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Wednesday Night Soup Suppers during Lent

For centuries, Lent has been a powerful worship experience for the Church. For thousands of years, the church has gathered for the special occasions of worship during this sacred season. Lent is part of our legacy. Lent is an extension of our heritage. In our Lenten drama series this year, the voice of God will be heard speaking to James, Judas, Peter, Pilate, Barabbas, Dysmas the Centurion and Mary, the mother of Jesus. Each drama will be part of a simple Lenten liturgy led by Pastor Pat. As we do every year, our Wednesday worship and drama series will be preceded by a soup supper.

Soup Suppers Starts at 6:00 pm

Worship Service and Lenten Drama Series

The Voice of God Starts at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

The Voice of God: God Speaks to James and Judas

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

The Voice of God: God Speaks to Peter and Pilate

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

The Voice of God: God Speaks to Barabbas and Dysmas

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

The Voice of God: God Speaks to the Centurion and Mary, Mother of God

Volunteers are needed to play the parts of God, James, Judas, Peter, Pilate, Barabbas, Dysmas the Centurion and Mary. Pick the part you want to play and don't worry whether it is a male or female part. Either sex is welcome to volunteer, including for the part of God. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex.

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The Lenten Journey 2012

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 22nd, and we celebrate Easter on Sunday April 8th. Remember last year when Easter was celebrated on Sunday, April 24th, the latest date for Easter since 1943? This year, we will celebrate Easter on a Sunday that comes earlier in spring. So, prepare yourselves for a more traditional Lenten season.

What is the purpose of Lent? Lent is a time of preparation. We are preparing ourselves to celebrate the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The better the preparation, the more joyous our celebration will be. In other words, without the tears of Good Friday, there is no Easter joy.

Last year, I included some scripture readings¹ in the newsletter designed to help you with your Lenten time of renewal. This year, **I have included some new readings for your use during this Lenten season.** There is one for Ash Wednesday and for each week in Lent. Read the scripture at the beginning of the week, and meditate on the reading during the rest of the week. A prayer suggestion follows each scripture reading.

Ash Wednesday

...We know that when these bodies of ours are taken down like tents and folded away, they will be replaced by resurrection bodies in heaven—God-made, not handmade—and we'll never have to relocate our "tents" again.

2 Corinthians 5:1²

Prayer: Lord, what do you want me to let go of this Lent? Give me the strength and the desire to follow your way to resurrection and new life.

1st Week of Lent

As the crowd swelled, Jesus took a fresh tack: "The mood of this age is all wrong. Everybody's looking for proof, but you're looking for the wrong kind. All you're looking for is something to titillate your curiosity, satisfy your lust for miracles. But the only proof you're going to get is the Jonah-proof given to the Ninevites, which looks like no proof at all." Luke 11:20

¹ Scripture selections inspired by *Wondrous Encounters: Scriptures for Lent*, St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2011

² Scripture texts from *The Message (MSG)* Copyright © 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2001, 2002 by Eugene H. Peterson

Prayer: Lord, Jonah resisted hearing your voice and doing your will. The Ninevites heard your Word and repented of their ways. Help me to discern your purpose for my life and to be open to the signs of your will.

2nd Week of Lent

Abraham answered, 'They have Moses and the Prophets to tell them the score. Let them listen to them. "I know, Father Abraham,' he said, 'but they're not listening. If someone came back to them from the dead, they would change their ways.' "Abraham replied, 'If they won't listen to Moses and the Prophets, they're not going to be convinced by someone who rises from the dead.'" Luke 16:29-30

Prayer: God of life and death, help me to choose life. Let me bring life instead of death to all my relationships with family, friends and those I encounter in my daily living.

3rd Week of Lent

Jesus said, "The first in importance is, 'Listen, Israel: The Lord your God is one; so love the Lord God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy.' And here is the second: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' There is no other commandment that ranks with these." Mark 12:29-3

Prayer: Lord, show me how to love others as well as I love myself. Let me hear your voice reminding me of this commandment when I fail to live up to it.

