 and the church dedicated a year later, September 28, 1902.
- In December 1976, St. Andrew withdrew from the Missouri Synod to join the newly formed Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (AELC).
- In 1986, St. Andrew voted to become a part of the church that resulted from the merger of the AELC, American Lutheran Church, and Lutheran Church in America church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).
- St. John's Lutheran Church of 40th St. merged with St. Andrew in 2001.

There is, of course, so much to be thankful for in St. Andrew's rich history. We remember with thanksgiving the countless saints who have gone before us, who have touched our lives with their witness to God's love, whose work and ministry over generations have brought St. Andrew to this day. We celebrate the incalculable gifts of God's mercy and grace, which have led St. Andrew through two turns of a century, two world wars, two global pandemics, and an incredibly dynamic transformation of the city we call home. For 130 years, God has been our refuge, strength, a very present help for the people of St. Andrew, as individuals and as a community.

Just a few weeks after St. Andrew's anniversary, the church celebrates Reformation Day on October 31st, a day that reminds us that we are still on a journey, always called to be open to the leading of God's Spirit, always reforming to become more and more the church that God would have us be to better love and serve our neighbors in our current time and context. While we are still discerning what the church will become, we need not fear. God is in the midst of the city, where St. Andrew has lived its faith for 130 years. We know and trust that God will continue to be our God, and that God's name will continue to be exalted, here and among the nations, through the leading of the Spirit, and the presence of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

In Christ,
Pastor Ross

Worship Livestream and Zoom Gathering

The primary weekly worship service of St. Andrew continues in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. The service is live-streamed to Facebook, YouTube, and Zoom. The Zoom gathering allows those who are not able or ready to attend in person to be together online and share conversation before and after the Sunday service.

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

Facebook — 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

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

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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+13017158592,,81295765981#,,,,*1793746# US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 812 9576 5981

Passcode: 1793746

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81295765981?pwd=b0UvOXE1UnBGQIRNN1MvZ0VpRmVLZz09>

Fall Christian Education Continues

St. Andrew will continue to provide Christian Education activities for children from birth through second grade through "Little Church, Big Faith" online videos. *"Little Church; Big Faith" will continue as an asynchronous lesson and activity posted online on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. through Saturday, November 20th.* If you have any questions please reach out to Chris Atwood at 742-208-9169 or director.faith.formation@standrewpittsburgh.org.

3456 and Youth Night Cross-Community Events Starting Sunday, September 12th

This fall, the congregation's youth group (7th - 12th grade) will meet on the first, third, and fourth Sundays of every month from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. 3456 will meet on the first and third Sundays of the month from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. On the Sundays when they meet together, there will be Bible study in each age group and activities together from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions please reach out to Chris Atwood at 742-208-9169 or director.faith.formation@standrewpittsburgh.org.

Young Adult Hike in Schenley Park — Sunday, October 17th

Join St. Andrew's Young Adult group for a hike in Schenley Park on Sunday, October 17th. After worship that day, the group will walk over to the park for the hike and "brown bag" lunch. If you have any questions please reach out to Chris Atwood at 742-208-9169 or director.faith.formation@standrewpittsburgh.org.

2022 ELCA Youth Gathering

A Message from St. Andrew's Youth

Hello! I went to the ELCA Youth Gathering in 2018. When I was there, I painted Friendship Rocks and we shared Bible stories that helped grow my faith. I also got to help lead worship at the tAble and served Communion at the mass worship gathering. **Crispin Galyardt**

St. Andrew's youth have begun preparing for the next Gathering in Minneapolis next year, and fundraising is a necessary part of these efforts. To give a sense of the scope of the Gathering, here are some associated costs:



\$ 15 - First aid kit	\$ 22 - Trip T-shirt
\$ 25 - Checked bag	\$ 45 - Meals for a day
\$200 - Lodging for a night	\$ 360 - Transportation
\$315 - Meals for a trip	\$ 350 - Registration
\$750 - Lodging for a trip	\$2678 - One Trip

We invite you to consider supporting St. Andrew's youth in attending this life-changing faith formation event. No gift is too small! Any amount is so helpful and appreciated! You can either put ELCAYG on the memo line of your check or you can write it on the outside of an envelope and place it in the offering plate at worship. You can also give online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/YJ2Y/home> with the rest of your gifts to God. Thank you very much for helping our church grow in the boundless love of God. Please remember we would also appreciate your prayers.

