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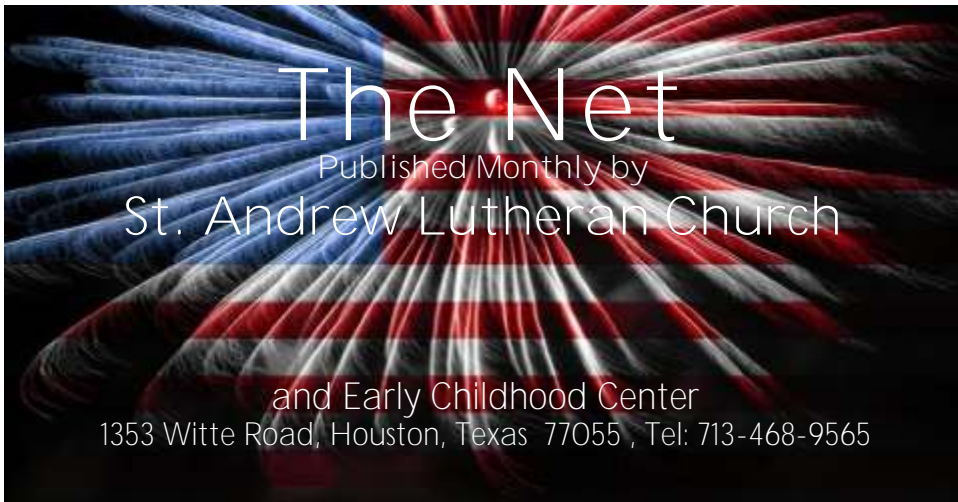
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“[Jesus] also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like: A man scattered seed on the ground.” (Mark 4:26 NIV1984)

Was the school that you grew up in like mine? What do you remember about it? At the first school I ever attended, Trinity Lutheran School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, my First Grade teacher was Mrs. Popenhagen. She liked to be sure that every student had at least one classroom chore each day, like clapping out the erasers or sharpening pencils or something else. Like most of my classmates, by far my favorite chore was handing out the milk and paper straws after recess! Remember those little half-pint cartons of milk, and those flimsy paper straws that would close up on you and be impossible to use unless you used them just right? Whoever got that job felt extra important, even privileged!

Privileged – that’s how we as Christians feel. We understand what Scripture says about the power of God’s Word. We understand that the Holy Spirit works through His Word so that sinful people like us are actually brought into a right relationship with a holy God. We understand that in the Gospel message people find forgiveness of sins and the sure hope of eternal life. AND we also understand that God has given the privilege of handing out the pure gospel milk of this message, of sharing it, of sowing the seed of the Word (are you ready for this?) to us! What a thrill! What an honor! What a privilege!

Think about this! By nature, we’re sinful through and through. By nature, we’re inclined away from God and into ourselves. And this pride and self-centeredness shows itself in the way we speak and act and live. It’s not glorifying to God, and it brings shame on ourselves.

And yet God, in His infinite love, stepped into our lives with His Word, the Gospel of His Son, Jesus. He assured us that Jesus lived and died for us, and then rose from the grave, freeing us forever from sin and the eternal consequences it deserves. And now God asks us to share that same glorious message with others! What a privilege! What an honor that God would choose us!

But it's more than just a privilege and an honor. Sowing the seed of God's saving Word is also a responsibility. Jesus says, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation" (Mark 16:15), period. He didn't say, "when you have time," or "if you feel like it." He simply said, "Go!" And so we do!

Knowing what the seed of God's Word does – that it sprouts into a loving relationship with Him that lasts forever – we can't do anything else. We can't help but scatter that seed through our Vacation Bible School this month, year-round with our Early Childhood Center, with a newly started Tae Kwon Do program, a soon-to-be-built community garden (how apropos!) and so much more. We can't control how much seed will sprout, but we can control how much we sow. That's why we sow as liberally and extravagantly as we can!

Sowing the seed of God's Word – what a wonderful privilege and responsibility! OUR privilege and responsibility! Please prayerfully consider how God may be able to use you in sharing your time, your talents, your resources as part of this privilege. And if you haven't already been asked to help, let me know where your interests lie and I will make sure that you get to toss some seeds, too!

Pastor Koch

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Tuesday, July 19th at 10am, we will continue a new ministry here at St. Andrew, and every third Tuesday of the month here after. The Prayer Shawl Ministry is an outreach to those in need of comfort. If you love to knit or crochet we invite you to join us. If you do not know how to **how to do either, don't worry we can teach you.** For more information, see Monica Murray.