4th Week of Lent

The Pharisees said, "Are you carried away like the rest of the rabble? You don't see any of the leaders believing in him, do you? Or any from the Pharisees? It's only this crowd, ignorant of God's Law, that is taken in by him..." John 7:47-49

Prayer: Lord, I place my trust in you. Sometimes, I am confused by the conflicting voices around me. Help to hear your voice in the midst of the babble.

5th Week of Lent

Then Jesus turned to the Jews who had claimed to believe in him. "If you stick with this, living out what I tell you, you are my disciples for sure. Then you will experience for yourselves the truth, and the truth will free you." John 8:31-32

Prayer: Lord, help me to know your perfect freedom. As painful as the truth may be, let me hear it so I can come closer to You.



Congregation Council Highlights

--Sam Reinhardt, President

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have had the Annual Congregation Meeting. I would like to thank Al Boettler and the other members of the Finance Committee for their hard work in drafting a balanced budget for 2012. I'm sure that the members of St Andrew's used sound judgment in approving the original draft or an amended budget that will prove beneficial to us for the coming year.

My hope is that we filled all of the vacant church council seats. If not; are you available? Do you have a couple hours each month to dedicate to working for St Andrew's? Are you able to spend a few hours one night a month at a council meeting and to spend quality time as an advocate for one of the committees? If chairing a committee is not your cup of tea; there is precedent for using your gifts as the liaison for a committee. Don't let your light shine under that bushel basket; let it shine in service.

The Stewardship Committee is looking for members who are willing to help in providing council and guidance in pursuit of our goal of year long stewardship at St Andrew's. Pastor Payne, Bill Vidrine and I look forward to working with the members of the congregation by informing them of how God uses their gifts to further His work in this place. If you have talents that can be used in this area of church life, please contact one of us to bring you on board for this ministry.

Please help us to make 2012 a year that sees more members in the activities of St Andrew's.



Men of St. Andrew's

from Jim Long

The first meeting of 2012 was held at Halls on January 12 and was attended by 14 men and 2 women. Invocation was led by Pastor Norman Payne. The main business discussion was processing of forms for Thrivent.

- ◆ **Spaghetti Dinner:** Mark your calendars now for April 28, 2012 in the Great Hall from 4-7 PM.
- ◆ There are 2 locations within the church where you can find out about the next Men's Meeting, either on the Main Bulletin in the entry foyer of the church or the foyer of the Great Hall at the kiosk. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings.
- ◆ An additional \$250 dollars was received from Thrivent for the Spaghetti Dinner. This is additional money which will be given to the church. This makes the total proceeds from the Spaghetti Dinner of 2011, **\$3250.00**. Congratulations to everyone!!
- ◆ February meetings will be held on February 9 at Noon and February 25 at 7:30 AM, both at Halls Restaurant in Camden-Wyoming.



In Baptism We Welcomed...

On December 18th at the 8:30 AM service we welcomed **Chase Thomas Bonniwell**, son of Christie and Aaron Bonniwell to St. Andrew's. Chase is the first grandchild for Jody and Ken Starke and the first great grandchild for Arlene and Bob Willard.

Congratulations to everyone!



**February 22, 2012 at 7:00 PM
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
In the Sanctuary**

During this worship service, the ashes which give Ash Wednesday its name are distributed. The ashes are made by burning the palms that were distributed the previous year on Palm Sunday. The distribution of ashes reminds us of our own mortality. On Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten journey of repentance and renewal.



--Kay Castell

Welcome to Our February Meetings – Come and See What We Are All About!!

Wednesday Evening, February 8th from 7-8:15PM in the Choir Room at church: We'll be exploring the Study – *Mothers and Brothers, To Follow and To Serve* taken from the October 2011 "Gather" magazine. Bring your Bible. Copies of the study will be available to everyone. Contact Kay Castell if you have any questions. We'll also tie quilts.

