

# St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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

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## September 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, September 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**EECM Shelter Dinner**  
**Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**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 there will be some trial updates to Communion distribution, which Pastor Carmichael will explain in his column on the second page. We look forward to seeing you in worship soon!

### Lector and Cantor Schedule

Sunday	Lector	Cantor
September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Shaffer	Jimmi and Timothy Kocher-Hillmer
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Kelly Spaninger	Kristen Asplin
September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Gaugler	Jeff Denlinger
September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Lester Prince	Richard Krug

### Worship Technology Team

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](mailto:director.faith.formation@standrewpittsburgh.org) or by phone at 724-208-9169.

### Youth Group Matching Grant

St. Andrew's youth group has received a matching grant for up to \$1000 for the month of September. Please consider making a financial gift to the youth group this month so that we can receive the full benefits of the grant. When making your gift toward the grant, you can do so in addition to your regular offering online or by the collection plate by marking this additional gift with "youth" on the memo line or the outside of the envelope.

### ELCA Youth Gathering July 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

## From the Pastor

Dear People of St. Andrew,

For many in the Pittsburgh area, the beginning of a new school year has once again been fraught with uncertainty, with arguments and adjustments over start dates and safety requirements. This naturally leaves many people frustrated and disappointed, if they even have time to think of that as they scramble to make everything work in their schedules. I have had conversations recently and seen posts online in which some have suggested that the constancy of change seems to be the only certainty we have anymore. When this is the case, when so few of our hopes or expectations are met, when we are bereft of certain comforting routines we could once rely on, it is natural to feel unsettled, and it can be especially challenging when this state continues on for as long as it has.

Though we may not always like it, ongoing change can have benefits, as well. Our faith can be a balm in times of trouble, but as Scripture indicates, it is also meant to grow and mature. God's work among us is dynamic. I am thankful for the old saying, "God loves you exactly as you are and loves you too much to have you stay that way." Jesus and his first disciples never stayed in one place for long—they were seemingly always on the move, and Jesus' followers were constantly being challenged to learn and see things differently along the way. The same is true for us as we continue living into our baptismal promises each day. Our community of faith and the liturgy we engage in together are never static, but consistently reforming and evolving as we seek to be faithful in our time and context. With this in mind, as we enter a new "program year" in the church, I would like to share some developments and updates on our plans for worship and Christian Education in the upcoming months.

This past year, our church's publishing house, Augsburg Fortress, released a new hymnal called *All Creation Sings*. This supplement to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* contains two new liturgies, prayer and other liturgical resources, and 200 new hymns. Since we currently have only one cantor singing the hymns on Sundays, now is an opportune time to slowly introduce new hymns from this resource, which we will begin doing this month.

We will be making some other changes to worship in the weeks to come, also. The first will be to reverse the order of the Welcome and the Prelude. When we began live streaming worship from the sanctuary, it made sense to begin with music as a means of transition for people tuning in online. Now we post an online count-down to the service, which allows space for ambient noise, the sound of parishioners gathering, and perhaps additional music, so the prelude, which sets a tone for the service, can be returned to its natural place after the welcome to help the assembly with focus, centering, prayer, and preparation for worship.

The second change will be in the area of Holy Communion. Our current setup for distribution has worked relatively well but still has an unnatural, what some have termed "clinical" feel to it. We find ourselves separated from one another with a second altar between parishioners and those who are serving and lose a sense of the unity intended in the meal. St. Andrew's worship committee recently learned of another method of distribution which would allow us to offer distribution in a sanitary manner while still moving forward in recovering a more familiar and communal celebration of the sacrament. This method involves hosts (bread—both regular and gluten-free) prepared ahead of time with a drop of either wine or grape juice on them, maintaining the reception of Communion in both kinds. The hosts can then be distributed by the pastor (using tongs to ensure sanitary delivery) directly to the person receiving the sacrament. Our plan is to introduce this method of Communion distribution during worship on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. We ask your openness to this change on a trial basis, with the understanding that it may be necessary to make future adjustments to our plans.