You will need: #11 or #13 knitting needles
555 yards of Yarn(Knitting)
Or 'M', 'N', or 'P' crochet hooks
740 yards of yarn (crochet)

*Prayer Shawl
Ministry*



Stewardship Corner

In our Lord's parable of the vineyard workers, the vineyard owner says to those who worked the longest, "Or do you begrudge my generosity" (Matthew 20:15)? It's an unfortunate translation. It's not wrong, but it doesn't give us the full picture. What the vineyard owner actually says is this: "Or is your eye evil because I am good?" Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness" (Matthew 6:21–23).

This statement comes right in the middle of our Lord's teaching about giving. He said, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money" (Matthew 6:19–24).

Having an evil eye does not let in the light. Having an evil eye means that we are so focused on what we don't have, that we are unable to rejoice in what God has given. An evil eye makes us distressed when we see others prosper. It makes us rejoice when others suffer. An evil eye makes us so love ourselves and our money, that we don't want to share with others; we don't want to give of what we have because we are so focused on keeping what we have and getting what we don't.

Whereas a good eye is an eye that lets the light in so that our lives are filled with it. This light shines upon all that we have and reveals that it comes from our Father's divine goodness and mercy. A good eye that lets in the light, unencumbered by the darkness, so that we have a good will, a benevolent disposition, and a genuine happiness to see others prosper and the desire to be part of it.

Jesus came to give you a good eye and to take away the darkness that fills your life. Christ our Lord, through His death and resurrection, has forgiven your sin, removed your evil eye and given you new eyes that let in His light and truth. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).



The reality is that you have all that you need and more. You have the love of God in Christ Jesus. You have the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. You have house and home, all that you need for this body and life. So, lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy. And you will see that your hearts will follow, just as Jesus promised.

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2 CORINTHIANS 8:9



GRACEWOOD

SASC MEETING JULY 20, 2016

SASC (St. Andrew September Club) will meet on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 in the Wonway Center from 10:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. We will have a guest speaker, Ginnie Rice, who is the head of development for Gracewood. Gracewood provides home, hope and healing for hurting families across the greater Houston area. The Family Care Program offers single mothers and their children a place to call home during a time of crisis. They are offered a home at one of two campuses in Houston. One of the campuses is right here in Spring Branch on Elmview Drive.

Anyone who is 50 or older is encouraged to attend—you do not need to be a member of SASC. Ginnie Rice will speak at 10:30 A.M. and SASC will provide lunch at 11:30 A.M.

Gracewood is always in need of liquid laundry detergent (HE only), and dryer sheets. Anyone attending is invited to bring one of those items to help Gracewood. SASC will also accept HE laundry detergent and dryer sheets from the congregation via a collection box in the church narthex.

If you have questions, please contact Betty Marquardt at 281-579-6446



Opportunities in Uganda



Remember every 1st Sunday of each month is Mite Box Sunday, this July is to fund The Lutheran Church Mission in Uganda (LCMU) hosts 100 plus congregations with less than 20 ordained pastors. This LWML Mission Grant will go toward completion of the seminary in Uganda and to continue the work of the Women of the Pearl (WOTP) to teach and put

resources in the hands of women and men. The WOTP's mission is to provide education in literacy, nutrition, sanitation, business ownership, and agriculture to women in Uganda so they may serve God, support pastors, congregations, and communities through the teachings of Scripture. The seminary allows pastors and lay leaders the opportunity to study closer to home.

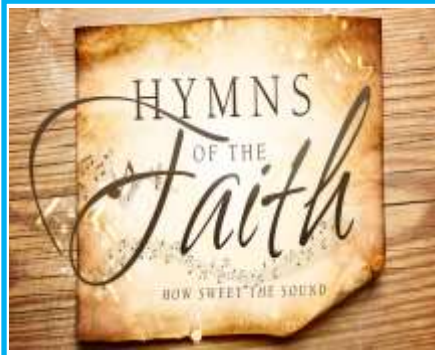


2016 CAMP LONE STAR BARBECUE July 31, 2016 (the last Sunday in July)

This is the camp's annual celebration day and includes an outdoor worship service at 11am, a BBQ meal at noon, outdoor activities, and benefit auctions.

Camp Lone Star and the LOMT programs spiritually influence thousands of children as well as youth and families each year. Please use this event to show your support that will continue this ministry on into the future.





HYMN SING – Come to the church auditorium the last Sunday of the month, July 31st, for a good old fashioned hymn sing accompanied on piano by Edie Bourland. If you have favorites, be sure to get your requests to her ahead of time. We sing from 5-6pm; dress is casual. Bring a friend!



Listen below is the schedule of broadcasts on KKHT 100.7FM and KKHT.com for the months of June and July. The primary expense for this ministry is the purchase of airtime on radio stations. Pastor Cain and Pastor Schltz volunteer their time as program hosts as do the board of directors and the secretarial staff. Gifts to ELM are appreciated and recognized and allow ELM to proclaim the Gospel through the media. Past shows are available for free at ElmHouston.org.