Letters We Have Received

From Bishop Kurt F. Kusserow, Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod

Dear Congregation of St. Andrew Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$2500 to support our siblings in Madagascar!

The ongoing drought and consequent famine, as well as the Covid pandemic, is causing such hardship for the members of our companion synod. Relief funds will be sent to the Tulear Synod and the Regional Lutheran Theological Seminary (STPL) in Bezaha. Our Synod Council will match individual and congregation gifts up to \$5,000 so please share this need with your friends and congregation.

Thank you for your support! In Christ,

Bishop Kurt Kusserow and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod

From the Pittsburgh Organizers of Grannies Respond/Abuelas Responden, Re: God's Work, Our Hands

Dear Sue, Scott, and St. Andrew,

As Allan and I went through your carefully and lovingly packed bags, we were overcome with gratitude. Please send our deepest thanks to the hands that purchased, translated for, made, and packed them. We look forward to distributing them to those fortunate parents and children soon.

Muchas gracias,

Allan and Jo, Pittsburgh Lead Organizers

www.granniesrespond.org/volunteer

From Margie Visconti

Hello, Spiritual Brothers and Sisters,

I am very well and am hoping that everyone there is well and happy. On September 26, I will be 59 years young. I still do volunteer work and work on different crafts. I am have one more row to go on a Rainbow Heart hook rug. My family members are all good, as well as my house friends and assisting staff.

Take care,

Margie Visconti

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.

We pray for St. Andrew, which celebrates its 130th anniversary this month ... 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 Razafimahatratra Angelos Modeste**; for **Bishop Paula Schmitt**, who was recently installed as the new bishop of the Allegheny Synod.

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, including **Brandon Simpson**; 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. We pray especially for the people of **Afghanistan** and **Haiti**.

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 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 **Bob, Bonnie Adelson, John Aitken, Paul Bonenberger, Donna, Sylvia Eberle, Rod Hermann, Bishop Michael Lozano of the NWPA Synod, and Kevin Kareis**.

For those whose needs are ongoing: Rachel Faulkner, Beth Hermann, Ruth Krug, Marissa, Rhonda, and Tom Swanson.

For those who have been hospitalized recently, including Larry Lash.

For all who are in need or who have requested our prayers: Bonnie Adelson and Bruce Klotz, David Asplin, Cindy, Deb B., Donna, Rod and Beth Hermann, Nancy Hoffman, and Katherine Paetz.

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 troubled relationships; for those who have personally experienced the fragility of life; and for those who mourn, including

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 **Erna Gambogi, Richard Froehlich, Wilma Johnson, and Don F.**; in thanksgiving for comfort and hope that come from the promise of the resurrection to eternal life.

Welcome New Member Kevin Kareis

St. Andrew welcomed new member Kevin Kareis through Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, September 26th! Please keep Kevin in your prayers, and take a moment to greet and welcome him when you are at worship!

Congratulations and Blessings to Katie Natoli and Dan Markosky!

Katie Natoli and Dan Markosky were married on Saturday, September 18th, at The Gathering Place at Darlington Lake. We invite you to congratulate Dan and Katie and keep them in prayer. We wish them the best of God's blessings in their life together!

October Celebrations

Birthdays

- 7 Andrew Tesch
Helene Schey
- 8 Michael Machosky
- 10 Jan Kurth
- 11 Nathan Gaumond
- 12 Pastor Kim Rapczak
Laura Wunderly
- 14 Kathleen Chich
- 19 Deanna Koch
- 20 Johanna Matsui
- 27 Logan Sallach

Anniversaries

- 12 St. Andrew Lutheran Church (130 Yrs)
- 21 Pastor Connie Bonner, Ordination
- 22 Jennifer and Jason Kennedy

Thank You!

