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Happenings:

Sunday, November 4

All Saints' Sunday
Holy Communion at both services
Daylight Saving Time Ends

Tuesday, November 6

SAW Election Day Bake Sale
Begins at 7:00am

Sunday, November 11

Commitment Sunday Celebration
Reception between services

Sunday, November 18

Youth Pancake Breakfast
RTO Concert & dinner at 4:00pm

Monday, November 19

Lunch Bunch program at 11:30am

Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving Day / Office Closed

Friday, November 23

Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 25

Christ the King Sunday with
Holy Communion at both services

Commitment Sunday November 11

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Ollikainen,
Of Liberty Lutheran, Guest Preacher
Celebration reception between the ser-
vices. The ministries of
St. Andrew's count on you!
Don't miss this opportunity.



**Daylight Saving Time
ends on Sunday, Novem-
ber 4th. Don't forget to
turn your clocks back!**

Hungry?

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 18

9:30—11:00am

**Hosted by Confirmation
class**



RTO Concert

(Really Terrible Orchestra)

Sunday, November 18

at 4:00pm

Candlelight dinner follows.

Details on page #3



Recycling Volunteers Needed!



Please consider volunteering
for a month to take the recy-
cling at the Church and Hope
House to the recycling center.
A sign up sheet is located in
the narthex or see Rob Reese
with any questions.

Mid Week Advent Services take place
on Wednesday evenings beginning on
December 5th. See page #11.

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Pastor Laura's Page

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Dennis is a committed Lutheran Christian who long ago taught on the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation. When he moved into his new home in a housing project there he decided to invite eight of his students over for a meal. He knew that soup was a favorite dish among the Sioux Indians so he spent the morning of the meal boiling soup bones. Then he added a cupful of rice. But the rice seemed to disappear. And even when Dennis added the entire box of rice the same thing happened.

Dennis did not know that rice expands as it cooks. He went to four different neighbors and collected about two more boxfuls of rice. (Unfortunately for David, Sioux were very generous and giving without asking any questions). With three boxes of rice in the kettle, he hoped to have enough for eight hungry students if he first filled them with plenty of bread. David left the soup on the stove to simmer and headed over to school for class.

When David returned home with the eight students, the rice met them at the front door. The inside of the house looked as though a foot of snow had fallen. Four of the students stayed to help Dennis shovel rice, while the other four headed out to invite family and friends to help eat all the rice. Instead of feeding eight students, Dennis fed most of the inhabitants of the reservation – including dogs. The meal made such a lasting impression, that the most common question Dennis heard was, “You got any more rice soup?”

The rice soup not only launched Dennis cooking career, it also began a spiritual practice that is still central to his life. After that dinner with all the rice, the students and everyone else stayed. Dennis was so moved by their presence that he forgot the format for the prayer service, and simply shared what he was feeling. He had not felt a bit grateful for the rice that met him at the door when he arrived home. But he was deeply grateful that people of every age were meeting in his home to feast (on rice!) and to pray. That same evening others began to share their own moments of least gratitude and most gratitude. The social event was so life-giving to all who participated that Dennis continued to cook dinner every Friday night (although he never again served rice). He'd invite his Sioux students to come and eat, and then share those two questions:

#1. For what are you least grateful? #2. For what are you most grateful?

25 years later, Dennis still finds these two questions are the most helpful way for people to find direction for their lives.

On **Commitment Sunday, November 11**, we will thank God for all the blessings given to us. We will then gratefully respond to God by completing our 2013 commitment cards and reverently placing them in the offering basket on the baptismal font. As you and I prepare ourselves for this special Sunday, may we recall the times that something we felt least grateful about became something for which we were most grateful. By so doing, we can be confident that God will give St. Andrew's Church everything we need for mission and ministry in 2013.

Thanking God in Christ with you for every overflowing blessing (rice included!)

Pastor Laura



Youth News . . .

**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 18
9:30—11:00AM**



Come to church **HUNGRY** on November 18th. The Confirmation Class is hosting a Pancake Breakfast. All proceeds will be used for the Easton Youth Cluster Christmas project. Lutheran youth of the Easton area gather once a year to purchase gifts for children and adult clients of Northampton County Division of Children, Youth and Families.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Sunday School is part of worship on **Commitment Sunday, November 11th**. Celebrate as a family God's great blessings!