July 3, 2016

7pm– Rev. Tim Carter, Pastor of Salem Lutheran and author of “Executioner’s Redemption”.

7:30pm- “Giving It All to Jesus in 2016” with Sam Pearson.

July 10, 2016

7pm– Dr. Ben Phillips, Director of Seminary Training at Darrington Maximum University, “Religion in Prison”.

7:30pm– Dr. Byron Johnson, Baylor University, “Religion in Prisons”.

July 17, 2016

7pm– Casey Pace, “My Story, His Glory” and mission trip to Kenya, Africa.

7:30pm– Melissa Hood, “God Was a Genius in the Way He Made Me”.

July 24, 2016

7pm– Dana Bahn, “God Has Transformed My life”.

7:30pm– Barb Peterson, “Has the ‘Golden’ Years Become Tarnished Gold?”

July 31, 2016

7pm- Juda Myers of “Choice4life” - Ending Abortion.

7:30pm– Laura Davis, “Lutheran for Life– Y4Life”.



VBS NEEDS YOU!

At *Barnyard Roundup* VBS, you can live out the theme “Jesus Gathers Us Together” as you have fun with kids! If you can help full or part time, we have many ways you can help.

We need:

- Volunteers to assist main teachers
- Wrapped candy
- Cakes
- Cupcakes
- Windmill
- Rocking Chair
- Brown tarps
- Burlap bags
- Hand pump
- Metal bucket
- Wrap candy

Call Monica or e-mail events@standrew-lcms.org, for more information or go online standrew-lcms.org and sign up to help. Join us to see how Jesus gathers us together!

We appreciate your prayers for *Barnyard Roundup*, our Vacation Bible School being held on July 25-29. Ask God to bring children to our program so they can know and grow in Jesus, our Savior! Ask God to provide leaders and helpers for this important mission. Pick up a Prayer Calendar on the table at the entrance of the sanctuary, with suggestions for each day before VBS.



KISS THE PIG

VBS OFFERING CHALLENGE

This years offering is benefitting the "Tin Roofs for Africa" and the children will want to see Pastor Koch kiss the pig if the challenge is reached.



If you would like to help out in this effort, please mark on your check VBS Offering.

The event will take place during the closing on Friday, July 29 at 12:15 p.m.

Join us watch Pastor Koch Kiss the Pig.

Peter...

from Fisherman to Fisher of Men

Join Us!



New Women's Bible Study
Salem Lutheran Church
6:00 - 9:00pm

LIVE TAPING

July 12, 19, 26 & Aug 2
2 Sessions per night w/break
[No Childcare Provided]

**A Bible Study based
on the life and
ministry of Peter**

By Donna Pyle



www.lwml.org

**If anyone is interested call Carolyn Koch at
713-468-3160.**

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St. Andrew is partnering with Pure Flix to provide great faith and family media to our church families.

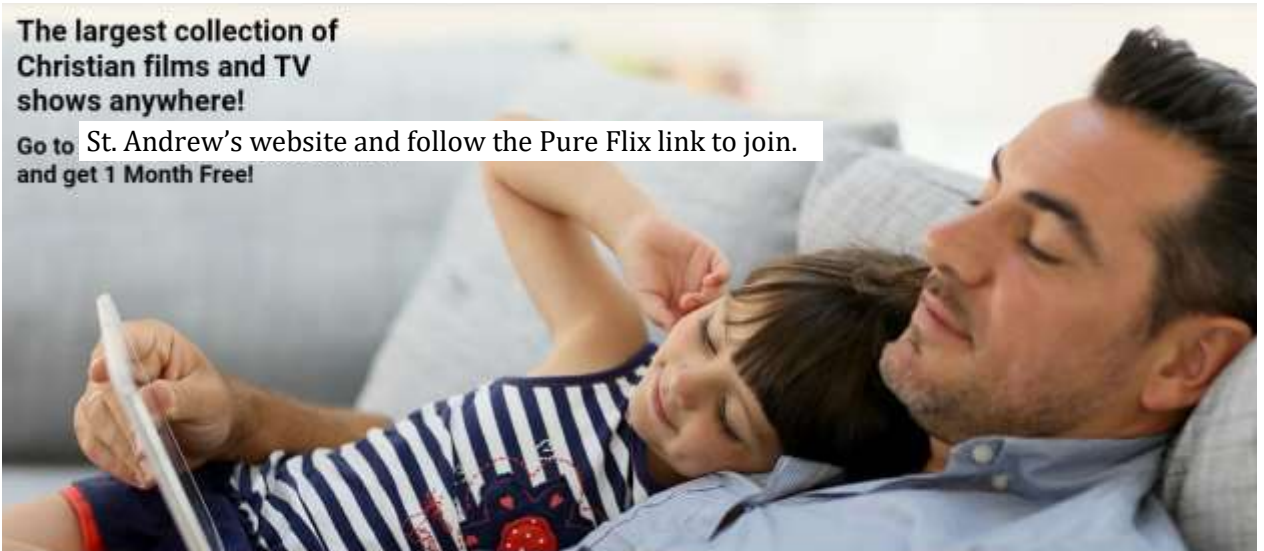
What does this mean? Pure Flix is offering a 74 Day Free Viewing offer for our church families. St. Andrew will receive \$5 for every monthly subscription and \$15 for every annual subscription. This offer is good for congregant families, friends and neighbors. It is Pure Flix way of saying, "Thank you for your support of wholesome, faith and family entertainment."

