



Good News *from* **St. Andrew's**

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Celebrating New Life



Once again, our Lenten Journey has included many references to Christ's painful suffering and death. We symbolically stand at the foot of the cross trying to imagine all that He endured for our sake. To be sure, the price Christ paid for our salvation involved incredible humiliation and horrific treatment. As demeaning and difficult as it all was, it was a part of God's plan to "gift" humankind with payment in full for our sins. Like the songwriter, we also conclude, "Oh, sometimes, it causes me to tremble!"

When Christ's sacrifice was complete, He was taken down from the cross and buried. What a fearful time of speculation for those who were closest to Him. Would He, could He raise from the dead as He said? Good Friday to Easter morning seemed like an eternity to those who were wondering and waiting.

However, the answer was miraculously clear as the women gathered at the empty tomb early Easter morning. Christ had arisen from the dead just as He said He would! Sorrow was replaced with joy. Defeat was replaced with victory. Darkness was replaced with light. There was hope and the promise of new life everywhere!

Consequently, this Easter we gather to again celebrate Christ's victory. Sin and death no longer have the last word. We can claim the new life that is ours. We can celebrate the fact that because Christ lives, so can we today, tomorrow and forever! Indeed, "weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes in the morning!" A blessed Easter to you and your family,
Pastor George

Holy Week Schedule

April 20 - *No Wednesday Service*

Thursday, April 21 - 6:00 pm Seder Supper

Good Friday, April 22 - 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship

April 24 - Easter Sunday

6:30 am - Sunrise Worship Service

7:00-10:00 am - Easter Breakfast served by St. Andrew's Youth

8:30 am & 10:30 am - Festival Easter Worship



PASTOR MEGAN'S MUSINGS...

Emily Dickenson once wrote, "Hope is the thing with feathers that nestles in the soul, and sings the song without words and never stops at all." I love that quote. It's actually hanging up in my house right over my kitchen sink; a reminder that hope, which appears delicate and fragile, is one of the most resilient and powerful things in this world. As we approach Easter, the word hope seems to echo in my mind more and more. I started to think about different kinds of hope, how often it surprises us and the strange places it can be found. I thought about how our hopes change as we grow in our faith, and what a gift true hope is in times of darkness when it suddenly occurred to me how the events of Holy Week reflect our own struggle as we grow in our own faith and our understanding of what it means to be saved.

Think about what it must have felt like on Palm Sunday to see Jesus enter Jerusalem. The world must have had such high hopes and expectations in that moment. I think of moments of great hope in my own life, times when things were changing, when the world was filled with possibilities and anything could happen. These are moments of reckless hope, where we believe almost naively that things will go the way we want them too. We feel like we have the power to change the world, to fix the wrongs, heal the hurts and make all things right. I think this is the hope we experience early on in our faith journey, a mountain-top kind of hope which in many ways strengthens and encourages us, but is too wild and raw to sustain us where we live every day. After all, we are not Palm Sunday people; we are Easter people and Holy Week has just begun.

Next comes the Last Supper; the warning that things would not be as we thought they should and the refusal to hear that warning. The denial that this bright perfect moment could not last, and that with the possibility of good things happening also comes the risk of bad. In a way, we are confronted with the reality that we are not as perfect as we thought we were and that life is not going to come together according to our plan. (I had such a good plan, too!) We come to this moment ready to fight desperately to keep that reality from crashing in on us. I often wonder if I would have been any less violent at the Garden of Gethsemane when the crowd came to arrest Jesus. It seems like the perfect time to take up arms and fight to keep the hope of Palm Sunday alive. It is astonishing that Jesus stops this violence from happening. He is obedient not to the will and desire of man, but to the will of God, knowing that the world cannot be healed through vio-

lence and force, but only through unequalled love and sacrifice, and we are forced to continue our Lenten journey to the cross, leaving behind glory of Palm Sunday and heading for the darkest moment of Holy Week.