Thursday, February 9th 10am-Noon in the Christian Education Center: Our guest speaker will be Ms. Jewel Hopkins of the Daybreak Ministries. Her subject will be *Working & Serving Together*. A

short business meeting will follow. Pastor Pat Payne visits updating us on parish news and events when her schedule permits.

Thursday, February 16th 9AM–Noon in the Christian Education Center: "Come when you can – leave when you must." There is quilting to accomplish. We will be tying, cutting squares and assembling quilts. Absolutely no experience is needed. We will teach you!

Coffee Hour Hostesses, Sunday, January 22 between services at church in the Great Hall: A big thank you to Helen Baird, Ruth Schwartz and Lois Tovcimak.

Saturday, January 14th: Church Women United of Dover held their luncheon meeting at the Olive Garden in Dover. Women of St. Andrew's ELCA were represented along with ten other area churches.

Open Doors Ministry...Helping the poor and needy...Guests attending our Thursday, January 12th meeting were; Manivanh Johnson, founder of Open Doors Ministry, Dover, member Jeannie Anderson and her husband David Anderson, a Dover City Councilman, who has joined his wife in supporting Mrs. Johnson's ministry.

- Their mission is to fill the gaps in services to the underprivileged, and help people "over the hump" so that they can move forward. They have worked with volunteers, businesses and organizations to purchase, assemble and distribute care backpacks. Backpacks contain vital personal items that food stamps do not cover. These items are a blessing to many in our community and an urgent necessity for the homeless.

- This is where St. Andrew's can help and our help

is very much needed and appreciated in our community. Requested donations are listed elsewhere in this Parish News. A heartfelt thank you for your support.

- Ministry begins at St. Andrew's Sunday, February 19th through Sunday April 15th, as our Lenten Season begins and ends, and Easter begins. Join us for our Seasons!



The Annual Report is available on our website. Just follow the link below.

<http://www.saintandrewslutheran.com/annual-report-2011.html>



Update from Lutheran Campus Ministry at University of Delaware

As the New Year rolls around it is important to think about our accomplishments from the past year and what we hope to achieve moving forward. One of the programs I am most pleased to be a part of is Fellowship in Serving the Hungry or "FISH".

FISH is a grocery distribution program that currently serves about 60 families a month. The program is made possible through a variety of supporters. Volunteers come from University of Delaware's Lutheran Campus Ministries; the program is hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church and supported by many other churches in the community. FISH runs on a budget of \$500 a month and purchases discounted food from the Delaware food bank. The

program also receives donated food from the USDA. We distribute food every 3rd Friday of the month.

Our volunteers have made a great difference in the lives of our clients this year. This was displayed at our annual FISH fundraising dinner this October when two of our clients spoke about what the program has done for them. Our volunteers order the food, call clients, collect winter coats for a coat drive, make bread, pack and distribute our boxes and most importantly show respect and compassion for the people in our program.

So as you make your new year's resolutions I encourage you to consider volunteering for our program and listen more for the voice of God in your life.

Galatians 5: 13-14 Serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command "Love your neighbor as yourself."

If you are interested in volunteering for the program please contact Beth Goodland at goodland@udel.edu.

Thank You!

Pastor Pat and Pastor Norm wish to thank all the members and friends of St. Andrews who so generously remembered us at Christmas with your many cards and gifts. We greatly appreciate your generosity and caring.

The Pastors Payne

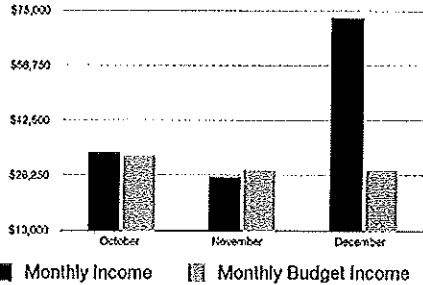
Thank you for the monetary and other Christmas gifts, cards, etc I received during the Christmas and New Year season. Thank you so much!