On that note, St. Andrew previously announced the plan for "Little Church; Big Faith" Christian Education activities for our youngest children (up to third grade) to take place during the Sunday worship service. Given our current circumstances, it made sense to change our approach in order to better serve St. Andrew's people. Beginning this month, "Little Church; Big Faith" will instead be a pre-recorded video released online on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m., giving families an opportunity to take part in faith formation activities at their convenience throughout each weekend. Director of Faith Formation Chris Atwood will deliver resource kits to households with children in this age group to assist with these activities.

Amid all that is changing around us, this past Sunday's second reading from James offers assurance in the promises of God "with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." We look ahead in trust and hope, confident in the one who holds our future, whose love and grace are steadfast and sure.

In Christ, Pastor Ross

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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?pwd=b0UvOXE1UnBGQIRNN1MvZ0VpRmVLZz09>

## Changes to Fall Christian Education

This past month, St. Andrew announced a plan to hold "Little Church; Big Faith" in person during Sunday worship services. After further consideration of the various factors in flux, the format for Christian Education for our youngest children will be changing. ***Beginning Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, "Little Church; Big Faith" will become an asynchronous lesson and activity posted online at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday*** for the Sunday lessons of that weekend. The videos are intended for children from birth through second grade. Resource kits will be delivered to your home the week of September 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please reach out to Chris Atwood at 742-208-9169 or [director.faith.formation@standrewpittsburgh.org](mailto:director.faith.formation@standrewpittsburgh.org). Our hope is that as vaccinations become more available to children and we can return to more normal Faith Formation programming in Advent.

## Bible Blessing

As part of our Fall Faith Formation kickoff, during Worship on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be Blessing Bibles. We will invite First and Second graders forward during worship with their parents and sponsors to help fulfill the promise made at their Baptism to place the scriptures in their hands as they receive their Bible from the church community. We also invite everyone to bring your own Bible to hold and have blessed.

## 3456 and Youth Night Cross-Community Events Starting Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

This fall, the congregation's youth group (7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Support St. Andrew's Free Pantry!

St. Andrew's Little Pantry Ministry has gotten off to a great start! We have received donations of food, Thrivent Action Team cards, and people's time, and the pantry has now been installed, painted, and dedicated! Thank you to all who have helped! ***We are looking additional people to assist with keeping the pantry stocked and orderly in September—please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-free>***

There are more opportunities to contribute and helping can be simple and rewarding. Here are ways to join in:

- Give a donation in any denomination. Just add it to your weekly offering and add “Little Pantry” in the memo line of your check.
- Wrap sets of plastic utensils (fork, spoon, and knife) in a napkin and place each in a small zip lock baggie. Place it on the pantry food shelves in the Social Hall.
- Buy an extra item for the pantry while shopping. Look for a cart of discounted food that is pantry appropriate. Most groceries will have one somewhere in the store.
- If you are a Thrivent member, consider applying for a Thrivent Action Team Gift card and designate Little Free Pantry as the project. (Ask Joyce Compton or Sue Gaugler about how to do this.)
- Sign up to serve as a Pantry Attendant. You can choose a month of Sundays or Wednesdays to fill up the Pantry from our donation shelves (Roughly 30-60 minutes). Team up with another family to split the days .

Contact Joyce Compton for more information: [jcompton28@gmail.com](mailto:jcompton28@gmail.com) or 412-657-0584.

**Below is a list of items to stock the pantry:** *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.

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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,” organized by Grannies Respond /Abuelas Responden, coordinates volunteers to meet asylum seekers at bus stations across the U.S. as they make their journey from the border 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. St. Andrew seeks to support Grannies Respond/ Abuelas Responden with **clothing for infants and toddlers up to age three only and 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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## Young Adult Potluck Cookout Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.