First Holy Communion Classes

are taking place and those in fifth grade (and anyone older who is interested) will be meeting at 8:30am in November and January to prepare coming to the Lord's table for the first time. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Transfiguration Sunday, February 10th. Please contact Pat Werkheiser at patwerky@gmail.com if you are interested and did not receive a letter.

Annual RTO Concert

Sunday, November 18, 4pm at St. Andrew's Church The **RTO (Really Terrible Orchestra)** is a 35 piece ensemble under the direction of George Fehnel. All the musicians are from the Lehigh Valley, and new musicians are always welcome. Dinner will follow the concert. A free will offering will be collected to benefit Allentown Rescue Mission. Donations of desserts are greatly appreciated. Please see Gwen Krapf if you are able to help.



JOIN US FOR COMMITMENT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11TH!

During worship we have been examining the "MAKE IT SIMPLE" themes related to our personal stewardship and commitment.

Worship on November 11th, will be Commitment Sunday. It will include an opportunity for each member household to bring to the altar a Commitment Card pledging their continued financial support to all the ministries of St. Andrew's for the coming year.

On Commitment Sunday, **The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Phelps Ollikainen** will share her thoughts about commitment and the gifts with which God continues to shower us.

Mark your calendar now to be a part of our gift of stewardship on Sunday, November 11th, at both services, as well as the preceding Sunday worship services. Thank you for every thing that you do for St. Andrew's.



St. Andrew's History Lesson:

The approved budget for 1955 was \$9,740, with the Board of American Missions giving salary aid of \$2,700 for the first year. Our approved budget for 2012 was \$241,350.



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**October Council
Meeting Highlights**

At the October meeting, Council members were reminded of the October 21 "Blessings" event. Area churches have been invited. Lynn Cushing noted the freewill offering of the "Blessings" event will benefit the ELCA Malaria Campaign.

Monthly staff reports were reviewed and it was noted that Mark Jonkman will be combining the New Life Singers with the Praise Band.

Thanks to contributions from the "Taking Flight" campaign, the mortgage has been reduced by \$15,714, leaving a balance of \$74,763. Commitments to the campaign have slowed.

Ed Piorkowski reported that we are still in need of a Youth & Family Chair. Thanks were given to Pat Werkheiser and Julie Sabatino for their work with the Senior Youth and Confirmation programs.

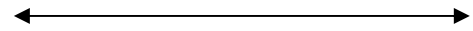
The new roof is on Hope House and the Church roof has been repaired. The fascia on the Church has not yet been repaired. Concerns over poor lighting in the Sanctuary and by the Welcome Wall are being addressed. The new narthex windows will help.

New members will be received at the end of the month. Due to personal preferences and some inconsistency, there will no longer be new member sponsors unless a new member specifically requests a sponsor.

The newly formed Mutual Ministry Team met for the first time. Staff members will receive a copy of their current job descriptions and will be asked to provide feedback on them.

Guy provided all Council members with a copy of the proposed budget for 2013 for review. The proposed budget will be discussed at the November meeting. St. Andrew's is still in need of a Stewardship Chair.

The next Council meeting takes place on Monday, November 12th.

**TAKING FLIGHT
CAMPAIGN CONTINUES**

Don't forget that the Taking Flight campaign is an ongoing effort through 2013. It is not too late to make a commitment to the Taking Flight program. Funds donated to this campaign are used to pay off our existing mortgage and to replenish the Building Fund for future improvements and enhancements to our church properties. If you haven't already, please prayerfully consider supporting this effort to "free" St. Andrew's from the burden of our mortgage!

**Simply Giving Program
A benefit to you**

and St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's Church, in conjunction with Thrivent Financial Services for Lutherans, offers the Simply Giving program of electronic funds transfer. It's an easy, confidential and convenient way to honor your annual giving commitment to St. Andrew's. Call the church office for details.

**Don't forget . . .
The November Lunch Bunch
takes place on MONDAY,
November 19th at 11:30am**



BRAND NEW AT ST. ANDREW'S!

