

St Andrew Presbyterian Church

LOAVES + FISHES

August 2024



Vision

CHRIST IS CALLING ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO BE A BEACON OF PEACE AND LOVE WHERE EVERYBODY BELONGS

Mission

AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE BEING TRANSFORMED THROUGH THE COURAGEOUS AND HEALING WORK OF RECONCILIATION

WE HAVE A PASTOR!



We celebrate with praise and thanksgiving the unanimous approval by the congregation to accept the terms of call for Pastor Amanda Kemery!

Pastor Amanda's first day in the pulpit will be September 15, 2024

We also offer humble gratitude for the many long hours, multitude of meetings, and openness to the guiding of the Spirit that our Pastoral Nominating Committee have gifted over the past year - plus. Please find time to share your gratitude with the members of this incredibly dedicated body: co-chairs Evan Read & Leslie Dragon, Amber Gillispie, Deborah Hill, Kirsten Shields, Maria Burel, and Marie Cahoon

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August Calendar

Thurs 1		Deacons meeting
Fri 2	9a-6p	NLC Closed; NLC Staff Development Day; Student Open House 3-5p
Sun 4	10am	Worship service with communion*
Sun 11	~4pm	Go to the Movies w/ Discipleship
Thurs 15	6:30p	NLC Board meeting
Sat 17	5p	Family Game Night
Fri 23		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Sat 24	7:30p	Book Club
Sun 25	10a	Worship service*: FOOD ON THE FOURTH

Newsletter submissions are due by **Friday, August 23** to newsletter@standrew-pres.org



*child care is available infant-3 years old

NOTE: The Bible Bunch is on summer break until September.

Finance



Donations will be used to help support Rise Against Hunger, so if you have any interest in further helping support this effort, we would certainly appreciate it. The RAH event is both super meaningful and exceptionally expensive (\$4200) given the sheer quantity of food we are shipping overseas, so every little bit helps! If you would like to earmark a donation for Rise Against Hunger, please note that on the memo line of your check or online donation. Thank you!

The children and youth lead the way by collecting \$170 in coins during Vacation Bible School! The Mission Committee is dedicating \$1,000 of its annual budget to RAH, as well.

Book Club

4TH SATURDAYS 7:30 PM AT MEMBERS' HOMES

- Aug 24 Sunflowers by Marta Molnar
- Sept 28 Carville's Care by Pam Fessler

bookclub@standrew-pres.org

Session

session@standrew-pres.org

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| Ally Fetch,
Discipleship | Josh Shields,
Property |
| Daniel Gillispie,
Finance | Lillian Brewer,
Worship |
| Stephen Fike,
Treasurer | Marcia Owens,
Clerk of Session |
| Deborah Hill,
Communications | Kyle Hottinger |

Property



in the short term, there is an ever growing list of items that needs to be addressed and any help or assistance that you may be willing to provide is definitely appreciated.

- Assist with or coordinate installation of new paper towel, hand soap, and toilet paper dispensers (much of this is already finished, we need to wrap it up!)
- Assist with administering the electronic bulletin board system
- Coordinate for quotes to replace exterior area lighting and supervise work
- Coordinate with Waste Management to modify service contract
- Complete installation of camera system (3 exterior cameras, 3 interior cameras still need to be placed)
- Coordinate purchase of new furniture for church office
- Leak Check toilets and/or replace parts where necessary
- Obtain quotes for changes to kitchen AC system or for AC upgrade in kitchen
- Continue installation of door access/entry systems
- Two old TVs and other items need to be taken to electronics recycling
- Research options to replace basement water fountain with water bottle fill station
- Research options for beverage vending machine installation
- Clean dryer vent

Regardless of your ability to assist with any of these projects, I am also seeking a small "steering group" that will participate in decision making and expense approvals. For the past two years a very small group has been making decisions for the church (sometimes unilaterally) with regards to the building. It would be nice to have some group discussion about what our priorities and needs are. Most of this work can be conducted via email or virtual meeting.

Please let me know if you're willing to assist in any of these capacities.

Thanks!

Josh

josh.shields@standrew-pres.org

Bible Bunch

Bible Bunch gathers monthly, September through June, at St. Andrew for fellowship, study, and prayer. The member-guided group uses the Presbyterian Women (PW) Horizon Bible Study which is published annually. The 24/25 term entitled, "Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation," begins on Monday, September 9th from 10:00 - 11:30 am in the downstairs Youth Lounge. Within the pages of this study, Patricia K. Tull invites us to explore justice issues related to environmental damage and healing. She also asks us to consider what churches are doing and can do to promote environmental justice in our communities. If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Nancy Gilmore.

nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org





Mission

Save the Date!
October 19, 2024
Setup 8 am, packing starts 10 am

The Saint Andrew Mission Committee will again be partnering with Rise Against Hunger for a meal packing event this fall. This is a fun and fantastic family event with children welcome. More details to come, but for now, please click the link below to sign up as a volunteer. Monetary Donations are also welcomed to help offset Saint Andrew's cost of the meal supplies for 10,000 meal packets.

Thank you so much to the St. Andrew Youth, for the effort during Vacation Bible School of kicking off this initiative to support the meal packing event in collaboration with Rise Against Hunger this Fall!