Hazel Partridge

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Financial Status

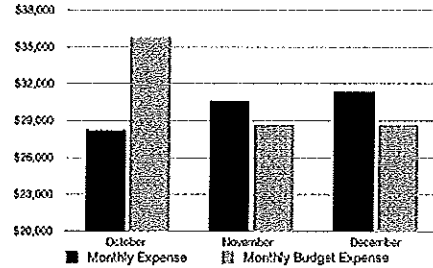
December 31, 2011

Graph 1 Actual Vs. Budget Monthly Income



	October	November	December
Monthly Income	\$32,873	\$25,694	\$72,639
Monthly Budget Income	\$32,076	\$27,723	\$27,723

Graph 2 Actual Vs. Budget Monthly Expense



	October	November	December
Monthly Expense	\$28,187	\$30,603	\$31,353
Monthly Budget Expense	\$35,726	\$28,581	\$28,581

Fantastic Performance!

Comments:

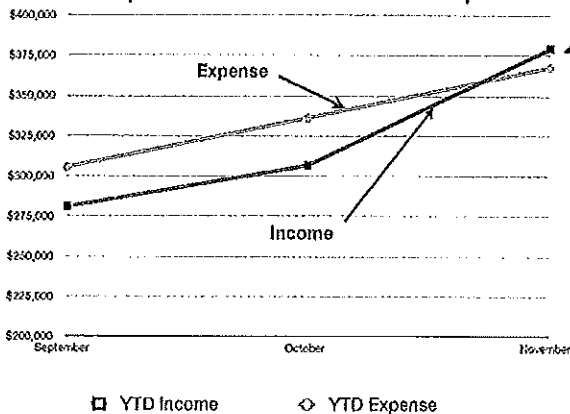
- o For December, actual income was significantly better than the monthly budget income. December actual was approximately \$44,900 better than the December budget.

Improvement Needed

Comments:

- o For December actual expense was more than the monthly budget expense by approximately \$2,800.

Graph 3 YTD Income Vs. YTD Expense



Positive
\$11,800

Fantastic Performance!

Comments:

- o For December 31 year-to-date (YTD), we eliminated the deficit and ended the year with a positive \$11,800.
- o All of our 2011 budget expenses were covered by our 2011 budget income.

	October	November	December
YTD Income	\$281,095	\$306,789	\$379,428
YTD Expense	\$305,679	\$336,282	\$367,635

General Comments:

St. Andrew's Mortgage with Thrivent Financial: Currently at \$1,001,339.36 (December 31, 2011 YTD).

Open Doors Ministry
...Helping the poor and needy...



Open Doors Ministry in Dover is a non-profit organization, based on helping people in our local communities. Opening Doors of encouragement and opportunity to those who are currently struggling is essential to the future of our communities.

Their mission is to fill the gaps in services to underprivileged, and help people "over the hump" so that they can move forward. They have worked with volunteers, businesses and organizations to purchase, assemble and distribute care backpacks. Backpacks contain vital personal items that food stamps do not cover. These items are a blessing to many in our community and an urgent necessity for the homeless.

We at St. Andrew's can help with donations for backpacks! Our Ministry begins Sunday, February 19 and continues to Sunday April 15th. A box will be in the narthex to receive much appreciated gifts.
Thank You!