What's going on...

New Life Singers

When I returned to St. Andrew's 2 1/2 years ago I was anxious to re-boot the choir that I began in 1977. The New Life Singers... The group was originally the Junior Choir. It was renamed by Pastor Adami and myself to attract new members. The choir immediately grew from four members to thirty.

Although New Life Singers has gotten new members over the past few years, it has not exploded in numbers as in the 70's. It also has not attracted the young adults I had hoped it would.

Praise Band

The Praise Band has been very slowly losing members (instrumentalists mostly) over the past 2 1/2 years. Finding replacements has been difficult.

I have been thinking very hard to come up with a solution that will be fun and exciting for all New Life Singer and Praise Band members.

So... I thought we might attempt a merger.

New Life Singers and the Praise Band will be combining forces to become...

The St. Andrew's Praise Singers!

The Children will still rehearse between services as they have been. The former Praise Band members will rehearse after the second service during the three weeks before the Praise Singers Perform.

We have three dates that the group will be performing. **Dec. 23rd, Jan. 27th, and March 24th.**

Instrumentalists are still needed. I will be arranging music for the group that will include a pre-recorded accompaniment, however, I would like to add live instruments to the mix.

If you are interested in being a part of this new group please fill out the form below and hand it to me when you see me at church or you can send it to my home at:

Mark Jonkman
5470 Monocacy Drive
Bethlehem, Pa. 18017



First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____@_____

Voice (circle)

Soprano Alto Tenor Bass

Instrument (circle)

Piano Drums Bass Guitar

Flute Clarinet Alto Sax Tenor Sax

Trumpet Trombone Baritone TC Baritone BC

Tuba

Other _____

In Christ,
Mark Jonkman

St. Andrew's Women (SAW)

Wednesday, November 14, 10:00am

Program: Paula Ream: "Third Street Alliance"

Devotions: Joan Gordon

Hostesses: Shirley Brugger, Donna Hawk, Hope Leshner

Business: Discuss Juvenile Home Christmas gifts—Gwen Krapf, select persons to purchase fruit baskets—Shirley Kerbaugh, present communion luncheon menu and sign-up sheets, elect 2013 SAW officers, critique Fall Festival and discuss proceeds of the Festival.

November 1 - Bus trip to Lancaster. Shopping, "Jonah" at Sight & Sounds, Dinner at Willow Valley. Depart church at 8:15 AM.

November 5 - Election Day Bake Sale set-up at 6PM

November 6 - Election Day Bake Sale –7AM

November 26 –Put up inside wreaths for Advent—Margaret Bennett

SAW is open to all women—members and friends of St. Andrew's on a come as you can basis. SAW meets the second Wednesday of the month throughout the program year.

Steel Magnolias

On **Tuesday, November 20**, the Steel Magnolias, a widow's group, will meet for lunch at 11:30AM at Lone Star in Palmer Township. Pastor Laura will be our guest. Please call Shirley Brugger at 610-438-1817 by November 19th for reservations.

St. Andrew's Comforters (SAC) and Prayer Shawl Group

Wednesday, November 21, 10am-3pm

Please join a faithful group of ladies to make comfort quilts that are distributed to those in need and are given to our high school graduates each year as a comforting reminder of their home church that cares. Contact Marian Bird at 610-253-1219 for more information.



Book Club Meets Dec. 2 After the 10:30 Worship Service

Book: *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter & Sweet* by Jamie Ford

Hostess: Becky Snyder

Henry Lee, a Chinese-American in Seattle who, in 1986, is still mourning the death of his wife when he learns that the belongings of Japanese Americans hidden in the basement of Seattle's Panama Hotel for decades have been discovered. The story switches back and forth between 1986 and the 1940s, when a 12-year-old Henry attending an American school ("scholarshipping") meets another international student working in the school kitchen. Keiko is Japanese American, the enemy according to Henry's father, but the two become best friends before her family is imprisoned in one of the relocation camps. The book explores the history and attitudes of this time period and Seattle's ethnic neighborhoods, as well as the richness of the relationships.

