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February Happenings:

Sunday, February 5
8:30am Family Worship
10:30am Holy Communion Service
Book Club following 10:30 service

Sunday, February 12
8:30am Holy Communion Service
10:30am Worship Service
Chili Cook-Off at 4:00pm

Sunday, February 19
Transfiguration of Our Lord
Holy Communion at both services
First Holy Communion at 10:30am

Wednesday, February 22
Ash Wednesday
Lunch Bunch at 11:30am
7:00pm Holy Communion service

**Friday, February 24 -
Saturday, February 25**
30 Hour Famine

Sunday, February 26
First Sunday of Lent
8:30am Holy Communion Service
10:30am Worship Service

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If services are cancelled due to inclement weather, a notice will be placed on the church answering machine, the church website (www.standrewselca.org) and/or on Channel 69/WFMZ.

Worship Notes:

There are no altar flowers during the season of Lent, however, Altar Giving Baskets are still available.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday,
February 22nd

Holy Communion Services will take place at **11:30am** (Lunch Bunch) and **7:00pm**.



Turn up the heat on a cold winter night and come out for the St. Andrew's Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, February 12th at 4:00pm. Wonderful entertainment will be provided followed by a delicious dinner and great fellowship. See page #7 for details.

30 Hour Famine

Take a stand against hunger worldwide and be a part of the 30 Hour Famine. The fast begins on **Friday, February 24** and ends **Saturday, February 25**. Even if you don't want to fast, there are many ways to help. Watch bulletins for more information.



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March
CROSS
Deadline:
February 15th

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Pastor Laura's Page

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

February places you and me amid two seasons of the Church Year. The Epiphany season is the time we recall Jesus revealed to the world through the visit of the Wise Men. It ends on February 19 this year. The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22, with 40 days of preparation for Holy Week. The theme for Epiphany is Jesus as the light for the world. The theme for Lent is repentance and acts of mercy in response to Jesus suffering for the sake of the world. Given the seeming contrast between these two seasons, we may have a difficult time moving from a joyful season into one of reflection. It doesn't help that the month of February is cold and dark with Christmas behind us and spring still weeks if not months away.

Yet God's blessings abound in this and every season. As evidence, I share this St. Andrew's story in the hopes that it might warm your heart to celebrate Jesus as our both our light and the one who gave his whole self in love for you:

Not long ago, several members of our Growth and Outreach team were meeting in the narthex. They were discussing ideas to encourage more people to participate in the monthly coffee hours. One team member suggested that perhaps a cabinet, easily accessible to people and stocked with coffee supplies, might persuade more folks to join in refreshments and conversation each month. As the discussion went on, one member strolled over to the counter and casually picked up a flyer there. It actually advertised a cabinet that the owner wanted to sell.

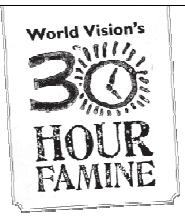
The flyer was passed around, and one team member blurted out in excitement, "I didn't even have time to pray for this cabinet yet!" The phone number with no name was listed on the flyer. The number was dialed and answered by none other than Ruth Cochios, a faithful and hardworking member of our congregation! The cabinet turned out to be perfect for the purposes of the Growth and Outreach team. And Ruth is filled with joy every time she sees it adorning her church home.

As you look at the cabinet your next time at worship, and share in fellowship at our coffee hours, remember this story and how God continually surprises us in amazing and unexpected ways. And when days seem long and dark, trust that Christ will be your light and will be surprising *you* in amazing and unexpected ways too.

Celebrating Christ's wonderful surprises with you,
Pastor Laura

P.S. The Growth and Outreach team hopes that your committee or team will sign up to sponsor the coffee hour one Sunday between our services. Please see the sign-up sheet attached to that special cabinet.





The 30 Hour Famine is Coming!

Here is your chance to make a difference in the fight against hunger worldwide! Be a part of the 30 Hour

Famine. The fasting event begins on **Friday, February 24th**, and ends on **Saturday, February 25th** with "Break-Fast." Please watch upcoming bulletins for registration details and other ways you can help.

