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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

June 4th - Youth Mission Trip
Training 9am-4pm

June 5th - Confirmation Sunday
- Cross+Gen @ 9:45am

June 7th - LWML Potluck @ 12:00pm

June 11th - Courage House Quilts
@ 9:00am
- Youth Boating

June 12th - Voter's Assembly Meeting
@ 9:45am

June 13th - Worship @ Rio Las
Palmas @ 1:30pm

June 16th - Commodities @ 6:30am

June 17th - Taize @ 7:00pm

June 18th - Youth Laser Tag & Pizza
@ 3:00pm



If you have a question about an
upcoming event please contact the
church office: 957.8750 or
Admin@standrewsstockton.org.

JULY

June 24th - Church Office Closed

June 28th - St. Mary's Dining Hall
@ 9:30am

July 3rd - Cross+Gen @ 9:45am

July 4th - Independence Day
- Office Closed

July 9th - Courage House Quilts
@ 9:00am

July 11th - Worship @ Rio Las Palmas
@ 1:30pm

July 11th-15th - VBS

July 17th - Combined Worship
Service @ 9:45am
- VBS BBQ @ 11:00am
- FishHook Materials Due

July 21st - Commodities @ 6:30am

July 26th - St. Mary's Dining Hall
@ 9:30am



The FishHook

June & July 2016



St. Andrews Lutheran Church
Inspiring Our Community to Live Out the Hope Found in Christ

A Note from the Pastor

Summer is knocking at the door. Often seen as a time of refreshment, renewal, and time away, summer gives us a great opportunity to reconnect and build deeper relationships with friends, neighbors, and others around us. Perhaps it's the simplest invite in the world to have a group over for a BBQ and enjoy time together as the sun sets and the delta breeze cools the air. I'd encourage you to be mindful of this so that you can build the kind of relationships that allow us to share our faith together, whether with those already following Christ or those not yet doing so.

You also know by now that I'll be going on a sabbatical at the end of this month. I'll be back in October, and in the meantime I'd love for you to pray for me and my family. Pray for:

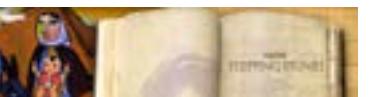
- a powerful time of renewal and refilling of my soul that would allow me to "pour myself out" to you and our community (Philippians 2:17).
- growth in wisdom and strength so that God can equip me to minister in an increasingly complicated and changing environment for the church (Proverbs 24:13-14).
- increased knowledge and skill to handle the demands of church leadership and development (1 Corinthians 9:19-27).
- and most especially, for a deeper relationship with and greater understanding of the grace and love found in our Lord and Savior, Jesus, my first love, and for a time of deep connection with Miriam and my children (Mark 12:28-34).

I'll also be praying for you. Here are a few things I'd love for you to focus on in my time away:

- **Worshipping Jesus.** He's the head of the church. He's the one who gives us grace. He's the one who invites us into faith. It's His body and His blood we offer to you each week to forgive your sin, strengthen your faith, and unite us together. Don't take a break from Him and the gathering of His people while I'm away. Come and worship the King of kings and Lord of lords. I've set up a bunch of great preachers for you (most with far more experience than I have). The worship will continue to be inspiring, and we'll continue to need your help and presence to make it beautiful.
- **Growth in Jesus.** Disciples are those who follow Jesus and help others do the same. This takes the humility to know we fall far short of the glory of God and need Jesus to wash us and make us new.

Pastor's Note continued inside...

FAITH STEPPING STONES



Faith Stepping Stones is a faith based parenting education from cradle to graduation through eight short-courses, which pulls parents into the role of primary faith mentors for their own children every night through blessing, prayer, scripture, Higgs & Lows, and faith dialogue (FAITH 5). All classes are held on Wednesday evenings throughout the year.

Stone: Graduation (High School Seniors)
Three sessions spread over the fall, winter, and spring where high school seniors and their parents look back God's blessings, look to the moment, and look to the future of their new callings.

1) Wednesday, July 27th, 2016
@ 6:30PM

2) Wednesday, January 25th, 2017
@ 6:30PM

3) Wednesday, May 24th, 2017
@ 6:30PM

Stone: Entry into School

This class is for parents of children entering kindergarten. This is a one-night class that covers the spiritual development of children at this age. This class will be taught Wednesday, July 20th at 6:30PM. Childcare will be provided. Please contact Tracy by Monday, July 18th if you are interested in attending this class.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who donated to help us send Hu to school for another year. Through your generosity we were able to raise over \$1300! Also a huge thank you to all of the teachers this year. We were blessed to have over 14 adults mentoring our children in the faith and encouraging parents to keep the learning going at home. It was a great year!