... to **Lily Cai** (piano), **Jimmi and Timothy Kocher-Hillmer** (cantors), and **Karen Shaffer** (lector) for their leadership in worship on Sunday, September 5th.

... to everyone who helped set up and/or distribute produce on September 7th: **Chris Atwood, Sue and Scott Gaugler, Dixie and John Tymitz, and Hal Wilcox.**

... to **Lily Cai** (piano), **Kristen Asplin** (cantor) and **Kelly Spaninger** (lector) for their leadership in worship on Sunday, September 12th.

... to **Sue and Scott Gaugler, Dixie and John Tymitz, and the van Beek Family** for preparing and serving food for the East End Cooperative Ministry Shelter Dinner on September 16th.

... to **Lily Cai** (piano), **Jeff Denlinger** (cantor), and **Sue Gaguler** (lector) for their leadership in worship on Sunday, September 19th.

... to **Lily Cai** (piano), **Richard Krug** (cantor), and **Lester-Prince** (lector) for their leadership in worship on Sunday, September 26th.

... to **Dixie Tymitz** for providing Bible readings for "Little Church; Big Faith" activities for the children of St. Andrew.

... to **Jodie Minor, Beverley Chapman, Christy Ruhe, Bennett Ruhe, and Sue Sabol** for their work in Communion preparation, altar care, and worship setup in September.

... to **Kristen Asplin, Linnea Asplin, and Conrad Kalcich** for serving as Zoom hosts for worship in September.

... to **Kristen Asplin, Linnea Asplin, Jason Galyardt, Angie McComb, Joseph Paetz, Dave Rollinson, and Chris Atwood** for serving as audiovisual ministers during worship in September.

... to **Cynthia Holden, Lester Prince, John, and Hal Wilcox** for serving at Work Day on Saturday, September 11th.

In Sympathy

We offer sympathies and prayers for the family and friends of

Erna Gambogi

Longtime St. Andrew and St. John's member, who passed away on Thursday, September 23rd. Funeral services were held at Winter Funeral Home and Allgheny Cemetery on Monday, September 27th.

Richard Froehlich

Chris Atwood's friend's husband, who passed away on Friday, September 24th.

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

Community Ministry Updates

There are many opportunities to serve our community!

Fresh Produce Distribution at St. Andrew — Tuesday, October 5th

We are now receiving bulk shipments of produce. We will set up outside and let people select their own items. **Help is especially needed around 11:30 a.m. to help carry tables outside.** From 5:15 to 7:00 p.m., we need to help our customers select their food. Please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-produce15>

East End Shelter Dinner, October 21st, 6:30 p.m.

If you like to cook, this is the ministry for you! If you do not have time to cook, there are always options to purchase and drop off part of the meal. If you like to engage with new people, all are welcome to help plate and serve the food and visit with the residents.

Did you know that, if you like, you can turn in your receipts and be reimbursed for your purchases on behalf of Shelter Dinner? There are funds set aside in the church budget for this purpose.

Please note this correction from the previous newsletter: Two-thirds of the shelter residents have been vaccinated.

Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-shelter30>

Little Free Pantry and Library

Stocking — Did you used to volunteer for Soup Sunday or Coffee Hour and are looking for another way to serve? Help is always needed to re-stock both the pantry and library outside the church. Please give some thought to taking a day, a week or a month of stocking. Work in teams, as a family or solo. No need to shop, stock from the items stored in the Social Hall. Talk with Joyce Compton to get on the calendar or ask questions at 412-657-0584 or joycecompton28@gmail.com. Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-free>

Purchase Food for the Little Pantry — This month, we could especially use:

Proteins: Peanut Butter, Tuna & Chicken (cans or vacuum packs) Sardines, Vienna sausage
Shelf Stable Milk; Bottled

Personal care items: Toilet paper, Feminine products, travel size foot powder, soap, toothpaste, bandaids
Plastic Utensils, (wrapped in a napkin)

Help Asylum Seekers on the Overground Railroad

Thank You to everyone who donated items and helped pack bags for the asylum seekers traveling through Pittsburgh by bus. We packed 30 children's bags and 25 bags for adults. There were items left over for the Abuelas Responden sponsoring group to have on hand.