CLUSTER YOUTH EVENTS



All youth, Confirmation age and older, are invited to participate in the Easton Youth Cluster events. Upcoming events include:

Sunday, February 12th

Game/Pizza Night at Arndt's Church

Sunday, March 11th

Birthday Bash at Gracedale.

Thank you to all who donated gift wrap, baked cookies, and chaperoned the December 11th Youth Cluster Christmas Event, hosted by St. Andrew's. We had a HUGE turnout, with over 60 participants purchasing gifts for those in need in our Easton community.

RECYCLE

Recycle at St. Andrew's: Blue recycling containers are located throughout the Church and Hope House. Each is labeled with what may be left in that container. Comingling recycle items contaminates the container, so please be careful to put items in the correct can. Thank you for taking the time to recycle at St. Andrew's as we all do our part to protect God's beautiful planet.



GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD



Way to go Sunday School Classes! Students collected \$465 for the ELCA World Hunger Campaign.

That was enough money to buy the following animals for God's Global Barnyard:

- ◆ 1 Sheep
- ◆ 2 Goats
- ◆ 3 Pigs
- ◆ 4 Ducks
- ◆ 7 Chicks



God's Global Barnyard Project provides farm animals to families in need throughout the world.

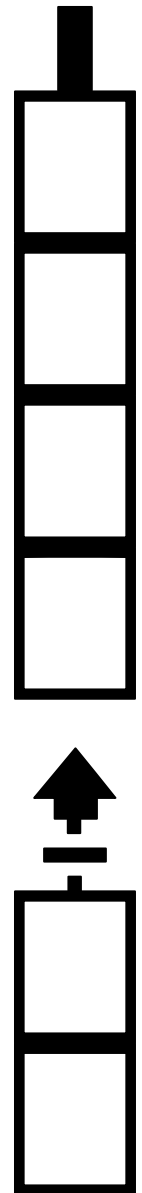
St. Andrew's Nursery School Registration

Registration for St. Andrew's Nursery School will begin on Wednesday, February 1. There is a \$50.00 nonrefundable fee for registering your child and a copy of his or her birth certificate is needed. Forms will be available outside the Nursery School door, and on-line at www.standrewselca.org, under "Nursery School." Please contact Michelle Benes, Registrar at (610) 330-0942 to set up an appointment for observation and for registration details.



CHURCH TIME NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

There have been Sundays when St. Andrew's is not able to offer Church Time Nursery to worshippers, because there are no volunteers to staff the nursery. Please prayerfully consider volunteering at either the 8:30 or 10:30am services. Even volunteering a few times a year would be greatly appreciated.



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January Council Minutes:

At the January 16th Council meeting it was noted that although membership has been increasing, giving and attendance are down. Council discussed plans for the financial discussion at the Congregational Meeting. Guy Ehler was thanked for his hard work in constructing the 2012 Budget.

The Social Room carpet needs to be professionally cleaned. Nursery School will discuss contributing to the cost at their board meeting later this month.

Safety concerns were raised about the poor lighting of the parking lot. It may be too dark for individuals attending nightly activities to feel secure getting to and from their vehicles. Due to budget issues only one light is currently in operation at night.

An accessible pew area has been created in the rear of the sanctuary to accommodate a wheelchair and companion seating.

Don Sachs and Ken Agren will work together to create an informational handout about the proposed "Burn the Mortgage" campaign to be handed out at the Congregational Meeting.

Everyone was encouraged to attend the February 12th Chili Cook-Off event. The evening will start off with entertainment from our own Praise Band, and Chris Druckenmiller.

St. Andrew's General Fund Financial Position

As of December 31, 2011

<u>General Fund: Checking Account</u>	<u>Current Month: December 2011</u>	<u>2011 Year to Date</u>
	\$27,418.6	\$247,317.
Offerings	3	07
	\$28,687.8	\$248,043.
Expenses	1	06
Surplus	-	
(Shortage)	\$1,269.18	-\$725.99

Cash Available 12/31 449.50

Summary for December 2011: (YTD figures includes all Building Fund transactions to and from the General Fund. Full 2011 reports are included in Congregation Meeting booklet.)