St. Andrew offers opportunities for young adults in the congregation to gather for fun and community-building activities. This month's will a **Potluck Cookout on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.** This event will be held at Director of Faith Formation Chris Atwood 's house:

1005 Pemberton St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Main dish, beverages, and s'mores will be provided. Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, to 742-208-9169 or [director.faith.formation@standrewpittsburgh.org](mailto:director.faith.formation@standrewpittsburgh.org).

## Work Day — Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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. Please come help care for our building and grounds so that our church remains inviting and welcoming to everyone. We will be working on weeding and trimming, cleaning woodwork inside, sorting out kitchen items, and other tasks.

## United Lutheran Seminary Offers Lectures

**Annual Urban Theological Institute's Fall Lecture: "The Church in a Post-Pandemic Era"** - This lecture will be delivered on **Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** by **The Rev. Jerry M. Carter, Jr., Ph.D., Senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Morristown, NJ.** It will be available on United Lutheran Seminary's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/unitedlutheranseminary>

**Fall Convocation Lecture — "A Theology of Belonging: Native and Lutheran Approaches and Perspectives"** - This lecture will be delivered Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> by **The Rev. Dr. (and Seminary President) R. Guy Erwin.**

Being part of something larger than ourselves, of a narrative that extends beyond our lifespan, and of a community that sustains us in this life, are all essential aspects of meaning-giving identity. How do these ideas shape our sense of self and determine our relationship with others? Why does "belonging" matter so much to us? Join us in a time of theological reflection and wonder at the interconnectedness of God, nature, and human experience.

Rev. Dr. Erwin will use historical, autobiographical, and theological approaches to explore the question of what it means "to belong"—to a place, to a culture, to a faith, and to a church. What is the nature of our connectedness to the natural world? How do we understand ourselves as being part of a family, a community, or a culture? How does Scripture use the idea of belonging, and how has Christian tradition shaped its own understanding?

*This event will be held virtually, and more information will be coming soon. Please visit [Fall Convocation: A Theology of Belonging: Native and Lutheran Approaches and Perspectives with Rev. Dr. R. Guy Erwin.](#) - [United Lutheran Seminary Calendar](#) for updates.*

## 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering Safety and Security Webinar Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 p.m. EDT

Gathering webinars are intended to provide members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America with the most up-to-date information as congregations, parents, and youth prepare for the Gathering. Join Gathering staff for a webinar all about safety at the 2022 Gathering. They will share what they are planning and open the session up for Questions and Answers at the end. Recordings will be made available online for those who are unable to attend. For access to the webinar, please complete the registration form (name and email address) at [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#) and the link will be sent to you.

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### Volunteer with Latino Community Center's Food Distribution

Latino Community Center is a local organization that recently began using space in St. Andrew's building to facilitate their regular distributions of food and diapers to clients of the organization. LCC's mission is to "Empower, advocate with, and celebrate Latinos in Allegheny County" and their vision is "A community in which all Latinos are valued and have equal and equitable access to the resources needed to thrive." They pursue this mission and vision through a variety of educational and family services.

As we at St. Andrew have been growing in this relationship with Latino Community Center, we have learned that they have additional need for volunteers with their food distribution in the month of September. They are looking for drivers to pick up boxes of food at St. Andrew on **Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** and **Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> between 2:00-3:00 p.m.** and deliver them to 3-4 households in Allegheny County. Each volunteer must have current background checks/clearances in order to work with LCC. It is not necessary to speak Spanish to volunteer with this program.

If you would like to serve as a volunteer driver for September's food distribution, please complete this form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScHzL0YI4bQBUXCDXZefNJShHsT0YRL5jtHD19GVJ7GWwC2sA/viewform> and on the last question, fill in Other: September Help so the LCC knows you are responding to this call for volunteers.

To learn more about the organization's work, please visit <https://www.latinocommunitycenter.org/>.