Be sure to join us over the summer on the first Sunday of each month for Cross+Gen education for the whole family to get involved in growing in our faith together!

• BBQ and water games on Sunday, August 28th at noon. Bring your water guns and food to share. We will provide the burgers, dogs, and buns. Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 24th to tracy@standrewsstockton.org or text to 406-1788.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

- Sign up today to join us for Barnyard Roundup VBS @ St. Andrews July 11-15 from 5:30pm-8:15pm.

• We will have a VBS celebration for all ages on Sunday, July 17th. There will be only one worship service at 9:45am. Lunch will be served after worship and all the craft shops will be open for anyone who would like to make a craft from VBS. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

VBS Volunteer Meeting

Sunday, July 10th at 9:45am there will be a meeting for all VBS volunteers. We will be going over the schedule and making sure everyone knows what their role will be during VBS. Volunteers will also receive their t-shirt. We will meet in the parish hall at church. Whether this is your first time or your 100th time volunteering for VBS your presence at the meeting helps to make sure we are all on the same page and ready to go for VBS. Please contact Tracy by July 8th if you will NOT be able to attend. Thank you! Immediately following the 10:45am worship, we will be setting up the dining room and all help will be welcomed!

- Children's VBS t-shirts are available at the volunteer table for just \$8.
- VBS volunteer meeting and setup will be Sunday, July 10th at 9:45AM.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

A huge thank you goes out to Dan Baker, Bonnie Centers, Susan Keller, Doug Wagner, and Kara Young for mentoring our high school youth this year. They are truly a blessing!

Just a reminder that we are breaking for the summer, but be sure to join us for some or all of the following activities this summer!

- Join us on the Sherman's boat on Saturday, June 11th. Watch for more information to come.
- Laser Tag and pizza on Saturday, June 18th at 3pm. Cost is \$15 per person. Please RSVP by June 8th to Susan Keller.

Come help with VBS July 11-15, 5:30-8:15pm. VBS is a great chance to reach out to the children of our community with the love of Jesus. VBS is also a great way to get some service hours done.

Check out the VBS volunteer table Sundays between all services to see how you might like to help!

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CONNECTION & CELEBRATION

VBS Workday

THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with the VBS workday! We got a ton of work done, which puts us one step closer to being ready for VBS. Thanks again we couldn't do it without all your support!

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YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's youth mission trip. Thanks to your generosity we are fully funded!

If you would like to hear more about what this mission trip is all about check out the video from the students who attended last summer on our website at stalc.org under videos of a disciple goes.

Our youth and their leaders leave for Idaho on Saturday, June 25th. Please pray for the youth as they travel to Idaho and share the saving message of the gospel. People attending include: Michael Centers, Nicholas Curtright, Natalie Johnson, Beckham Johnson, Brooke Kelly, Calvin Kelly, Christian Keller, Justin Sherman, Jacob Sherman, Jordan Wagner, Luke Weber, Doug Wagner, and Kara Young. Also please note that everyone attending this summer's mission trip needs to join us for team training on Saturday, June 4th from 9am-4pm.

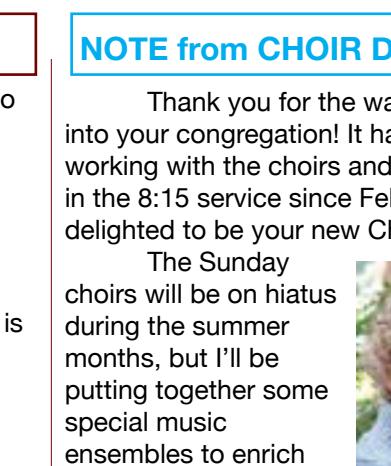
Upcoming Events

July 17: VBS Family Worship Day and BBQ

July 30: Ports Baseball - Trivent Night

Tickets will be on sale on Sunday mornings in July

Newday has limited space available. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Jen at 209-957-4089 or email me at jen@standrewsstockton.org.
Pastor Dan



PASTOR'S NOTE

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FINANCIALS

SHINE the LIGHT of PRAYER

NOTE from CHOIR DIRECTOR

I was asked a while ago, "Why do you give?" And I have to say I was completely moved when Tunde Baker stood up here a few months ago and shared her story with us. What stuck in my mind was when she said, "Giving is about your faith and not about your budget. It is not about your budget... It is a faith issue!"