We find ourselves at last at Good Friday. It is here that it all becomes too much and light and hope are farther away from us than they have ever been. This is the moment when the world comes crashing down on you, and we face the reality that things will not go as we had planned. We cannot control the world. We cannot fix every injustice, right every wrong, or heal every wounded and broken soul. We cannot even fix ourselves. This is where we surrender and face the reality that we cannot save the world and ourselves because we ourselves are in need of salvation. We cannot heal because we are sick, we cannot fix because we are broken, and we cannot be a saint because we are, in fact, a sinner. This is the death, the grave, and it is from the depths of that grief, the hope of Easter bursts into our lives.

Easter morning breaks the darkness of the tomb and replaces our grief with hope once more. However this is not a hope that relies on our own work and plans. It is a hope provided by God. The hope that when all our plans blow up in our faces and when we get ourselves utterly and completely lost, that there is something more than the mess we have made of our own lives. Hope that while we cannot heal the brokenness in ourselves or in our world, God can. Hope that while we are indeed sinners, God can also make us saints. Hope that this world with its pain and suffering has been changed forever by the actions of a man who lived and died nearly 2,000 years ago. God came to earth not to make us perfect people, but to make us Easter people. People that believe there is light even in the darkest moments. People who see love blooming even in places of hate. People who believe that death is not the end and that this world can in fact be saved, not by our plans, but by the love of God. A love so great that it walks with us through the Holy Weeks of our lives, keeping us grounded on Palm Sundays, helping us face Last Suppers, weeping with us on Good Fridays, and showing us the empty tomb on Easter morning. This is the hope of Easter, and while it like all hope may appear fragile and small, it has, and still is, changing the world. Happy Easter!

Blessings and Peace

Pastor Megan

**Seder Supper
Maundy Thursday
April 21, 2011
6:00 pm**



Reservations are limited, please sign up on the kiosk (*list each family member separately*). Also, sign up if you are willing to bring food items and/or help in the kitchen with set up, serving and clean up. Monetary donations appreciated to help defray the cost of the lamb meat. Please contact Mary Metzger at 259-5027 to volunteer in any way or for more information.



St. Andrew's Handbell Choir under the direction of Jordan Goodwater will present a special musical selection on Palm Sunday, April 17 at our worship services. The song will feature the Handbell Choir along with piano, organ, trumpet, trombone, St. Andrew's vocal choirs and Bemidji College Festival Singers. Come and share with us in hearing this special music in celebration of Palm Sunday.

JOIN US FOR EASTER BREAKFAST - Let the youth do the cooking! St. Andrew's youth and their families will be serving St. Andrew's traditional Easter Breakfast again this year. You are encouraged to bring family and friends for breakfast, served from 7:00-10:00 am, in the Education Wing. The menu boasts hot from the oven variations of Egg Bake, muffins, fresh fruit, juice and coffee. A free-will offering will be collected. We hope you make this meal part of your Easter day festivities. What better way to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord than with worship and a meal shared with family and friends? Thank you for supporting St. Andrew's youth.

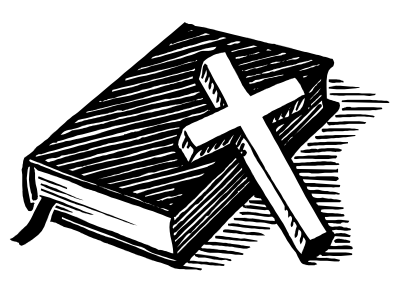


April Adult Forums

Adult Forum meets Sundays mornings at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. April topics continue with "Your Neighbor's Faith." We will have special guests representing the following religions:

- April 3—Bahai Faith (Jeff Wartchow)
- April 10—Jehovah's Witness (Dave Bullock)
- April 17—Jewish Faith (Frieda Hall)
- April 24—Easter Sunday , No Adult Forum class

Grab a cup of coffee on Sunday mornings and join us!