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| Toothpaste | Baby wipes |
| Toothbrushes | Band-aids |
| Soap | Snacks (Granola bars, crackers, sugar free gum) |
| Hand sanitizer | Ponchos |
| Thermal socks | Gloves |
| Deodorant | Fleece Blankets |
| Combs | |
| Hair brushes | |
| Warm clothing | |

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Directory

Church Office – 302.736.1617



STAFF: (Telephone numbers listed are home phone)

- Pastor: Pastor Patricia J. Payne (264.9888)
- Administrative Assistant: Hazel Partridge (734.3123)
- Bell Choir Director: Heather Swartzentruber (249.8689)
- Organist/Chancel Choir Director: Bonnie Hironimus (653.7853)
- Custodian: Bernice Dickerson
- Nursery Attendant: Esther Raymond/Virginia Shockley

CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS, MEMBERS, & COMMITTEE

/CHAIRS/LIAISONS:

- President: Sam Reinhardt (659.0415)
- Vice President: Bob Federwitz (678.1742)
- Secretary: Lynn Jameson (697.8737)
- Treasurer: Steve Speed (734.1349)
- Christian Education: Position Vacant
- Church Property: John Levins (736.1442) & Bob Welsh (678.2490)
- Communications Committee: Secretary (see above)
- Community Outreach: Virginia Shockley (883.4651)
- Congregational Life: Barbara Newlin (284.4822)
- Evangelism: Chuck Lyon (697.6466)/Liaison – Carol Boettler
- Finance Committee: Al Boettler (223.6798)
- Financial Secretary: Arlene Willard (697.3713)
- Personnel Committee: Bob Federwitz (See above)
- Stewardship: Bill Vidrine (678.8495)
- Worship & Music: Bob Federwitz (See Above)
- Youth Liaison: Katie Lang/Jesse Baird

OTHER KEY PERSONNEL

- Youth Advisors: Terri Brown/John Levins
- Sunday School Superintendent – Tracey Gross (698.9215)
- Men of St. Andrew's – Art Ellisen (653.5939)
- Women of the ELCA (WELCA) – Kay Castell (674.1227) or Kathy Josephson (335.4673)
- Librarian: Karen Jerolamon (734.1386)
- Church Facility Usage Committee: Emily Brownson (697.0465) - Great Hall, Maryann Klemmer (659.3626) - Main Facility
- Newsletter: Lynn Jameson (697.8737)

Church Email Address: standrewslutheran@comcast.net

Church Web Site: [//www.saintandrewslutheran.com](http://www.saintandrewslutheran.com)



Birthdays



John Bailey	2/3
Laura Cooper	2/3
Amber Brown	2/5
Linda Goodnight-Halverson	2/5
Melissa Fontello	2/5
Remy Gooch	2/5
Charlotte Smedley	2/8
Nickolas D'Archangelo	2/8
Steven Miller	2/8
Barbara Adams	2/9
Connor Menden	2/9
Doran Zook	2/9
Andrew Burns	2/12
Barbara Newlin	2/12
Barbara Pope	2/12
Becca Massingill	2/12
Howard Row	2/12
Joshua Friday	2/13

Ashlee Loera	2/14
Emily Burns	2/16
Lynn Jameson	2/16
Neal Newlin	2/16
Paul Lakeman	2/16
Hilda Wass	2/18
Barbara Hungerford	2/21
Brendon Horne	2/21
Nickolas Saborio	2/22
Mark Brownson	2/23
Tom Raynor	2/23
Tyler Gross	2/24
Dan Reitmeyer	2/26
Matthew Hill	2/26
Shannon Starke	2/26
Bob Wagner	2/27
June Norgan	2/28
Rosemarie Milne	2/28

Anniversaries

Marion & Bob Wagner	2/2
Deborah & Chad Snader	2/14
Maryann & Eric Klemmer	2/28



Food Drive

January 8, 2012 – 205 items collected

There is a great need for food to replenish the local Food Bank and we are helping to fill that need!