Income: The offerings for the month of December covered both the expenses and moving \$6509 back to the Building Fund. Offerings reflected December with Christmas Eve which was within \$500 of last year.

Expenses: Expenses remain within the budget and were at levels expected for the month. Budget for the year was under spent by \$7000.

The "Debt Reduction" effort received \$2,550, all of which was moved to the Building Fund to reduce the amount borrowed. \$9,184 of the BF was used to assist with GF expenses during the year. The total amount has been returned to the Building Fund. \$6016 was given to the BF via the envelope. As of the end of the year, \$2,766 was deposited to the BF leaving \$3250 remaining in the GF to cover the GF expenses at year end.

Music Notes

St. Andrew's Music History

St. Andrew's was the first church in the country to purchase an Allen Computer Organ. The organ was installed in 1971. Our present Allen Digital organ was installed in 1994. The original organ was then placed on display in the Jerome Markowitz Memorial Museum in Macungie, Pa. In 2004 the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C acquired the organ.

Allen Organ Company played a pioneering role in the development of digital sound. When the Allen Digital Computer Organ was introduced it was one of only two consumer products in the world to utilize digital technology. The other was the digital calculator that was introduced the same year. Other musical instruments based on digital sound technology would not be offered for nearly a decade.

The technology used in the Allen Digital Computer Organ was a significant step toward the development of many modern digital sound devices including CD's, Computer Sound Cards and MP-3 players.

When I was hired by St. Andrew's in 1978 as Director of Music, I spent many hours at the church practicing that organ. I was a technology 'geek' even back then. The only item that the original organ had that our present instrument does not was a 'headphone' jack.

At one of my practice sessions I brought my best recording device and connected it to the organ via the headset jack. The result is a 30 minute recording of the organ exactly as it sounded.

I have created a short 4 minute slideshow with this recording as a soundtrack. It can be found at:

http://youtu.be/XE95Kvva_MM

A link is also available on the Church's Facebook Page at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Andrews-Evangelical-Lutheran-Church/342746046644>

In Christ,
Mark Jonkman

In this photo of our sanctuary as it appeared in 1978, you can see the very large and heavy Organ Speakers hanging from the ceiling on either side of the altar.



The organ console was located in the far left corner behind the pulpit. The Choir sat on the opposite side of the altar, pretty close to where our present organ is located. The Cross hanging above the altar is now located on the wall in the narthex directly above the doors entering the sanctuary. The pews in the picture are brand new. We had just graduated from folding chairs. Outside, the barn was in the process of being removed.

Here is a photo of the original Organ Console:





St. Andrew's Women (SAW)

Wednesday, February 8, 10:00am

Program: Mary Ann Gaumer—"Jamaican Mission Trip"
Devotions: Joan Holland
Hostesses: Bag Lunch
Business: Set date & place for Tea Planning Committee meeting

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

Tuesday, February 21

On **Tuesday, February 21, 2012** the Steel Magnolias will meet for lunch at 11:30AM at The Palace Restaurant. Please call Irene Strzepek at 610-252-4022 for reservations.



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

Wednesday, February 15, 10am-3pm

Each month a faithful group of ladies—St. Andrew's Comforters (SAC)—meets to make quilts. These quilts are not fancy. They are comfort quilts. They are distributed locally and beyond to those in need and given to our high school graduates each year as a comfortable reminder of their home church that cares.

Contact Marian Bird at 610-253-1219 for more information.

NEPS WELCA Spiritual Growth Retreat

Saturday, March 17 (snow date March 24)

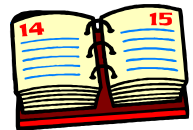
Nativity Lutheran Church, Allentown

Guest: Bruce Becker, author of *Kindness and Compassion*, the story of the Nickel Mine tragedy.