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### "Strive for Justice and Peace in All the Earth" Advocacy Opportunities

In the covenant of Holy Baptism, God's blessings come to us, and we respond in gratitude by committing ourselves to a way of life as followers of Jesus. This commitment is summarized in five baptismal promises, which include the call to "Strive for justice and peace in all the earth." One means of answering that call is through advocacy for more compassionate and just public policies that support the most vulnerable people in our communities. Below are two links to help you get started (or to help you continue!) that work:

#### Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Advocacy Center

You can sign up for ELCA Advocacy Alerts via email at

[https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/Advocacy?\\_ga=2.100603678.1476695542.1594990714-1992371135.1579724075](https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/Advocacy?_ga=2.100603678.1476695542.1594990714-1992371135.1579724075)

or visit the Advocacy Action Center to see the latest topics being discussed and voted on.

#### Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa)

LAMPa also has an email sign up for Action Alerts at <https://www.lutheranadvocacy.org/get-involved/actionet/>.

The links will connect you directly with your elected officials and often provide an outline of talking points or sample language to help you prepare your message.

# 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).

**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 Razafimahatratra Angelos Modeste**; for **Pastor Harold Jacobson**, who has assumed the role of **Acting Bishop** during **Bishop Michael Lozano's** absence due to illness.

**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, Rod Hermann, Bishop Michael Lozano of the NWSA Synod, and Kevin Kareis**

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

**For those who have been hospitalized recently or are preparing for or recovering from surgery, including Colleen Cooke, Dick Henius, and Sue Sabol.**

**For all who are in need or who have requested our prayers: Bonnie Adelson and Bruce Klotz, Angie, David Asplin, Brian, Cindy, Darby, Johanna, and Ricky; Deb B., Sylvia Eberle, Emily, Rachel Faulkner, Karen Grecko, Chrissy Heaton, Rod and Beth Hermann, Larry Lash, Pastor Kim Rapczak, Carol Spanninger, Mr. Tyson, and Waneta.**

**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 **Chris Atwood and his friends, Kelly Spanninger and Joyce Compton and their family, and Dixie and John Tymitz.**

**We pray in thanksgiving** ... for the safe birth of **Grace Halliday** and **Rose Eilene Givens** on Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, and we celebrate with **Joy and David**, and big brothers **Josh** and **Sam** as all have come home; 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 **Charles, Bob Goodner, and Jan Johnson**; in thanksgiving for comfort and hope that come from the promise of the resurrection to eternal life.

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## September Celebrations

### Birthdays

- 3 Christopher Atwood  
5 Jean Snyder  
7 William Bowser  
8 Layton Foy  
Trena Mortensen  
David Rollinson  
10 John Iordanidis  
Pamela Rall-Johnston  
14 James Hooks  
Declan Valenta  
17 Diane Elliot  
18 Dennis Valenta  
19 Mackenzie Caraway  
21 Pastor Keith Grill  
24 Jimmi Kocher-Hillmer  
Nicholas Schey  
Dixie Tymitz  
25 Carter LeDonne  
27 Colleen Cooke  
Lynn Bonenberger  
30 Krista Caraway  
Joy Collins

### Anniversaries

- 8 Brian Aiello and Randy Winslow  
19 Maria Mangano and David Rollinson  
22 Phil and Deanna Koch

## Thank You!

... to **Lily Cai** (piano), **Richard Krug** (cantor), and **Karen Shaffer** (lector) for their leadership in worship on Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.

... to everyone who helped set up and/or distribute produce, served sno-cones, and otherwise provided hospitality for National Night Out on August 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Chris Atwood, Sue and Scott Gaugler, Conrad, Taumi, and Arly Kalcich, Giovanni LeDonne, Colten Rohleder, Kelly Spanninger, Dixie and John Tymitz, and Hal Wilcox.**

... to **Lily Cai** (piano), **Kristen Asplin** (cantor) and **Sue Gaguler** (lector) for their leadership in worship on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

... to **Lily Cai** (piano), **Richard Krug** (cantor), and **Kelly Spanninger** (lector) for their leadership in worship on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

... 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 August 19<sup>th</sup>.