Blessings Abound

St. Andrew's Church initiated a 2012/2013 Blessings faith formation theme on October 21. Chief of Police, Larry Palmer (Palmer Township) shared his personal lay testimonial "Blessings through Witness" during Pr. Laura's sermon. We were blessed as a congregation to have Chief Palmer with us as witness to Christ's love through his congregation, family and work in the community. Thank you Chief Palmer!

On that same day, our biblical "wax figures" came to life during our afternoon Blessings event. What newfound faith and joy to witness Christ's love through words, music, and moments of silence. Thank you, Pr. Laura, for writing the beautiful scripts. Thank you to all participants, those behind the scenes, those who prepared food items, and to all who graced us by their presence at this program.

Blessed be the One who blesses us!

2012 FALL FAIR DONORS AND WINNERS

Anonymous/Butterfly Inn Candle Holder -
WON BY BARBARA REISS

Anonymous/Crystal Basket -
WON BY JULIE KRAFT

Anonymous/Music Box/Wings of Hope -
WON BY IRMIE BRAY

Anonymous/Orange Candle Set -
WON BY AUDREY BERTSCH
(Alice Kittek Recipient)

Margaret Bennett/Butternut-Colored Vase Arrangement -
WON BY HANNAH KOONS

Margaret Bennett/Basket Arrangement -
WON BY DAVID KOLB

Margaret Bennett/Rust-Colored Vase Arrangement -
WON BY CAROL EHLER

Shirley Brugger/Porcelain Heart-Shaped Box -
WON BY IRMIE BRAY

Shirley Brugger/Flowered Votive Candle Holder -
WON BY LINDA PENNOYER

Betty Detweiler/Crocheted Baby Afghan -
WON BY ELIZABETH McINTYRE

Betty Detweiler/Large White Afghan -
WON BY D.J. HAWK

Betty Detweiler/Tan & Maroon Afghan -
WON BY LINDA PENNOYER

Betty Detweiler/Porcelain Bridal Doll -
WON BY CAMILLE TIMPONE

Kim DiFelice/Fun Fur Scarf/Rust & Olive Shades -
WON BY PENNY DALY

Kim DiFelice/Fun Fur Scarf/Blue & Purple Shades -
WON BY SHARON WASMAR

Kim DiFelice/Christmas Themed Sweatshirt -
WON BY BETTY DETWEILER

Kim DiFelice/Halloween Themed Sweatshirt -
WON BY JANET SHRIVER

Kim DiFelice/Fall Themed Sweatshirt -
WON BY VERNA PIRAINIO

Judy Everett/Coach Wristlet -
WON BY SUSAN MIRENNA

Judy Everett/Small Plate -
WON BY AMY W.

Flower Cart/Arrangement with Crystal Cross -
WON BY SHERRY BINGAMAN

Donna Hawk/Fragrance Lamp -
WON BY JUDY EVERETT

Donna Hawk/Lenox Glassware, Set of Four
WON BY EILEEN PYSHER

Louise Mease/Jim Shore Snowman Figurine -
WON BY SHIRLEY BRUGGER

Doris Neumeyer/Cream & Wine Colored Afghan -
WON BY LAUREN HUFF

Margaret Schaeffer/Sea Shell Design Afghan -
WON BY LINDA MASSEY

Mary Schuck/Brightly Colored Small Afghan -
WON BY SHIRLEY BRUGGER

Mary Schuck/Blue Multi-Colored Shawl -
WON BY CAROL NORWOOD

Mary Schuck/Pink & Cream Baby Blanket -
WON BY FLO HEACOCK

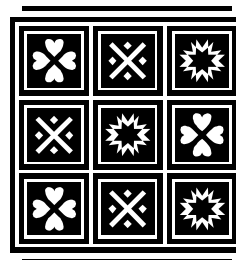
Mary Schuck/Small Quilt (Squares) -
WON BY LAURA AZZALINA

April Shaheen/Multi-Colored Heavy Shawl -
WON BY RUTH COCHIOS

Fay Slater/Willow Tree Angel -
WON BY CAROL EHLER

Pat Werkheiser/Aqua & Cream Colored Afghan -
WON BY SHIRLEY BRUGGER

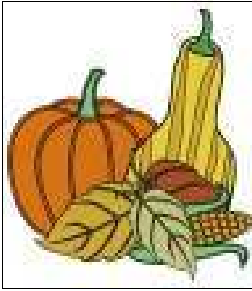
Marge Weidner/Hand-Woven Basket -
WON BY STELLA DOTTS

**THE QUILT**

Measures 68 X 94 with White background with shades of Brown Embroidery -- Embroidered by Hope Leshner and Quilted by Irene Neel.