Visit this link to register as a volunteer: http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/StAndrewPresbyterian2024

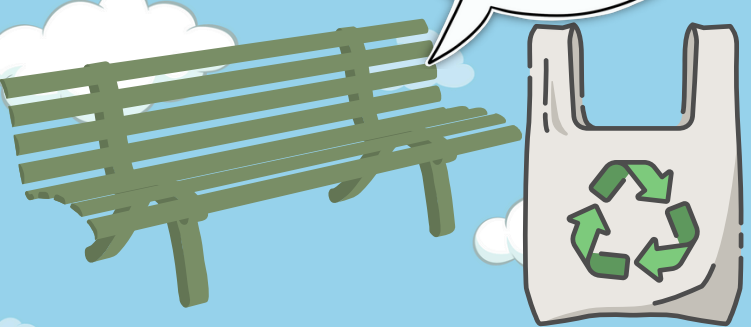
DID YOU KNOW? In addition to the Health Department brochures available in the Narthex, the Loudoun County Health Department offers a Revive Program which provides county residents free Narcan by mail after completing online training. More information on this program can be found at Revive: Opioid Overdose Reversal Training | Loudoun County, VA - Official Website



Health care professionals are hoping to de-stigmatize the conversation around naloxone. Even people who don't use drugs or opioids should have naloxone on hand. You never know when you'll encounter someone in need of this life-saving medication. Keep it in your purse or your car for when you might need it. Parents with teenagers are encouraged to keep naloxone in their homes. Parents can also give it to their teens to take to school or sporting events – and make sure to educate them on what to do. Having more of this life-saving drug in the community is important. You could end up saving a friend or neighbor in need.

PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING CHALLENGE

Bring plastic bags to recycle - we earn a bench when we have 1,000 lbs!



FOOD ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

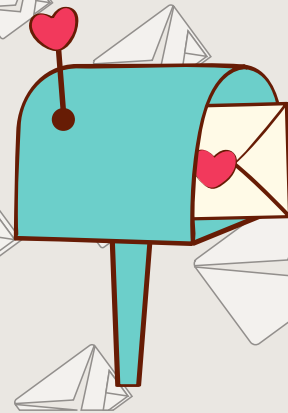


loudoun hunger relief

With school out for the summer, Loudoun Hunger Relief is still requesting BREAKFAST CEREALS and WHOLE GRAIN SNACK BARS this month as kids will be eating breakfast at home. COOKING OIL is also needed at the LHR Pantry. Thank you for helping feed our neighbors in need!

Do you like receiving notes in the mail?

There are blank cards in the Narthex for you to send a note to one of our siblings in Christ. Let's help take care of each other by letting our friends know we are thinking of them and praying for them as they go through life's ups and downs. You can mail the card or leave it for the Deacons to mail. It is always fun to receive mail that isn't a bill or an advertisement!



There is a private Facebook group called "St Andrew Presbyterian Church Families" where TONS of fun stuff and photos are shared!

WAYS TO HELP AT ST. ANDREW

- To greet people coming in on Sundays, contact: deacons@standrew-pres.org
- To provide any kind of flowers for worship services, contact: nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org
- To help with property management in any way, contact: property@standrew-pres.org
- To provide refreshments after a worship service, contact: fellowship@standrew-pres.org

Game Night

Saturday, August 17, 5:00 pm

Fellowship invites you to Family Game Night! Bring a favorite game, some snacks to share, your own beverage...and your competitive spirit! This is a family friendly event - if you would like childcare, please contact Deborah Hill to see if we can have it available.
deborah.hill@standrew-pres.org



The Neighborhood Learning Center

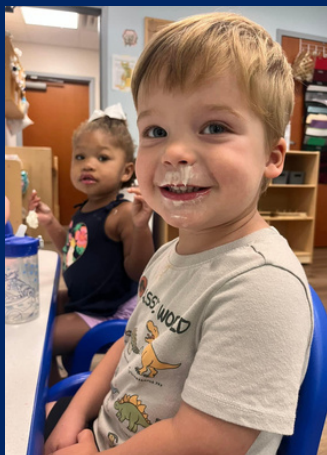
Important Dates

8/2:

- **NLC CLOSED**
- **OPEN HOUSE 3-5P**

8/22 LCPS starts

8/30 LCPS closed



SUN & FUN

SUMMER CAMP



Please link your Harris Teeter VIC card to the NLC - there is a clipboard in the entry. Just put down your last name and phone number and we do the rest - it's free money for the Center!

LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES ONE more time this summer!

Sunday, August 10
~4:00 pm (time TBA)
CMX Village 14, Leesburg



It may not seem very “discipleship-y,” but we are told “*not to give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another...*” (Hebrews 10:25)

Beat the summer heat...Meet at the theatre and buy your tickets there so we can choose seats and sit together, grab some snacks, and enjoy the show!

ally.fetch@standrew-pres.org

Sunday school

We are starting to ramp up for fall Sunday School for all ages, and we need your help! Please reach out to below contacts if you are willing to help - all skills and skill levels needed!

- Elementary school - Sarah Sassak (sarah.sassak@standrew-pres.org)
- Middle/High School - Kirsten Shields (kirsten.shields@standrew-pres.org) or Clark Seipt (clark.seipt@standrew-pres.org)
- Adult - Ally Fetch (ally.fetch@standrew-pres.org)

Did you know?

- Can you imagine a time when teenagers didn't go to school? High school didn't exist until the 1930s! High school started during the Great Depression due to a lack of jobs.
- It was decided to keep teenagers in school and out of the workforce to leave more job openings for adults with families to get jobs.
- School buses are yellow because yellow attracts more attention than any other color. They are meant to stand out so that other drivers notice them.

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Thanks to Charles Dunleavy (See 1Kings 11:1-9)

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