

***Creating
space for
love,
justice,
and
service to
flourish***



BUILDING COMMUNITY TOGETHER

**ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**



A COMMUNITY OF LOVE

When the worshipping community at St. Andrew Lutheran Church gathers on Sunday morning, it is not simply a weekly ritual; it is a time of reminding ourselves and one another that God loves us and the world. We come to the corner of Centre and Morewood from many places in the greater Pittsburgh area, holding many identities, because it is a harbor where we have been invited as wholly beloved and welcomed. In a society that increasingly operates on fear and division, St. Andrew strives to be a place of celebration and inclusion, where we “love everyone; exclude no one.” Our community gathers in our historic building, in the shadow of beautiful stained glass depicting Jesus welcoming the children and triumphing over death, so that we too can proclaim God’s love and life.

***We are proud to be a congregation in the
Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
(ELCA), and offer an authentic and
progressive Lutheran community.***



When you come to worship at St. Andrew, you will notice that we welcome all, not only to sit in the pews, but to share in the leadership and life of our community. With children running up and down the aisles, musicians offering their diverse gifts, and a commitment to breathing life into the ancient liturgies of the Christian faith, we encounter divine love as we hear God’s Word and are invited to the feast of abundance. Then we hear from our leaders as we are invited to consider ways in which we can continue showing God’s love throughout the week. After worship, we gather for continued nourishment and fellowship, catching up on each other’s lives, praying for one another’s joys and burdens, and preparing to live as disciples in the world.



A COMMUNITY OF JUSTICE

St. Andrew was the first Lutheran Reconciling in Christ congregation in the Pittsburgh area, proclaiming our intentional welcome and affirmation of the LGBTQIA+ community long before it was common among progressive Christian churches. Our Welcome Statement describes our ongoing commitment to open our hearts to “all who are seeking a place of healing and wholeness — a nurturing, faith-forming spiritual home . . . embracing people of all ages, ethnicities, cultures, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, and family constellations.”

“I came to Pittsburgh 32 years ago without knowing anyone. Being openly gay in a committed relationship with 2 children, I was lost. The first time my family came to worship we were welcomed openly and never have felt so comforted in any church before.

There is a Spirit that runs through St.

Andrew that truly loves everyone and excludes no one.”

— Kelly Spaninger, congregant



We live out this commitment to welcome and justice through intentional antiracist reflection and practices, shaped by our ever-deepening relationship with Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Pittsburgh’s Hill District. We worship, sing, and serve together with the people of Bethel, acknowledging the ways in which white churches have perpetuated the sin of racism, and strive to put our repentance into active works of repair and reconciliation.

We also know that our faith is lived out publicly. St. Andrew members and leaders can be seen advocating for care of our neighbors, and praying with our feet by marching in solidarity with the oppressed. This is a firm commitment to our call in baptism to “strive for justice and peace in all the world.”



A COMMUNITY OF SERVICE

St. Andrew takes our call to be good neighbors seriously. We do this through direct service to those in need by providing a produce distribution site with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, and stocking our Little Free Library and Little Free Pantry.



This commitment also takes the form of ongoing education. St. Andrew regularly organizes opportunities for learning and reflection, helping us and the people of our community to better support our immigrant neighbors, grow in peacemaking, work to dismantle antisemitism, and more. These efforts guide us in fulfilling our baptismal promise of serving all people, following the example of Jesus.

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COMMUNITY IMPACT

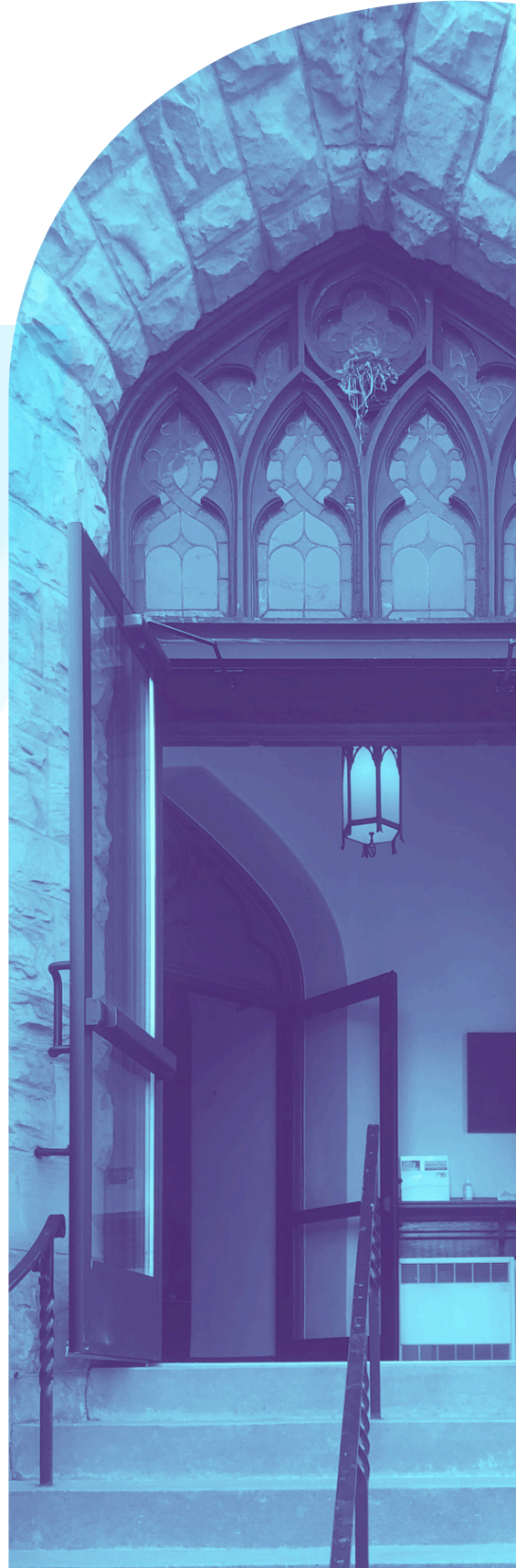
St. Andrew provides hospitality and welcome to a variety of community organizations that meet in the building and use the outdoor space. These include six 12-step recovery groups that meet weekly, a therapist's office, and storage and working space for nonprofit organization Bike PGH. St. Andrew has a Memorandum of Understanding with Winchester Thurston School to provide mutual shelter and safe space in case of emergencies. The church yard is offered as one of the few local green spaces in the community, and is well-utilized by people who live and work nearby. St. Andrew also hosts events such as workshops, piano recitals, concerts, and holiday parties for other nonprofit organizations.