Easter Lily Order Form



Name _____

Phone _____

_____ Easter Lilies at \$12.00 each

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Please fill out this form and mail to the church office with full payment. Checks should be made payable to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church and designate "Easter Lily" in the memo. Lilies may be picked up to take home after the 10:30 am service Easter morning.

Deadline to order is Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

EASY EXERCISES FOR THE COUCH POTATO

Anyone can improve their heart health and enjoy other exercise benefits---even if you spend most of your time on the couch.

Convincing yourself it's time to start exercising should be easy---there are so many exercise benefits. It's finding an exercise routine that works for you. If you try to jump from no exercise to running a mile or two, you'll likely wind up so sore and exhausted that you may give up again. It's perfectly fine to start slowly with easy exercises---you'll still get exercise benefits and improve heart health.

Recognize that small changes over time can yield big results. Starting out slowly also enables your body to get used to more physical activity and reduces the risk of injury.

Let's Start Exercising: First Steps

You don't need to push your limit on your first day. Remind yourself that fitness starts with just doing more today than you did yesterday. So for the couch potato, even spending 30 minutes less sitting is the beginning of a fitness program. To figure out how much you're currently moving, pick up an inexpensive pedometer. Record your steps for about three days to get an average. Then use that number to set a goal, increasing your steps by 20% every day to eventually reach 10,000 steps per day.

Walking is just one of many choices to get active. However, it is often a good way to get back into fitness if you've strayed.

Do Activities You Enjoy

Don't force yourself to run every day if you hate running, and don't spend hours cursing the elliptical machine or stationary bike at the gym if those machines just don't appeal to you. Finding an exercise that you enjoy is a part of a strategy or plan to change lifestyle behavior and stay active throughout your life. The type of exercise you choose truly affects your motivation to get moving. Maybe it's a yoga class some days and tennis or biking with a buddy on others. Doing a variety of exercises will help keep your workouts fresh and keep you interested. Any kind of movement can be considered activity and will burn calories.

So when cleaning the house, sing and dance while you work. Use stairs instead of the elevator. Play with your kids; tag is a great way to get the heart pumping. Last but not least---**laugh, jump up and down and just enjoy life!**

"So take a new grip with your tired hands, stand firm on your shaky legs and mark out a straight, smooth path for your feet..." Hebrews 12:12

Blessings,
Diane



Youth Breakfast

Pastor George and Pastor Megan invite all high school age youth in grades 9-12 to join them for breakfast at 7:00 am at the church. It's a chance to informally stay in touch about things that really matter. Bring a friend, especially those who have no present church home. You'll be on your way to school by 8:00 am. Youth breakfast is served the first and third Tuesday's of the month. April breakfast dates will be April 5 and April 19.

The "**Men's Breakfast**" is a group of men who meet every Wednesday morning at 7:00 am at the Forest Lake Restaurant. Each week, they discuss the scripture for the next Sunday's worship service. It's a nice way to start the day. All men are welcome to attend.

Hospitalized? Please let us know.

Pastor George and Pastor Megan would like to visit you when you are in the hospital but are unable to

do so if unaware of your hospitalization. Because of confidentiality laws, most hospitals DO NOT inform the church if a member is admitted. It is up to you or your family to call the church office.

Deadline for May Newsletter

All news articles and information need to be in the church office by April 20 to have it included in the April newsletter. The newsletter will be assembled for mailing Thursday, April 28 at 11:00 am. Please help if you can.

The members of the **PRAYER CHAIN** are ready to offer their confidential help and support through prayer. Please call Sue Keeler at 327-1663 with your prayer requests.



Loss/Grief Support Group will meet Tuesday, April 12 at 4:30 pm. The support group offers opportunity for open discussion and interaction. Issues related to grief and losses are processed in a Christian context. Pastor George facilitates the group.