The Sunday

choirs will be on hiatus during the summer months, but I'll be putting together some special music ensembles to enrich worship in the

meantime.

Also, be on the lookout for information coming up about a non-Sunday "outreach" choir I'll be forming to take the Gospel into the community, through music.

That's what He does, so that we can join Him in the life-giving work. So spend time each day in the word and prayer, letting the Spirit of God come to you and challenging or comforting you as needed to grow you in the faith.

Consider praying through the Lord's Prayer:

- Our Father who art in heaven

- Hallowed be thy Name

- Thy kingdom come, they will be done

- Give us this day our daily bread

- Forgive our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us

- Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

NEWDAY PRESCHOOL

Fall Registration 2016/2017

Registration for our Fall 2016-2017 school year is here!

Scriptures to consider:

- Jeremiah 29:1-9

- 1 Timothy 2:1-6

- 1 Peters 2:9-17

- Proverbs 11:10-11

- Psalm 127:1

Any of the Psalms Really

June 12th - Congregational Meeting

- Join us as we vote on and welcome new mission and ministry council members and vote on the 2016-2017 budget.

June 19th - Pastor Dan will share more

about his sabbatical plans and answer any questions members of the congregation might have.

June 26th - Mission Director for our

District, Mike Lange, will share with us about mission happenings in and around our area and how we can be praying for and holding up the growing church in our area. You

don't want to miss hearing about God's exciting work.

How to Prayer Walk

Keep it small – go in pairs or by

yourself. Be aware of Jesus' presence

with you. As you walk, try to see the

city through Jesus' eyes. Pray as you

walk, eyes open. Stop at landmarks.

Pray Audibly (if walking with a partner);

Pray Brief prayers; Pray Christ-centered.

Pray for: Critical needs-

social, political, economic, spiritual.

Critical influencers – businesses, public

services, schools, etc.; Churches and

Christians; People; Peace and safety.

Love in Jesus,

~Amy Lapointe

2016 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Come celebrate with us on **June 5th, 2016 at the 10:45am** service and watch our youth confirm their faith.

1 Timothy 4:12

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.



"Looking back on that time, I am filled with a lot of guilt. I just feel so horrible about those years and the way I acted. About 3 years ago when I was about 11, I realized that trying to force my will and demands on God wasn't getting me anywhere. I started reading the bible, and later, I started Confirmation. Within these three years of Confirmation, learning more about God's word and how Jesus is truly my savior, it filled me with hope. I pray more now, and my faith blossomed tremendously."

Alisa Aistrup

On Sunday, May 15th, several of our youth stood before the congregation and professed their faith in very real and personal ways. It was a very blessed way to experience the joy of Pentecost as we saw the Holy Spirit working in and through them. Here are excerpts from what they shared, or you can go see the whole thing through our LiveStreaming channel accessed through our website.



"I attended H2H almost every Wednesday, and it has taught me so many things. Such as how to open up about things that I'm not usually open about. It has also brought me closer to some of the people I have met along the way. H2H has also shown me the good, the bad, and also the need for prayer, love, and forgiveness."

Olivia Despain

"I have learned that if I worry about something that happens in my life I get stressed out, can't sleep, and I'm nervous. But I have also learned that I need to turn to God with my problems and he will take care of the problems that I have."

Brooke Kelly



"As I get older I can always know that no matter what, God will be walking by my side and helping me as I go through some bumps in the road. Being a Christian makes me feel like no matter what happens I have fellow Christians to lift me up, and I have Jesus Christ to guide me to the right path."

Isabela Young



"I wasn't getting into a deeper relationship with God, but that changed immensely when I began attending confirmation. I was beginning to be mentored and helped to grow in my faith by people other than my parents. My guides shared about troubles in their life that had helped them to grow, they planted a seed in my life that grew each time I attended Confirmation class on Wednesday nights. Church began to have more meaning to me, and when I reflected on the sermon, it began to impact my daily life more."

Alex Winter

"I can also try to stay close to the church by reading the Bible regularly and actually coming here. I feel that right now, my mission is to witness to people at my school, since it is public, and there are many unbelievers there. God can give me the strength to do that, just like he's giving me the strength to do this right now. When I am older, I can be a missionary and witness to people all around the world, though, you never know, God might have a different calling for me."

Jacob Sherman