For more information and to register, see the December *Flame* at www.godslove.org



Save the Date



2012 Synod Assembly
 June 15—16
 Sovereign Center, Reading PA



Miscellaneous

The case of the missing Tea pot from the Fall Fair raffle has been solved. The tea pot has been returned. Thanks to all who helped in the search!



**Parish Nurses:
Seasonal Affective Disorder
(SAD)**



Do the dreary winter months get you down...more than they do your friends? You could have seasonal depression, also known as SAD. This is a mood disorder that happens at the same time each year. Some people are affected by "summer depression" occurring in late spring or early summer and ends in the fall. But most people experience the winter doldrums.

What causes SAD?

Hormones in the brain automatically trigger attitudinal changes at certain times of the year. Experts believe that SAD is related to these hormonal changes. One theory is that reduced sunlight during fall and winter leads to reduced production of serotonin (the "feel good" hormone) in the brain. Lower levels of serotonin cause feelings of depression along with symptoms of fatigue, carbohydrate cravings and weight gain.

SAD usually starts in young adulthood and is more common in females than males. Some people have very mild symptoms and others have debilitating symptoms that interfere with relationships and productivity.

Signs of SAD

- Decreased levels of energy
- Difficulty concentrating
- Fatigue
- Increase in appetite
- Increased desire to be alone
- Increased need for sleep
- Weight gain

Signs of SAD occurring in the summer

- Decreased appetite
- Trouble sleeping
- Weight loss

How is SAD treated?

- Get outside in the early morning to increase exposure to natural light
- Antidepressant medications
- Light therapy

What is light therapy?

1. Light therapy for SAD uses full-spectrum bright light that is shined directly into your eyes.
2. You sit about 2 feet away from the bright light, which is 20 times brighter than normal room lighting.
3. Therapy starts with one 10-15 minute session per day. Then the times increase to 30-45 minutes a day.

So, try to get outside every day, exercise for 30 minutes at least three times/week and eat a well-balanced diet. If you experience any of the signs of SAD, consult your doctor.



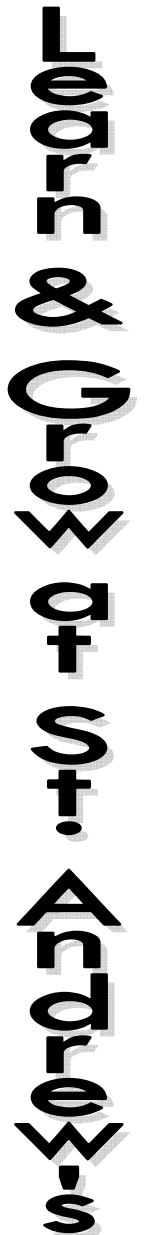
Growth & Outreach

What's cooking? Chili!
Join your St. Andrew's family and friends for a wonderful "chili cook-off!"



**Sunday evening, February 12
4:00pm.**

We'll meet in the sanctuary for special music, including our own Praise Band and other performers. Then, we'll gather in the social room for a variety of chili dishes. (Hmmm... hot chili, mild chili, Gramma's favorite, chicken chili, vegetarian, with beans....) salads, breads and desserts. This is a wonderful way to build friendships and celebrate our unity in Christ. Please see "shine-up" sheets in the narthex for ways you can help. Bring a friend! (And please see Jeff Connlain or Lynn Cushing with questions or suggestions.)





M i l i e s t o r i e s

We celebrate the birth of
Brigette Anne Lavertu

On January 14th. Bridget is the daughter of Trisha (Griffith) and Bob Lavertu, little sister of Isabella, and granddaughter of Carol & Don Griffith.

In the Mailbag . . .



Thank you to my church family and friends for all the prayers, love and support you have given to me following my recent surgery.

Love, Ruth Larison



THANK YOU FOR HELPING THE ANIMALS! Thank you to everyone at St. Andrew's and St. Andrew's Nursery School for your generous donations

for The Center for Animal Health and Welfare of Northampton County. The pet food, sheets, blankets, cat litter and toys were needed at the center, and the animals really appreciated it.