... to **Lily Cai** (piano), **Ian Brown** (cantor), and **Lester Prince** for their leadership in worship on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

... to **Lily Cai** (piano), **Richard Krug** (cantor), and **Joyce Compton** (lector) for their leadership in worship on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

... to **Jodie Minor** for altar care, setup, and cleanup each Sunday in the month of August.

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

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

... to all who helped with the process of sorting and reorganizing St. Andrew's music library: **Kristen Asplin, Chris Atwood, Jimmi and Timothy Kocher-Hillmer, and Richard Krug.**

... to **Joyce Compton and Kelly Spanninger, Emmy, Scott and Sue Gaugler, Cynthia Holden, Joyce and Pastor Larry Kemp, Lester Prince, Karen Shaffer, John and Dixie Tymitz, and Hal Wilcox** for their work at the church weeding, trimming bushes, and painting the Little Library and Little Free Pantry on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.

## In Sympathy

We offer sympathies and prayers for the family and friends of

### Bob Goodner

Dixie and John Tymitz's brother-in-law

### Charles Spanninger

Kelly Spanninger (Joyce Compton)'s uncle

### Jan Johnson

Mother of Chris Atwood's friend

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



## God's Work, Our Hands Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup> after Worship

Every year, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America designates one Sunday as "God's Work, Our Hands" day, an opportunity for congregations across the church to engage in service to their neighbors and surrounding communities. This year's date is Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. This year, St. Andrew will support Grannies Respond/Abuelas Responden and their Pittsburgh Overground Railroad efforts. The organization greets asylum seekers who are stopping at Pittsburgh's bus station en route to their new homes north and east. The travelers, many with children, often bring only the clothes on their backs for a long journey of 18-24 hours.

**These are the donations that are still needed:** (Quantity in parentheses)

- Band-aids (200)
- Motion sickness meds...small packs, or individually wrapped (25-50 for adults, 30 for kids)
- Adult cough lozenges...small packs or individually wrapped (100 for adults)
- Medicated lollipops for coughs/throats for kids, individually wrapped or small packs (60)
- Pedialyte powder packs to mix with water (60)
- Small packs of crayons with coloring books or paper (Up to 27)

All donations may be placed in the bins in the social hall.

*We invite you to stay after worship on God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, to help pack the kits for our traveling neighbors.*

## Responding to the Crisis in Afghanistan: Support Afghan Allies - Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

Following the fall of Afghanistan's elected government, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) has been mobilizing to provide support for our Afghan neighbors. LIRS is doing all that they can to save as many lives as possible and to serve those who have been and will be arriving in the United States and they are seeking support from people of faith in five different action areas:

1) **Volunteer** (DC-MD-VA area closest to Pittsburgh) - Calling for support for Afghan Allies, primarily Special Immigrant Visa holders who have been or will be evacuated to the U.S.

[How to Help Our Afghan Allies - LIRSConnect](#)

2) **Donate** - When our Afghan neighbors arrive, they often have no money, nowhere to stay, and nothing to eat. Unfortunately, there is typically a seven-day gap between the individuals' and families' arrival and when they are eligible to receive services through the U.S. resettlement program. A financial gift to "Neighbors in Need: Afghan Allies" will provide food, housing assistance, clothing, and other basic needs.

[Support welcome - Donate Now! - Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service \(convio.net\)](#)

3) **Advocate** - Urge President Biden and Congress to provide urgent humanitarian protections for those at risk.

[Action Center \(votervoicenet\)](#)

4) **Pray** - Lift up your hearts in prayer for our Afghan friends on LIRS' "Help Our Afghan Allies" page, where they have provided both a Christian and interfaith prayer.