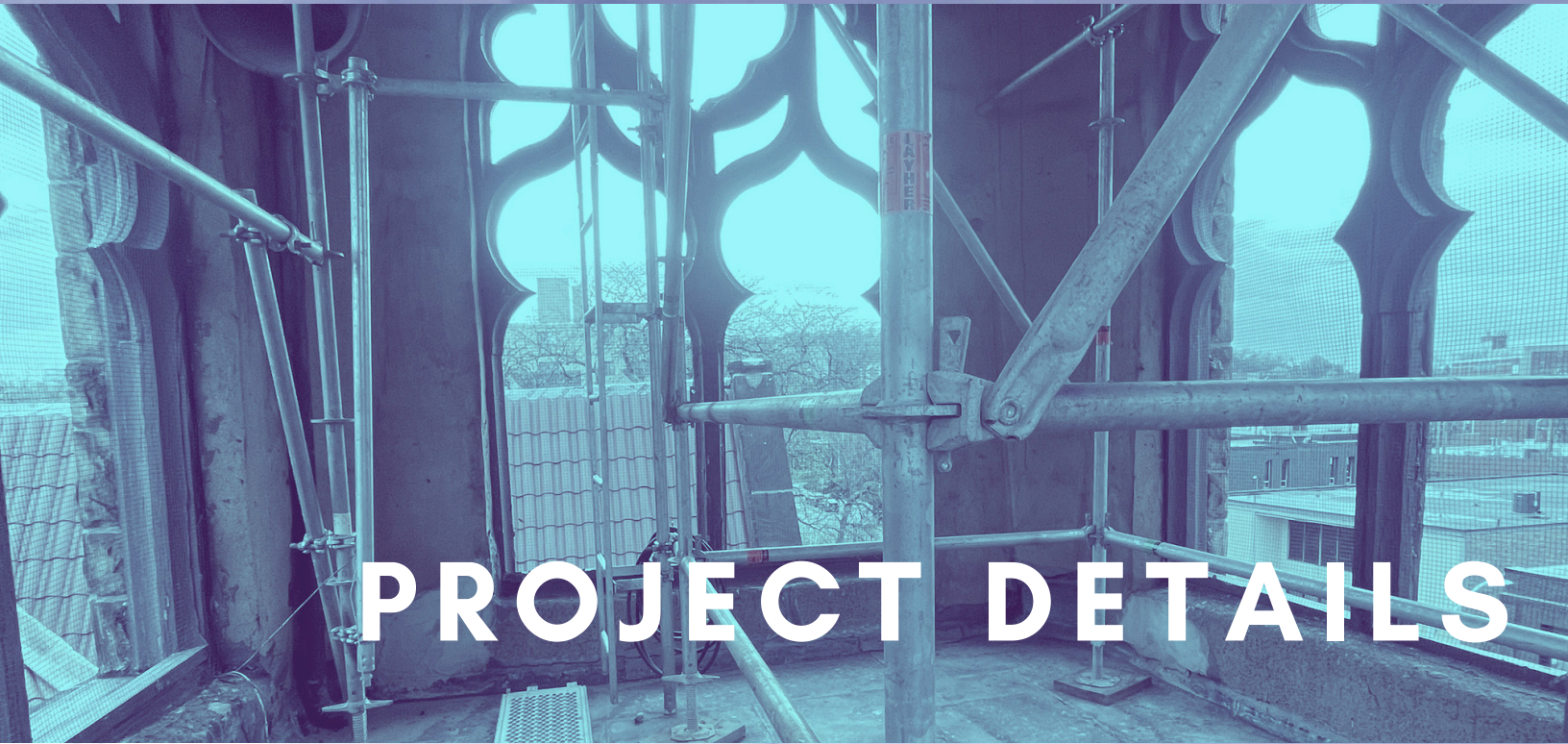


Through our programs, space sharing, and volunteer hours, along with the congregation's spending in the local economy through operations and building maintenance, St. Andrew gives back around **\$250,000 a year** to our community.