Spotlight on Education

Area Confirmation Conversation with Bishop Tom Aitken

Wednesday, April 6 from 4:30-6:00 pm

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

All confirmation students and their parents are invited to a fun and interesting opportunity to meet with Bishop Tom Aitken to talk about matters of faith. Bishop Aitken is an engaging and animated speaker and has been talking to confirmation students all across the synod. You are also encouraged to stay for supper at 6:00 pm and Lenten worship at 7:00 pm.

Care Kits Items Needed!

The NE Minnesota Synod will be hosting John Nunes, president of Lutheran World Relief, as the keynote speaker at this year's synod assembly at the end of April. Prior to the assembly, all churches are invited to contribute items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits and these items will be gathered at the assembly. Supplies needed include: bath towels (approximately 52"x27" -- dark colors preferred), 4-5 oz. bars of soap in original wrapping, combs, metal nail clippers and adult-size toothbrushes. Multi-packs of toothbrushes can be donated. All items must be new. There will be a collection bin in the Fellowship Hall for the care kit supplies. These kits are given to individuals in refugee camps or disaster situations to show them that someone cares! Questions? contact Brenda Wagner at 246-3179.

Sunday School Students Sing!

The students in grades Preschool-Five will be singing at two upcoming services. First, they will sing at the 7:00 pm Lenten service on Wednesday, April 13. Then, they will also sing at the 10:30 am Palm Sunday service on April 17. Please make every effort to be there!

Buck-A-Chick World Hunger Appeal

Buy a chick for a family in need for only \$1.00! Your gift of a chick makes a difference...it provides a family in need with eggs to eat and sell...and multiply! With this gift, you can help a family escape hunger for good. Our Sunday school students will be selling individually colored pictures of chicks for \$1 apiece in April. All money raised will go to ELCA World Hunger to provide chickens to help families in need worldwide.

**Education Committee will meet Thursday,
April 7 at 5:30 pm.**



***Become a positive force
that supports strong families
and nurtures strong children.***

April is *Prevent Child Abuse Month*. "Child development is the foundation for community and economic development. Capable children grow to become the foundation of a prosperous and sustainable society.

Preventing abuse and neglect minimizes the cost of long term intervention for crime, corrections, truancy, hospitalization, and mental health care." This is evidenced by research from Prevent Child Abuse, MN.

During the month of April, be on the lookout for parenting tips, learn how to promote protective factors for kids, learn to recognize possible signs of abuse and neglect, learn usable tools on how to be supportive of struggling families and be part of the pinwheel garden. (*Pinwheels are the new symbol for helping to prevent child abuse*).



As a church, we can help to nurture children by create a thriving and peaceful place where all children can realize they are loved and cared for.

Become a positive force for children!

Thank You Notes

Dear St. Andrew's

Your kind expression of sympathy and friendship will always remain in our memories. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Edgar Hetteen family

Dear Pastor George & St. Andrew's friends,

We are humbled by the thoughtfulness of our church family as we recover from our accident. Pastor George's phone calls, your prayers, the beautiful roses, cards and emails have all meant so much to us. Our bodies may be broken but not our spirits!

Mahalo nui loa,

Terry, Diane & Ali Weber

Your kind expression of sympathy and friendship will always remain in our memories. The rose you sent for dad was beautiful. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

The Olheiser family

Dear St. Andrew's Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your in-kind donation to the Grand Rapids Food Shelf, a program of Second Harvest North Central Food Bank. Your donation will enable us to provide food to the ever-increasing number of people seeking food assistance in our area. We are grateful for your donation of 11 pounds of food in February.

Grand Rapids Food Shelf supplies the most basic of human needs - food. We provide food and grocery items to feed many hungry children, working families, handicapped people and the elderly.

On behalf of the staff, volunteers, and especially the clients themselves, we thank you! Please know that you are making a difference in the lives of many local people who find themselves in need of assistance right here in the Grand Rapids area. Your support enables us in our efforts to end hunger among our neighbors.