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The Houston Lutheran Chorale
Presents its Annual
4th of July Concert,

“An All American Salute to the 4th”

With music written by American composers. Many songs are based on traditional folk songs, while other reflect more contemporary music.

Date & Time: July 4 at 6 PM

Place: Trinity Lutheran- Downtown 800
Houston Avenue

Tickets: NOT required

Festivities begin at 6 p.m. with the concert, followed by supper in the gym. Including hot dogs, Frito pie and dessert. There is no cost, but a free will offering basket will be available.

You are encouraged to bring your lawn chairs to sit outside in the parking lot after the meal to enjoy the fireworks offered by the city of Houston. You will have a great view and lots of fun. As always, we **enjoy singing for you and hope you celebrate our country's freedom** with us on this special occasion.



Lutheran High North is accepting application for an Admission/Marketing position. This position also includes the responsibility of managing office staff and coordinating work schedules. Candidates need to have excellent computer skills as well as be driven to achieve in a very competitive market place. Lutheran High North is a Christian school and is looking for a candidate who is active in their own personal faith life. Resumes can be submitted through email to dana.gerard@lhnliions.org





SUMMER FAITH LESSONS – Prayer is in some ways the most necessary and most basic expression of our faith, yet we often struggle to do it. The daily duties of life crowd in, filling our days with activity and we don't communicate with our heavenly Father. **We're not alone.** Even **Jesus' disciples struggled with prayer.**

This summer we are going to do a series of four midweek Faith Lessons based on the book, *Before Amen* by Max Lucado. There **won't be a lot of heavy reading, nor will this turn into a guilt trip** about not trying hard enough. In this series, Lucado explores the very heart of Biblical prayer by offering distilled, hope-filled prayers that will help you turn your heart towards the One who longs to speak with you.

Tentatively scheduled for every other Wednesday starting June 29th, then July 13th and 27th, and concluding August 10th. As with our normal midweek schedule, there will be a 5:45pm meal, and the hour-long Faith Lesson will start at 6:30 in the Auditorium.

Please remember the following people
in your prayers:

✝ Mike Tudor
✝ Margie Strobel
✝ Elaine Ziegler

✝ Ed Steinsiek
✝ Gertrude Roeh
✝ JT Thornton



July



The July Coffee Benefit will go to Our Redeemer Lutheran School, where at-risk students are offered a last -chance opportunity to finish high school through proven teaching methods, personal guidance, and loving interaction in a Christian small group setting.



July 15 , 2016

Deborah Koch.....	July 1
Stephen Emmott.....	July 3
Kevin Murray.....	July 10
Robin Emmott.....	July 12
Janet Atsinger.....	July 15
Jessica Farmer.....	July 16
Joe Gaytan.....	July 17
John White.....	July 19
Elaine Ziegler.....	July 20
John Rearick.....	July 22
Hilda Boerger.....	July 25
Rebecca Rogers.....	July 25
Erich Teske.....	July 30



HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Kevin & Monica Murray.....	July 6
Richard & Irene Peyton.....	July 20

Duties Schedule for the Month of July

Date	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Duty	Name(s)	Name(s)	Name(s)	Name(s)	Name(s)
Acolyte	Susanna Teske	Alex Teske	Kirby Garcia Ava Cantu	Tarik Dandy Isaiah Sutton	Kelton Thomas Journey Thomas
Altar Guild	Irene Peyton	Irene Peyton	Irene Peyton	Irene Peyton	Irene Peyton
Elder	Erich Teske	Erich Teske	Erich Teske	Erich Teske	Erich Teske
Counting	Charles Hansen J.T. Thornton Herta Strobel	Charles Hansen J.T. Thornton Herta Strobel	Charles Hansen J.T. Thornton Herta Strobel	Charles Hansen J.T. Thornton Herta Strobel	Charles Hansen J.T. Thornton Herta Strobel
Trustee	Charles Hansen	Charles Hansen	Charles Hansen	Charles Hansen	Charles Hansen
Greeters	John & Ruth White	Alex & Chris Von Sehrwald	Evelyn Register Herta Strobel	Hal & Betty Marquardt	Dan & Joyce Leitko
Usher Team	Marquardt	Howe	Leitko	Rearick	Marquardt





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