[Help Our Afghan Allies | LIRS](#)

5) **Teach** - Learn more about the Special Immigrant Visa process, hear from SIV recipients, and explore other ways you can support Afghan individuals and families. [Help Our Afghan Allies | LIRS](#)

## Community Ministry Updates

### **Fresh Produce Distribution at St. Andrew — Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> Setup: 11:30 a.m. until Produce Is Unloaded and Packed 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. *The produce will be coming in bulk this month, so we will need additional help to pack boxes.* We return at 5:00 p.m. to set up and move the boxes outside and distribution is scheduled from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to direct cars, record names, and distribute and carry food boxes. Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-produce14>

### **Shelter Dinner, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.**

We have returned to serving the meal at East End Cooperative Ministry in East Liberty (6140 Station St. 15206) on the third Thursday of every month. This month's date is September 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity for those who would like to help, but don't have time to cook for this ministry. We can always use help prepping and serving at the shelter. **The meal is now served at 6:30 p.m.** Shelter residents have been vaccinated. Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544AAAC22A1F58-shelter29>

## Earthquake Relief in Haiti

*"I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words"* (Psalm 17:6).

A devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwest Haiti on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Over 1,400 people were killed, and that number is expected to increase as search-and-rescue efforts continue. Blocked roads are delaying the delivery of vital supplies to hospitals, which are overwhelmed with more than 6,900 injured people. At least 26,000 homes were damaged or destroyed, but the full extent of damage is still unknown. Haiti is also suffering through a political crisis and was hit by Tropical Storm Grace on Monday night, which caused severe flooding in communities already damaged by the earthquake.

For over two decades, the ELCA has maintained a presence in southern Haiti through support for agricultural and sustainable development work. To continue our engagement with those communities, Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with partner organizations in the communities to meet relief needs, including food, water, medical supplies and temporary shelter. In the future, other areas of support will include psychosocial care, water and sanitation, and creating sustainable livelihoods through agriculture and livestock. We also stand with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti as it assesses damage and impacts on churches and church life.

**[Your gifts will support earthquake survivors in Haiti. Gifts to "Haiti Crisis" will be used in full \(100%\) to assist those affected by the earthquake.](#)**

Together, as church, we can be there for our neighbors in Haiti.

Donations may be made **online**: <https://community.elca.org/haiti-crisis>

**By phone** at 800-638-3522

**By mail** with a check payable to Lutheran Disaster Response with "Haiti Crisis" in the memo line and sent to:

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

**Sundays - 10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

# September 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 + 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a.m.—Little Church; Big Faith Posted	6 12:00 p.m.—SLAA	7 5:30-7:00 p.m.—Produce Distribution	8	9 12:00 p.m.—SLAA 8:00—Simplicity AA	10 12:00 p.m.—SLAA 6:00 p.m.—Women's AA	11 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.—Work Day 10:00 a.m.—Little Church; Big Faith Posted 1:00 p.m.—Latino Community Center Distribution 5:00 p.m. Cookout for Young Adult Group
10:00 a.m.—Worship						
12 + 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.—Worship with Bible Blessing <i>God's Work, Our Hands</i> Service Project after worship	13 12:00 p.m.—SLAA 7:00 p.m.—Community Ministry	14 6:30 p.m.—Confirmation Class	15	16 12:00 p.m.—SLAA 6:30 p.m.—Shelter Din. 8:00—Simplicity AA	17 12:00 p.m.—SLAA 6:00 p.m.—Women's AA	18 10:00 a.m.—Little Church; Big Faith Posted
19 + 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.—Worship <i>After Worship—Altar</i> Care Training 4:00-6:00 p.m.—3456 5:00-7:00 p.m.—Youth Night	20 12:00 p.m.—SLAA 7:00 p.m.—Worship Committee	21 6:30 p.m.—Confirmation Class	22	23 12:00 p.m.—SLAA 8:00—Simplicity AA	24 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 12:00 p.m.—SLAA 6:00 p.m.—Women's AA	25 10:00 a.m.—Little Church; Big Faith Posted 1:00 p.m.—Latino Community Center Distribution
26 + 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.—Worship 5:00-7:00 p.m.—Youth Night	27 12:00 p.m.—SLAA	28 6:30 p.m.—Confirmation Class	29	30		