WON BY LINDA PENNOYER

Thank-you all for your donations and participation!



MILLERSHOSSES



**STEPPING STONES EVENTS:
Blessing of New Confirmands**

On Sunday, September 23, the following young people were welcomed into the Confirmation program: Brenna Blanke, Melony Cassidy, Casey Diehl, Tyler Diehl, Andie Graney, Sean Guydish, Christopher Hess, Dillon Hill, Morgan Kessler, Nicole Ryan, Matthew Sabatino and Will Tichy. Each was presented with a special Luther Rose pin.



Presentation of Holy Bibles

The following third grade Sunday School students received Holy Bibles as part of the Stepping Stones ministry, on Sunday, October 14: Matthew Clark, Sean Costanzo, Ethan Kessler, Vincent Mariconda, Aidan Perry, Lillian Sensinger and Makayla Young

WE MOURN THE DEATH OF KENNETH W. KACHLINE, CALLED HOME TO BE WITH THE LORD ON OCTOBER 12TH.

November Second Sunday Offering

The Second Sunday/Second Offering collected on Sunday, November 11, will benefit the **Easton Youth Cluster Christmas Shopping event**, to be held on December 9th. Lutheran youth from the Easton area will gather at St. Andrew's and travel as a group to Walmart to purchase gifts for clients of the Northampton County Division of Children, Youth and Families.



In the Mailbag . . .

From **The Sixth Street Shelter**: "Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your recent contribution of \$119.00. Without ongoing contributions from the community, we would not be able to continue providing shelter to over ninety homeless families each year."

-Marsha Eichelberger, Director

From **Miller-Keystone Blood Center**:

"On behalf of everyone at Miller-Keystone Blood Center, as well as our 25 community hospitals and the patients that they serve, I would like to thank you for your outstanding efforts in coordinating the September 30th blood drive..."

-Suzan Detwiler,
Donor Resource Representative

*Please note that 15 St. Andrew's members donated blood, having the potential to **save 45 lives!** Way to go, St. Andrew's!

HELP NEEDED!

Church Time Nursery Coordinator to schedule volunteers to staff the Church Time Nursery, especially during the 10:30am service.

Narthex Committee is forming to update the heavily used narthex, creating a warm and inviting space for fellowship, while still serving as the Sunday morning information center for all the happenings at St. Andrew's. Please contact Lynn Cushing at alynn2534@yahoo.com if you are interested.

SAVE THE DATE!

Seminarian Chris Druckenmiller, a long time friend of St. Andrew's, is scheduled to be ordained on Sunday, December 16th at the Lutheran Center at 3:00pm. Sem. Chris warmly invites the members of St. Andrew's to share in his Service of Ordination.



Poinsettia Order Form

Poinsettias will be ordered from Raub's Florist this year. The cost of each pot is \$9.00

Given by:

In memory of:

In honor of:

_____ # of pots

_____ amount enclosed

Deadline is December 2nd!!!

Please do not include flower order payment with regular offering. Make checks payable to:
St. Andrew's, Poinsettias.