Sincerely, Ellen Christmas, Program Manager

9th Grade Confirmation Class Trip

Pastor George and this year's 9th grade Confirmation Class will be traveling Friday, April 8 for an overnight trip. They will attend chapel services at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, tour St. Olaf College in Northfield, attend the passion play called "All Things New" at North Heights Lutheran Church in Arden Hills, stay overnight at St. Anthony Lutheran Church in St. Paul, visit Central Lutheran Church and Augsburg Church in downtown Minneapolis, and do a service project with neighborhood children at the Marie Sandvick Center in South Minneapolis. Please keep the class in your prayers.

Confirmation Sunday—May 22

Confirmation Sunday will be May 22, 2011. Please be remembering the members of this year's class in your prayers as they prepare for this very special day. Class members include: Aspen Anderson, Erin Arntson, Erin Baker, Jordan Bolin, Jordan Bunes, Ariel Gallop, Graham Gallop, Montana Gau, Jacob Grandia, Abigail Mason, Katja Piscitelli, Claire Rajala,

Patrick Rajala, Willian Rusch, Hannah Stoffel, Braidy Swanson, Sara Tibbetts, Katie Warner and Kella Warner

Keep Inviting

In the early years of our Church, we were much more intentional about inviting people to join our community of faith. It's amazing how many people in our area still have no church home. They may be your neighbors, your co-workers, your friends and relatives. Invite them to St. Andrew's. You'll be glad you did and so will they!

Please Use Your Name Tags

Nametags are provided for every member of the congregation. This is to assist us to become better acquainted with each other. Please make every effort to wear yours on Sunday morning so that people can begin putting names and faces together. Nametags can be found hanging in the Fellowship Hall. If your nametag is missing, please leave a note in the church office and a new one will be made for you.

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

March 20 Carson Jennings Cook
 March 27 Kennedy Ann Swanson
 March 27 Josie May Rene Mann

Funerals

March 7 Donna J. Torres
 March 18 Donald B. Nelson

Special Gifts

\$10 to Memorial Fund in memory of Daisy Olson by Myrna Peterson

Given to Good Samaritan Fund in memory of Donna Torres: \$25 by Marn & Marie Flicker; \$15 by Bev Kongsjord; \$10 by Margaret Myers; \$25 by Mike & Ardy Flaherty

Given to the Quilters Fund in memory of Donna Torres: \$50 by David & Lois Young, \$25 by Dennis & Lavonne Johnson; \$20 by Ken & Arvilla Clay; \$25 by Harold & Diane Goetzman; \$20 by Joe & Karen Aalto; \$25 by Gail Shoemaker; \$20 by Fran Rowe; \$10 by Barry & Angela Olson; \$25 by Julian & Virginia Sandoval; \$25 by Virginia Nelson & Barb Schmidt; \$25 by Jeanette Bishop; \$15 by Byron & Cathy Snowden

\$20 to Memorial Fund in memory of Donna Torres by Mae Howe

\$25 to Good Samaritan Fund in memory of Don Nelson by Lissa Gelden



Please feel welcome to contact the following **Council members** serving on the Church Council Teams:

Building & Grounds - Mike Flaherty
 Congregational Life - Nancy Reid
 Communications - Kathy Kooda
 Education - Myrna Peterson
 Long Range Planning - Lisa Bolton
 Mission & Outreach - Kathleen Blake
 Personnel - Dave Hagman
 Spiritual Life & Growth - Mary Metzger
 Stewardship - Rebecca Levitz
 Worship - Steve Teff
 Youth - Eric Todd

JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF

The Health and Wellness Team is in the process of re-organizing it's ministry to people experiencing grief.

People often receive a lot of care and attention immediately after a loved one dies, but within a few weeks this special attention often tapers off. This ministry will make an effort to reach out to grieving people through individual contact during the difficult first year. Training and information will be provided. If you are interested in being a part of this important ministry, please contact Lou Ellen Gilbertson or Jan Stenson.

Pat Surface Concert here - Saturday, May 7

Once again, **Pat Surface and the Boundary Water Boys** will present a public concert at St. Andrew's on Saturday, May 7, 2011.