1. Navarro, Faith & Marv change address to 8 NE Fourth Street Milford, DE 19963 Tel: 302-265-2275; email: marvandfaith@comcast.net

**Worship Assistants February 5 through
March 4, 2012**



February 5 8:30AM 11:00AM

Ushers: The Willards OPEN
Worship Asst. Terri Brown Leona Hill
Reader: Paul Jameson Shirley Brown
Comm. Asst.: Paul Jameson Shirley Brown
Comm. Asst.: Lynn Jameson Ruth Lyon
Greeter: The Levins Ginger Vollmer
Acolyte: Tyler Gross Bryar Stemrich
Altar Guild: A. McCloskey/J. Starke
Bread Maker: Terri Brown

February 12 8:30 AM 11:00 AM

Ushers: The Levins Carol Babst/Tom Burns
Worship Asst.: Ruth Lyon Jimmy Willard
Reader: Bob Willard Paul Jameson
Comm. Asst.: Bob Willard Paul Jameson
Comm. Asst.: Arlene Willard Lynn Jameson
Greeter: Marilyn McFarlin The Wagners
Acolyte: Issy Lang Nick Saborio
Altar Guild: Roberta McCormick/Millie Phillips
Bread Maker: Pat Reitmeyer

February 19 8:30 AM 11:00 AM

Ushers: The Boettlers Ginger Vollmer/Bill Vidrine
Worship Asst.: Steve Speed Sam Reinhardt
Reader: Gail Lewis Norm Payne
Comm. Asst.: Gail Lewis Pat Reitmeyer
Comm. Asst.: Carol Boettler Dan Reitmeyer
Greeter: The McPhails The Horsticks
Acolyte: Andrew Morrison Jordan Hutchins
Altar Guild: R. McCormick/M. Phillips
Bread Maker: Faith Navarro

February 22 7:00PM Ash Wednesday

Ushers: The Willards
Worship Asst.: Sam Reinhardt
Reader: Andrew Morrison
Comm. Asst.: Sue Hoecker
Comm. Asst.: Ruth Lyon
Acolyte: Nick Saborio
Altar Guild: Debbie Zook/Pam Schmehl
Bread Maker: Helen Baird

February 26 8:30 AM 11:00AM

Ushers: Bill Vidrine/S. Brown The Horsticks
Worship Asst.: Mel Castell Terri Brown
Reader: Kay Castell Roberta McCormick
Comm. Asst.: Kay Castell Roberta McCormick
Comm. Asst.: Leona Hill Bob Ballis
Greeter: The Partridges The Sielaffs
Acolyte: Tyler Gross Jacob Pope
Altar Guild: Debbie Zook/Pam Schmehl
Bread Maker: Helen Baird

March 4 8:30 AM 11:00 AM

Ushers: The Starkes The Ballis
Worship Asst. Arlene Willard Leona Hill
Reader: Bob Federwitz Sue Hoecker
Comm. Asst. Jim Schilling Sue Hoecker
Comm. Asst. Virginia Shockley Kay Castell
Greeter Doris Pyle The McCormicks
Acolyte Issy Lang Shawn Smith
Altar Guild The Schockleys
Bread Maker Jody Starke

If you find these dates do not work in your calendar please attempt to switch with someone else and call the church office at 736-1617. If you can not find someone to switch with please call the church office as soon as possible so we can find a replacement for you in the schedule. Thank you for helping with our worship services.

Music Ministries



Bells of St. Andrews

The Bells of St. Andrews is a handbell choir that performs the first and second Sunday of the month from September through May.

We are currently looking for new members. No experience is necessary, we will be happy to teach you how to ring. Come listen to us play and consider joining us.

If interested, please contact our Bell Choir Director, Heather Swartzentruber at 302.249.8689 or see any of our members after church service.

LÓÓK Praise Choir at THIS!

The Praise Choir is a singing group at St. Andrew's that performs the third and fourth Sunday's of the month, usually from September through May.

We are looking for singers and/or musicians who would like to join our group. We meet once a week for rehearsals and always encourage new members of all ages.

If interested, please contact Jim Schilling at 302 284-3423 or see any of our members after church service.

Our Mission: To be Christ's Disciples: To Learn, Live
& Spread Christian Faith, Hope & Love

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