Thank you! CJ Ward

Dear St. Andrew's Family,
Once again, the Easton Area Neighborhood Center and the community in which it serves appreciate and say thank you for the generous Christmas donations. Because of you, we were able to service approximately 160 children from the Easton area for Christmas.



Sincerely, Deborah Brown,
Program Coordinator



Just a reminder:

St. Andrew's has a wheelchair available for use in the church, and our facilities are fully wheelchair accessible. Please let us know if you need assistance.

Memorials have been received for:

Hazel Smith from: Judy Miller and Luann Brandle for Nissan World in Denville.

The new Electronic Keyboard has been given in memory of **John Warrelmann.**

**February Second Sunday
Second Offering:**

The February Second Sunday Second Offering, collected on Sunday, February, 12, will benefit World Vision/30 Hour Famine. The 30 Hour Famine, supported by World Vision is "Students around the world loving God and fighting hunger. It's that simple. Every year, thousands of students unite to do the 30 Hour Famine. They [learn about hunger](#) - and then they do something about it. They [raise funds](#). They [experience hunger](#) for themselves. Best of all? They help save lives."



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED!

The Growth & Outreach Team would like to invite all groups in our church family to consider hosting Coffee Corner one Sunday a year (2nd Sunday of the month) between the 8:30 & 10:30 Services. There is a sign-up sheet located near the Coffee Cabinet in the narthex.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lynn Cushing or Sharon Wasmer. Thank you, in advance, for considering to lend a hand in this new venture at St. Andrew's.



February Birthdays

- 2 Mark Phillips, Karen Celia
- 3 Hunter Klabunde, Logan Klabunde
- 4 Jesse Nitchkey, Joelle Oraschin
- 5 Jessica Miller
- 6 Olwen Bougher, Charles Lawhead, Jr., Elizabeth Parvin, Jarrod Vivian
- 7 Steve Diehl, Arlene McIntyre
- 8 Kimberly DeFelice
- 9 Emma Enea, Adam Pennoyer
- 10 Chrystian Bonser, David Skutches,
Brooke Finkbeiner, Jennifer Graney, Jessica Zinno
- 11 Eli Game, Seth Game,
Ellen Olsen, Mary Schuck
- 12 Gary Strausser, Jesse Vivian
- 13 Lorraine Arnts
- 14 Carl Azzalina, Barb Kopfer,
Dorothy Weis, Emilee Hajdu
- 16 Cindy Matase
- 17 Dennis Hartzell, Cameron Rohatgi,
Zach Ward, Cooper Troxell
- 18 Maggie Albanese
- 19 Samantha Kessler, Brad Schaeffer,
Blair Welsh, Tony Zinno,
Loraine Heimbach
- 20 Timothy Fretz
- 21 Kimberly Bachorik
- 22 Shelby Barilone
- 23 Kent Finkbeiner, Aidan Perry
- 24 Joe Fassl, Joan McIntyre, Ronald Orcutt,
Tracie Raven
- 25 Bob LaRose, Frank Sickle
- 27 Ralph Bonnell, Chandra Chavous,
Betty Clark, Paige Weis
- 28 Billy Klein



Celebrating Our Faith through the Arts: Psalms Saturday, April 28, 2012 The Lutheran Center 9:30am—3:30pm

Anyone in Grade 7 through adults are invited to this one day seminar exploring a variety of ways to express faith through the arts. Media discussed will include the visual arts, music, liturgical dance, drama and creative writing. Mark your calendars and watch for more information.

Lay Eucharistic Training:

Lutheran Congregational Services is offering training sessions for anyone interested in serving as a Lay Eucharistic Minister. The Saturday sessions begin at 9:00am and end at 4:30pm, and are offered throughout the Synod area. Please call Kathy at LCS at (610)770-9205 for training details and schedule of sessions.