The concert will be followed by a pie and ice cream reception served by St. Andrew's youth. There is no admission charge but a freewill offering will be taken at the concert. Bring your friends; a great evening is in store!

Pat Surface will also be with us for worship on Sunday morning, May 8 at our worship services.

Calling all bakers!!! The youth of St. Andrew's will be hosting a Pie Social after the Pat Surface concert on May 7th. This will be an opportunity for community members to gather and visit after sharing in some wonderful music. We are in need of pies of all flavors and sizes. Please sign up to donate pies on the sheet in fellowship hall. There will be a free will offering collected and all proceeds will go towards helping our youth go on a mission trip to Philadelphia to work with the Interfaith Hospitality Network. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Megan, Steve Teff or Shelia Salo. Thank you so much for all your support.

New Member Classes

New member classes are again being offered and will begin Tuesday, April 19 at 6:30 pm. Classes will continue to be held on Tuesdays, April 26 and May 3 from 6:30-8:00 pm. The fourth class will begin at 6:00 pm on Thursday, May 12 and will include dinner for new members and their sponsors. Dinner will be followed by a power point presentation on the history and ministry of St. Andrew's. The four-session classes are required for all who wish to join St. Andrew's. New members will be received Sunday, May 15 at the 10:30 am worship service. If you are interested in joining St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, please call the church office at 326-8508 to sign up.



Church Roof Project Begins Soon

The church roof removal and replacement project will be beginning and commencing very soon, as early as Monday, April 11, 2011 if the weather cooperates. The contractor for the project is Graphic Custom Homes of Grand Rapids, owned and operated by Shannon Roberts. The roof replacement is the result of an insurance claim for hail damage to the roof. It will include removal and replacement of all the shingles on



the church roof. The plan is for the contractor to begin with the back side of the church and to eventually work toward the front, so as to minimize any potential impacts in the front and entry areas during Lent and Easter activities. The contractor will attempt to coordinate the removal and replacement of the roof in smaller sections to avoid impacting any large area at one time. We wish to limit any inconveniences and to not interrupt our normal church activities with these upcoming construction activities. However, please be aware of these activities for your own

safety and for others, including that of the workers. We hope the project goes smoothly and that the weather allows it to be finished in a timely fashion. Thanks for your consideration and cooperation in making it a safe and successful project.

LINKING WOMEN TOGETHER

Women's Group News



Vickie Fall, Chairperson

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." Mark 12:30

Monthly Spiritual Opportunities for all Women of St. Andrew's

- Women's Conversation Group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room from September through May.
- Women's Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 5:15 pm in Pastor Megan's office.
- Quilting Group meets every Wednesday at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room from September through May.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry is a year-round knitting and crocheting ministry that makes prayer shawls for those in need of healing, comfort and prayer.

Lenten Suppers

Delicious Lenten suppers are served at St. Andrew's Wednesday nights during Lent from March 16th to April 13th at 6:00 pm. Please come for fellowship and a great meal. These meals are prepared and served by our regular Sunday morning coffee groups so be looking forward to your serving coordinators call on how you can help!



April WELCA Meeting

The WELCA meeting for April will be held on Monday, April 11th in the Fireside Room at 5:30 pm. All women of St. Andrew's are welcome to attend these meetings. Please come and see what we're up to!

Women's Spring Event

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this year's Women's Spring Event on Thursday, May 5th with registration and social time starting at 6:00 pm. This year's theme is Cinco de Mayo. Guest speaker will be "The Kayak Lady," Mary Shideler. "Women" of all ages are welcome to attend. You don't have to be a member of St. Andrew's so be sure to invite co-workers, friends, family and neighbors. Watch for more information.

Living Waters Spring Gathering - "Celebration of Sisterhood"

This year's Spring Gathering will be Saturday, April 9th at Hope Lutheran Church in Walker; registration at 8:30 am. Come and celebrate 40 years of the ordination of women in the ELCA. The day's speakers will be our own Pastor Megan Crouch and Pastor Lynn Ronsberg from Zion Lutheran. Cost is \$7.00 and includes lunch.