November Birthdays

- 1 Lisa Detweiler, Patty Schultz
- 2 Sue Himmelreich, Allison Marinoff
- 5 Ruth Cochios, Julie Sabatino, Stella Troxell
- 7 Jakob Raven, Doreen Gill
- 8 Alexis Gurinko, Jim Slater, Amy Wood
- 9 Marti Sales, Bryce Linden
- 11 Corry Fucili, Jamie Merida, Patricia Klein, Jonathan Zanoline
- 12 Tyler Price, Caralyn Reese, Joseph White
- 13 Ryan Bonser, Cindi Callantine, Brent Finkbeiner, Susan Kerbaugh, Evan Guydish, George Wielins
- 14 Edith Green, Carol Hegedus, Geoff Reese, Katie Rooks, Hattie Wuchter
- 15 Jenna Strausser, Margaret Bennett
- 17 Rebecca Zansitis, Michael Clark, Sharon Bleice
- 18 Chad Hunara, Barb Moyer, Chad Pysher, Allison Pennoyer
- 19 Rhonda Geiselman, Dillon Hill, Marian Lennen
- 20 Avery Hutchison
- 21 Matthew Droesch, Sammy Schlater, Alexis Schoenenberger, Marion Yeager, Lyla Troxell, Chandra Bleice
- 22 Donald Colfax, Theresa Trauger
- 23 Jim Stydinger
- 24 Jeanette Brinker, Carol Griffith, Tom Korp, Nicolas Rosado
- 25 Eric Graham
- 26 Danny Hynes
- 27 Melissa Rosado
- 28 Brianna DiFelice, John Vivian, Pam Clark
- 29 Mackenzie Hutchison, Cynthia Wolff
- 30 Patty Hunara, Rebecca Mariconda, Roy Thorpe, Audrey Rinda



November Birthdays



ProJeCt of Easton Wish List

- ◆ Peanut Butter
- ◆ Jelly
- ◆ Canned Soups, Stews and Chili
- ◆ Coffee
- ◆ Juices in plastic bottles
- ◆ Healthy kids snacks



The number of families turning to ProJeCt for assistance continues to grow. Your contributions, no matter how great or small, are greatly appreciated. Donations can be left in the narthex. Jim Slater of our Congregation, delivers donated items to ProJeCt during the week. Thank you!

CROP Walk update: Four walkers from St. Andrew's, with about 50 other volunteers from area churches, gathered on Sunday, October 14th for the Easton CROP Walk. Funds raised during this annual event are used to bring food to those in need, not only in our own community, but all over the world. The St. Andrew's Team consisted of Pastor Laura, Julie Kraft, Lynn Cushing and Lynn's son, Justin. This awesome crew raised over \$550.00!



MDA LOCK UP!

Pastor Laura is headed to the pokey and needs us to help with her "bail." Of course, Pastor is being locked up to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), at Ocean Restaurant in Easton, on November 29th and her "bail" has been set at \$3,000! A collection envelope is located in the narthex to collect donations for this annual MDA event, and all monies collected are used to benefit MDA's local health care service program, and for worldwide research efforts.



Meet MDA Goodwill Ambassador, Shelby VanVliet: Shelby was diagnosed with Congenital Muscular Dystrophy at 3 years old. She is not able to brush her hair or teeth, walk or stand and uses an electric wheelchair. She just started 8th grade and is a straight A student. She plays the French horn in the school band, sings in the church choir, and plays baseball for the Miracle League of Northampton County, where she is a Yankee. Shelby loves animals and wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up.

CHRISTMAS INGATHERING

The collection box is in the narthex! The Annual Christmas Ingathering will be held on December 5th. This year St. Andrew's is responsible for 75 bottles of body lotion and 75 packages of feminine hygiene products. These products are only two of the many items collected to help 10 different agencies in the Easton-Bethlehem area. There are 27 participating congregations. We'll keep you informed as the collection proceeds. Thank you for your generosity and prayers for these agencies. If you prefer to give a monetary donation, Fay Slater or Judy Everett, Ingathering coordinators, will shop for you. You can find them in the narthex after worship.

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be up before the end of November and full with the names of children from our community who could use some holiday cheer. Please take a tag (or tags) from the Christmas Tree in the narthex. The tag will contain the name, age and gift suggestions for a needy child. Purchase the suggested item or another age appropriate item, wrap it, attach the tag and place the wrapped gift under the Giving Tree. The gifts will be delivered to the Easton Area Neighborhood Center.



ELCA 100 Wells Challenge:

Lutheran youth from across the nation set a goal of raising \$250,000 to be used to bring clean water to those in need around the world.

The goal has been met, and exceeded, with over \$500,000 being raised! The St. Andrew's Second Offering in July was given in support of this challenge. Way to go, ELCA youth!!!