The hosting of organizations, events, and programs fosters visitor spending in the immediate neighborhood as well. We serve approximately 1,000 people per month through our ministry, and **95% are people from the community beyond the congregation.**

Among these ministries is our twice-monthly Fresh Market produce distribution in partnership with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, which serves an average of **110 households**, representing **300-350 people a month.**





PROJECT DETAILS



Our capital campaign of *Building Community Together* aims to raise **\$1,000,000** to fund the following improvements to the building:

- Full replacement of historic roof with new terra cotta tile
- Replacement of damaged soffit, fascia, and gutters
- Necessary and urgent wood and masonry repairs
- Repair of the two towers, including masonry, windowsills, rafters, and roof

Donations totaling **\$1.5 million** would allow us to also include:

- Waterproofing of church basement
- Creation of new ADA accessible ramp and entrance



AN INVITATION TO THE CAMPAIGN

Join St. Andrew in *Building Community Together*. Your contribution to this campaign will help us continue our commitment to love, justice, and service by ensuring that the building is safe and accessible.

This campaign will help preserve a local, historic church building while also creating a space that embodies welcome and justice in a world that seeks to tear down and divide. We have been given the gift of our corner of Centre and Morewood, and want it to flourish as a center of worship, learning, and relationship.

What can you give today to help St. Andrew continue to be a place where more community events happen, partners are welcomed, and important conversations and work for justice take place?



HOW TO GIVE



Funds may be pledged in the following ways:

Cash or Checks

Online (scan QR code to donate)

Credit Card

Marketable Securities

Please contact us using the information below for a stock transfer form.

Real Estate

Please contact us using the information below for further information.

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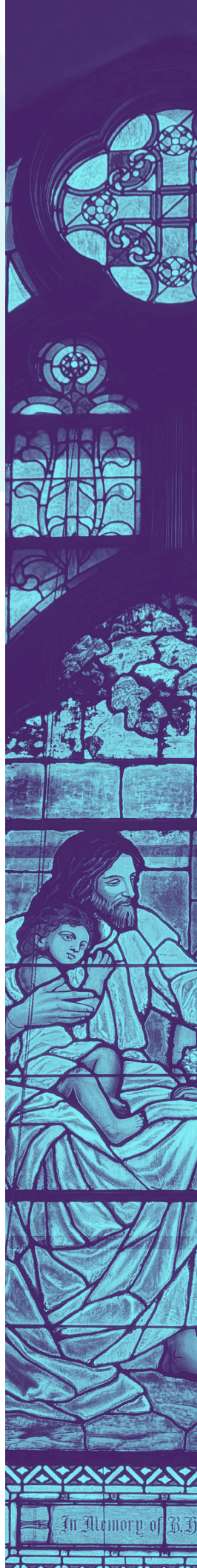
TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

St. Andrew Lutheran Church is a community of radical hospitality rooted in deep love for humanity and all creation. As the first reconciling and affirming Lutheran congregation in Southwestern Pennsylvania, the community of St. Andrew has worked tirelessly to continue expanding the welcome to all who need to know they are loved by God. — The Rev. Melissa Stoller, Bishop of the Southwestern PA Synod of the ELCA

Saint Andrew has always been serious about doing ministry in the community and putting advocacy into action . . . From Shepherd Wellness' beginning in 1987 in the midst of the AIDS crisis, Saint Andrew has been a partner and supporter in our work and ministry for all of these years, with sponsorship of dinners, providing volunteers to help serve and clean up with those dinners, financial support, and collection of winter hats, gloves, scarves for our members, many of whom not only are food insecure but also struggle financially. — Richard Krug, Executive Director, Shepherd Wellness Community

From the multilanguage SNAP benefit informational materials to the Rainbow flags, to the welcoming and genuinely warm greetings, the church creates an environment where people feel respected, supported, and valued regardless of their background or circumstances, demonstrating a genuine commitment to serving the Pittsburgh community with dedication and understanding . . . St. Andrew's impact extends beyond providing food assistance. It creates connection, fosters belonging, and demonstrates what a truly welcoming community can look like. Our family is grateful to be able to serve alongside a congregation that so clearly lives out its mission of service, inclusion, and care for others. — The Nutini Family, volunteers at St. Andrew's Produce Distribution

We've really appreciated being able to use this space and look forward to the completion of the capital campaign and all of the repairs that are being done to the sanctuary and the roof and being able to use this space for years to come as really a hub for the community and a resource for the programming for Bike Pittsburgh and many other local organizations. — Ted King-Smith, Education Manager, Bike Pittsburgh





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