Several buses arrive each night, so the need is ongoing, especially for children's clothes and shoes (up to age three), snacks for toddlers, granola bars for adults, and water. If you would like to continue to donate to this effort there is a bin in the Social Hall labeled "Overground Railroad Donations."

To learn more about the Overground Railroad, check out this video: <https://vimeo.com/42556817> and website: www.granniesrespond.org/volunteer.

Thanksgiving Pies Available for Purchase!

Want pies for Thanksgiving but too busy to bake?
Let us take the stress out of your holiday —
buy your pies here!

Home Baked 12” Apple or Pumpkin Pies
\$15 each

All proceeds benefit St. Andrew’s Little Pantry

Name: _____

12” Apple Qty: _____ x \$15 ea. = \$ _____

12” Pumpkin Qty: _____ x \$15 ea. = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Pie pickup is Sunday November 21st, 2021, after worship.
(Please wear your mask when entering the building.)

Payment is due no later than the day of pick up.

If paying by check, please write “Pie Sale” in the memo line.

Fall Cleanup at St. Andrew - Saturday, October 9th

Did you know that St. Andrew’s building is used for 12-step programs, support groups, and by BikePGH and the Latino Community Center, and that the yard and grounds are used by a local child care center, as a green space for people in the neighborhood, and as home to the Little Pantry and Library? We need your help to keep them in good repair and maintained. **On Saturday, October 9th, we will hold a fall cleanup day, working on the outdoor church grounds and a detailed cleaning of the sanctuary.** Please come help care for our building and grounds so that St. Andrew remains inviting and welcoming to everyone.

Care Packages for College Students
Donations Accepted
Assembly on Sunday, October 31st

Sundays - 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

October 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES DAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 + 19 th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.—Worship 4:00-6:00 p.m.—3456 5:00-7:00 p.m.—Youth Night	4 12:00 p.m.—SLAA	5 5:30-7:00 p.m.—Produce Distribution 6:30 p.m.—Confirmation Class	6	7 12:00 p.m.—SLAA 8:00 p.m.—Simplicity AA	8 12:00 p.m.—SLAA 6:00 p.m.—Women's AA	9 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.—Work Day 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.—Hearts and Hands 10:00 a.m.—Little Church; Big Faith Posted
10 + 20 th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.—Worship	11 12:00 p.m.—SLAA	12 6:30 p.m.—Confirmation Class	13	14 12:00 p.m.—SLAA 6:30 p.m.—Shelter Dinner 8:00 p.m.—Simplicity AA	15 12:00 p.m.—SLAA 6:00 p.m.—Women's AA	16 9:30 a.m.—Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.—Little Church; Big Faith Posted
17 + 17 th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.—Worship Young Adult Hike after worship 4:00-6:00 p.m.—3456 5:00-7:00 p.m.—Youth Night	18 12:00 p.m.—SLAA 7:00 p.m.—Community Ministry	19 6:30 p.m.—Confirmation Class	20	21 12:00 p.m.—SLAA 8:00 p.m.—Simplicity AA	22 Newsletter Deadline 12:00 p.m.—SLAA 6:00 p.m.—Women's AA	23 10:00 a.m.—Little Church; Big Faith Posted
24 + 18 th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.—Worship 5:00-7:00 p.m.—Youth Night	25 12:00 p.m.—SLAA 7:00 p.m.—Worship Committee Mtg	26 6:30 p.m.—Confirmation Class	27	28 12:00 p.m.—SLAA 8:00p.m.—Simplicity AA	29 12:00 p.m.—SLAA 6:00 p.m.—Women's AA	30 10:00 a.m.—Little Church; Big Faith Posted
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