Christmas Eve Bulletins

Anyone interested in sponsoring Christmas Eve bulletin covers for one of the three services is asked to please call the church office (610) 252-2258. Covers cost \$20.00 per service and can be given "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone special, or "in celebration of" a special occasion.

**Women's Advent Breakfast –
Saturday, December 8,**

At the home of Lynn Cushing

All women of the congregation and their friends welcome! We will celebrate our Blessings as sisters in Christ. Save the date! More information forthcoming.

LUTHERAN MINISTRIES DAY: Weaving Our Faith Stories, will be held on January 26, 2013 at St. John, Boyertown. Pastor Paul Lutz (Trinity, Lansdale) will be the keynote presenter of the day, sharing his thoughts and ideas on biblical storytelling. Please visit the Synod website at www.godslove.org for more information and registration materials.



MALARIA UPDATE: To date, \$4.7 million has been raised in support of the ELCA Malaria Campaign – that is just over 30% of the way to the \$15 million by 2015 goal.

Malaria Fact: Malaria is the second-leading cause of death from infectious diseases in Africa, after HIV and AIDS, and the fifth-leading cause of death from infectious diseases worldwide (after respiratory infections, HIV and AIDS, diarrheal diseases and tuberculosis)

Just a reminder . . . don't forget to contact the church office if you are admitted to the hospital. Due to HIPPA regulations, the hospital will not notify the church.

Mid Week Advent Services...

will be hosted by Arndt's, St. Andrew's, St. Paul's Third and St. Paul's Southside Lutheran Churches on Wednesday evenings, beginning on December 5. The theme of the series is "**Prepare the Royal Highway.**" A soup supper is served at 6:00pm, followed by worship at 7:00pm. The offering collected throughout the series will benefit the Children's Home of Easton.



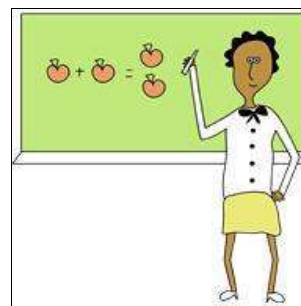
December 5 at St. Andrew's Church with Vicar Chris Druckenmiller preaching.

December 12 at Arndt's Church with The Rev. Rashion Santiago preaching.

December 19 at St. Paul's Southside Church with Pastor Laura preaching.

HISTORY NOTES

The Rev. Samuel L. Krouse, the first Pastor of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, resigned in April of 1958 to take a position as Associate Pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran in Pottstown, PA. Membership grew in those first four years, from the 145 adults and youth that signed the original charter, to 411 baptized members, and 247 confirmed members. Pastor Meck was elected as the second Pastor of St. Andrew's Church on August 10 of 1958, and moved into the parsonage on October 1 of that year.



Learning Opportunities

Sunday, November 4 /All Saints' Sunday
8:30 Holy Communion Worship Service

Council Representative: Don Sachs
AM: Tom Carr **Lector:** Debbie Ashton-Chase
Acolyte: Irelyn Freyling
Ushers: Don Sachs, Warren Rute
Greeters: TBA
Church Time Nursery: TBA
Children's Sermon: Casey and Tyler Diehl
Sound System: Steve Diehl

Sunday, November 11/Commitment Sunday
8:30am Worship Service

Council Representative: Laura Azzalina
Lector: Alec Welsh
Acolyte: Chuck Tichy
Ushers: Dillon Hill, Rhiannon Perry
Greeters: TBA
Church Time Nursery: TBA
Children's Sermon: Dan Sabatino
Sound System: Jeron Heebner

Sunday, November 18
8:30am Worship Service

Council Representative: Ed Piorkowski
Lector: Tyler Diehl
Acolyte: Casey Diehl
Ushers: CJ Ward, Reilly Ward
Greeters: TBA
Church Time Nursery: TBA
Children's Sermon: Pastor Laura
Sound System: Rob Reese

Sunday, November 25/Christ the King
8:30am Holy Communion Worship Service

Council Representative: Laura Azzalina
AM: Lynn Cushing **Lector:** Alexis Rute
Acolyte: Andie Graney
Ushers: Don Sachs, Warren Rute
Greeters: TBA
Church Time Nursery: TBA
Children's Sermon: Fay Slater
Sound System: Warren Rute