Project of Easton Wish List

- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Jelly
- ◆ Powdered Milk
- ◆ Baby Food & Diapers (newborn & size 5)
 - ◆ Pancake Mix and Syrup
 - ◆ Hygiene Products
 - ◆ Inexpensive Can Openers
 - ◆ Macaroni & Cheese
 - ◆ Individual Microwave Meals

Donations of food items can be left in the narthex. Jim Slater of our congregation delivers to Project of Easton each week. Also, your sponsoring of an Altar Giving Basket on any given Sunday benefits Project of Easton.

Life is fragile—handle with prayer!



Sunday, February 5

8:30am Worship Service

Council Representative: Laurie Roth
Lector: Brenna Perry
Acolyte: Michael Clark
Ushers: Irelyn Freyling/Rhiannon Perry
Greeters: TBA
Church Time Nursery: TBA
Children's Sermon: Fay Slater
Sound System: Rob Reese

Sunday, February 12

8:30am Holy Communion Worship Service

Council Representative: Laurie Roth
AM: Guy Ehler **Lector:** Alex Welsh
Acolyte: Cory Webb
Ushers: Jim Slater, Ed Piorkowski
Greeters: TBA
Church Time Nursery: TBA
Children's Sermon: Reilly Ward/Mitchell Corielle
Sound System: Steve Diehl

Sunday, February 19

8:30am Holy Communion Worship Service

Council Representative: Laurie Roth
AM: Tom Carr **Lector:** Alexis Rute
Acolyte: Angela Sabatino
Ushers: Jim Slater, Ed Piorkowski
Greeters: TBA
Church Time Nursery: TBA
Children's Sermon: Pastor Laura
Sound System: Jeron Heebner

Ash Wednesday, February 22

11:30am Holy Communion Worship Service

Council Representative: Laurie Roth
AM: Gwen Krapf **Lector:** TBA
Acolyte: TBA
Ushers: TBA
Greeters: TBA
Church Time Nursery: TBA
Sound System: none

Sunday, February 26

8:30am Holy Communion Worship Service

Council Representative: Laurie Roth
AM: Cookie Fassl **Lector:** Mitchell Coriell
Acolyte: Dodge Hill
Ushers: Jim Slater, Ed Piorkowski
Greeters: TBA
Church Time Nursery: TBA
Children's Sermon: Lynn Cushing
Sound System: Ken Agren

Month of February Altar Guild: Janet Rhymer

Sunday, February 5

10:30am Holy Communion Worship Service

Council Representative: Joe Fassl
AM: Linda Baskwell **Lector:** Mitchell Coriell
Acolyte: TBA
Ushers: Ken Agren/Alex Agren
Greeters: TBA
Church Time Nursery: TBA
Sound System: Geoff Reese

Sunday, February 12

10:30am Worship Service

Council Representative: Joe Fassl
Lector: Flo Heacock
Acolyte: Sean Boylan
Ushers: Austin Schneck/Chuck Tichy
Greeters: TBA
Church Time Nursery: TBA
Sound System: TBA

Sunday, February 19

10:30am Holy Communion Worship Service

Council Representative: Joe Fassl
AM: Jamie Merida **Lector:** Debbie Ashton Chase
Acolyte: TBA
Ushers: Ken Agren/Alex Agren
Greeters: TBA
Church Time Nursery: TBA
Sound System: Karen Barilone

Ash Wednesday, February 22

7:30pm Holy Communion Worship Service

Council Representative: Joe Fassl
AM: Joe Fassl **Lector:** TBA
Acolyte: TBA
Ushers: TBA
Greeters: TBA
Church Time Nursery: TBA
Sound System: Geoff Reese

Sunday, February 26

10:30am Worship Service

Council Representative: Joe Fassl
Lector: Brenna Perry
Acolyte: TBA
Ushers: Austin Schneck/Chuck Tichy
Greeters: TBA
Church Time Nursery: TBA
Sound System: Joe Fassl

Offering Counters: Margaret Bennett/
Marge Weidner

February Worship Starts