Sunday Coffee Hour

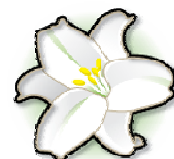
Each monthly newsletter will have a list of the serving group for the coming month. Each serving group is assigned two months of the year, which are 6 months apart. If your name is on the monthly list, please call your leaders to let them know when you would like to serve coffee and/or donate baked goods and snacks for Sunday mornings. Expect calls regarding serving or donating baked goods and snacks. If you are unable to make your time for serving or donation of food, please find a substitute from your group list and let your leaders know. Thank you so very much for your Christian hospitality to help make this coffee time a success.

April co-leaders are Karen Buchert and Eileen Grosland.

Members of the March committee are:

<i>Sheri Affeldt</i>	<i>Helen Ahlbrecht</i>
<i>Pamela Akerman</i>	<i>Melanie Anderson</i>
<i>Dorothea Barcus</i>	<i>Sandra Benzie</i>
<i>Marie Black</i>	<i>Karen Brandt</i>
<i>Jeff Britten</i>	<i>Gladys Carlson</i>
<i>David Christy</i>	<i>Sherry Colter</i>
<i>Drew Davis</i>	<i>Angela Elhard</i>
<i>Jean Gardner</i>	<i>Lissa Gelden</i>
<i>Mary Grenzebach</i>	<i>Sally Hagman</i>
<i>Tara Hallie</i>	<i>Diane Hannah</i>
<i>Randy Hiipakka</i>	<i>Carmen Jackson</i>
<i>Martie Jacobson</i>	<i>Dawn Jenkins</i>
<i>Betty Johnson</i>	<i>Pamela Johnson</i>
<i>Gail Jones</i>	<i>Ron Keske</i>
<i>Kathleen Kottke</i>	<i>Addie Kuznia</i>
<i>Nancy Lien</i>	<i>Jessica Mackley</i>
<i>Lynn Mallum</i>	<i>Rene Mann</i>
<i>Laurie Meyer</i>	<i>Amanda Miller</i>
<i>Marlene Mixa</i>	<i>Audrey Moen</i>
<i>Miranda Myers</i>	<i>Delaine Olson</i>
<i>Norma Perry Reigel</i>	<i>Ashley Peterson</i>
<i>Myrna Peterson</i>	<i>Andrea Peura</i>
<i>Coral Plude</i>	<i>Sue Poncelet</i>
<i>Nancy Raymond</i>	<i>Nancy Reid</i>
<i>Judy Rimmer</i>	<i>Nancy Rollins</i>
<i>Michelle Runge</i>	<i>Sheila Salo</i>
<i>Sandy Schildt</i>	<i>Beverly Spicer</i>
<i>Shirley Stenerson</i>	<i>Christy Stoffel</i>
<i>Crys Thompson</i>	<i>Connie Timm</i>
<i>Brenda Wagner</i>	<i>Cindy Walberg</i>
<i>Charlotte Wanstrom</i>	<i>Leila Weller</i>
<i>Rebecca Winjum</i>	<i>Faith Wopata</i>
<i>Susan Manning-Zelenak</i>	

God Bless you for doing God's Service.



Get a Piece of the Pie!



Annual Pie Social and Pie & Service Auction

Wednesday - 7:00 pm
April 27, 2011

The success of our auction depends, as always, on the creativity and generosity of all who contribute pies and services to be auctioned. Bidding sheets will be available in the Fellowship Hall to list your service to be auctioned and to begin the bidding. A variety of pies and services will spark a lively auction, so think about what you do best and put it on the auction block. Please plan to join us for a fun evening!