Month of November—Altar Guild: Carol Ehler/Irene Neel

Sunday, November 4/ All Saints' Sunday
10:30am Holy Communion Worship Service

Council Representative: Carl Fisher
AM: Linda Baskwell **Lector:** Olwen Bougher
Acolyte: Donna George
Ushers: Ken Agren
Greeters: TBA
Church Time Nursery: TBA
Sound System: Geoff Reese

Sunday, November 11/Commitment Sunday
10:30am Worship Service

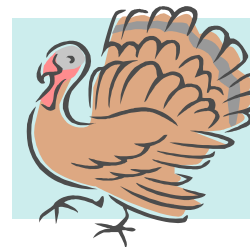
Council Representative: Carl Fisher
Lector: Linda Baskwell
Acolyte: Christopher Hess
Ushers: Austin Schneck, B. Blanke
Greeters: TBA
Church Time Nursery: TBA
Sound System: Karen Barilone

Sunday, November 18
10:30am Holy Communion Worship Service

Council Representative: Carl Fisher
AM: Jamie Merida **Lector:** Dona Forik
Acolyte: Donna George
Ushers: Ken Agren
Greeters: TBA
Church Time Nursery: TBA
Sound System: Ken Agren

Sunday, November 25/Christ the King
10:30am Holy Communion Worship Service

Council Representative: Carl Fisher
AM: Guy Ehler **Lector:** Judy Everett
Acolyte: Melony Cassidy
Ushers: Ken Agren
Greeters: TBA
Church Time Nursery: TBA
Sound System: Mike Ryan



Offering Counters: Doris Neumeayer/Ruth Cochios

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES

St. Andrew's Calendar of Events

November 2012

Thursday, November 1

- 7:45am SAW Lancaster Bus Trip
- 6:30pm Bell Choir
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, November 2

- 6:00 & 7:30pm Crossroads Group

Sunday, November 4/All Saints Sunday Daylight Saving Time Ends

- 8:30am Holy Communion Service
- 8:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am Holy Communion Service
- 6:30pm Confirmation class

Monday, November 5

- 7:00pm Worship & Music meeting

Tuesday, November 6/Election Day

- 7:00am SAW Election Day Bake Sale
- 7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

Wednesday, November 7

- 4:30pm Girl Scouts
- 7:00pm League of Women Voters

Thursday, November 8

- 6:30pm Bell Choir
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, November 9

- 6:00 & 7:30pm Crossroads Group

Sunday, November 11/Commitment Sunday Second Sunday Offering/Veteran's Day

- 8:30 & 10:30am Worship Services
- Celebration reception between services
- 6:30pm Confirmation class

Monday, November 12

- 7:00pm Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 13

- 7:00am Bible Study @ Williams Diner
- 7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

Wednesday, November 14

- 10:00am St. Andrew's Women (SAW)
- 7:00pm Easton Ice Hockey

Thursday, November 15

- 6:30pm Bell Choir
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, November 16

- 6:00 & 7:30pm Crossroads Group

Saturday, November 17/Safe Harbor

Sunday, November 18

- 8:30am Family Worship
- 8:30am Sunday School
- 9:30am Advent Pancake Breakfast
- 10:30am Holy Communion Service
- 4:00pm RTO Concert & Dinner

Monday, November 19

- 11:30am Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, November 20

- 7:00am Bible Study @ Williams Diner
- 11:30am Steel Magnolias Widows' Group
- 7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

Wednesday, November 21

- 4:30pm Girl Scouts

Thursday, November 22/Thanksgiving

Friday, November 23/Office Closed

- 6:00 & 7:30pm Crossroads Group

Sunday, November 25/Christ the King

- 8:30am Holy Communion Service
- 8:30am Sunday School
- 10:30am Holy Communion Service

Tuesday, November 27

- 7:00am Bible Study @ Williams Diner
- 7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

Wednesday, November 28

- 10:00am-3:00pm Quilters/Knitters

Thursday, November 29

- 6:30pm Bell Choir
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, November 30

- 6:00 & 7:30pm Crossroads Group