Synod Assembly - April 29—May 1

The 2011 Northeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly will be held Friday through Sunday, April 29-May 1 at Cragun's Conference Center in Brainerd. The theme this year is "The Word Working in the World" with Rev. John Nunes as keynote speaker. Also attending will be Churchwide Representative, Ms. Tammy Jackson, ELCA Director for International Leadership Development.

Delegates attending from St. Andrew's will be Mary Metzger, council president, Steve Teff, vice-president, Kathleen Blake, council member, Pastor Megan and Pastor George.



Pictured above are members of St. Andrew's Church Council as they attended the annual Council Retreat in February. Pictured are Pastor George, Lisa Bolton, Eric Todd, Mike Flaherty, Pastor Megan, Mary Metzger, Kathy Kooda, Kathleen Blake and Myrna Peterson. Absent were Dave Hagman, Rebecca Levitz, Nancy Reid and Steve Teff.



Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry provides opportunities for Christ-centered spiritual growth, leadership development, and outreach in God’s Great Northwoods. We hope you can join us at camp! People of all ages are welcome!

Summer Camp is just around the corner! It’s not too late for you to sign up for the best week of your summer! Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry offers summer programs for all ages, from a one day Half-Pint program to our two week L.O.S.T. program for Sr. High. We also offer family camp at both sites, so everyone in the family can enjoy time at camp. Visit our website to learn more about our programs, read about our summer theme or print off a registration form. Don’t wait a minute longer to save your spot in one of our programs!

Join us this summer and see for yourself how great it is to be alive in God’s Great Northwoods!

2011 Summer Camp Schedule

	<u>Camp Hiawatha</u>	<u>Camp Vermilion</u>
June 19-24	Hockey Camp (<i>til June 25</i>)	Confirmation Camp
June 26-July 1	Grades 4-6 Grades 7-9 L.O.S.T. (<i>til July 8</i>)	Grades 4-6 Grades 7-9 L.O.S.T. (<i>til July 8</i>)
July 5-8	Mini Camp Half-Pint (<i>July 8</i>)	Mini Camp Half-Pint (<i>July 8</i>)
July 10-15	Grades 4-6 Grades 7-9	Grades 4-6 Grades 7-9
July 17-22	Grades 4-6 Mini Camp (<i>July 17-20</i>) Half-Pint (<i>July 20</i>)	Grades 4-6 Grades 7-9
July 24-29	Grades 7-9 Sr. High Camp	Grades 4-6 Grades 7-9
July 31-Aug 5	Family Camp	Fine Arts Camp Sr. High Camp
August 7-12	—	Family Camp



Spring Clean-Up Day

Saturday

April 29, 2011

beginning at 9:00 am

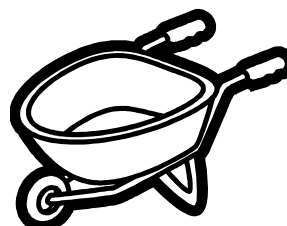


Please come help us clean inside and outside the church. Bring yard tools, wheelbarrows and window washing supplies to clean inside and outside the church.

Contact Mike Flaherty for details.



Please help! Many hands will make the job go faster!





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Worship Service Schedule

September-May Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am

Memorial Day -

Labor Day Sunday Worship 8:00 & 9:30 am

ST. ANDREW'S MISSION STATEMENT

WELCOME All people of faith in community in Jesus Christ, inviting and celebrating a rich diversity of members.

CELEBRATE God's presence in our lives.

GROW In our experience and understanding of God's grace and God's purpose for our lives.

REACH Out with compassion to those in need, especially those who have not heard the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Treasurer's report as of March 31, 2011

Income	
Offerings	\$ 79,287.39
Miscellaneous Income	
Building Income	538.00
Total Income	\$ 79,825.39
Expenses	\$ 89,479.67
	\$ (9,654.28)
Owe ELCA Benevolence	\$ 7,000.03
Final balance as of February 28, 2011	\$ (16,654.31)

Above expenses include accounts payable of about \$6,000. Still using \$9500 of our line-of-credit.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Bjerk