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2 WORDS WE KNOW BY HEART: A STUDY OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dear St. Andrew Family,

It has been a joy walking alongside you as your pastor these past four months. Thank you for welcoming me with such warmth, humor, and grace as I continue to get my feet under me.

One of my important roles as your pastor is discerning where the Holy Spirit is leading us, including where our worship and preaching might take us next.

As I continue getting to know this congregation, I'd love to hear from you. Are there topics, Scriptures, or big questions you'd like us to explore in a future sermon series?

Please share your thoughts with me!

We just wrapped up our *St. Andrew @ the Movies* series, and I'm grateful for all the feedback and conversations it sparked. This Sunday, we begin a six-week series on **the Lord's Prayer**, inspired by Adam Hamilton's *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught*.

Feel free to grab a copy and read along, though it certainly isn't required.

Most of us can recite the Lord's Prayer on autopilot. We know the words so well that muscle memory takes over, and we risk missing their radical depth. Jesus didn't give us this prayer for performative show; he gave it to shape our hearts and transform how we live.

When we pray for God's kingdom to come on earth, what does that ask of us in how we care for our neighbors, steward creation, and use our voices?

When we ask God to forgive us, are we extending that same grace to others?

What does it mean to ask for our daily bread in a world where so many go without?

As a new program year begins, I invite you to pray these familiar words with fresh eyes and ears.

Let's move beyond routine repetition and allow the Lord's Prayer to change us from the inside out, shaping not only what we say to God, but how we live with one another and how we become the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

Pastor Jordan



Words We Know By Heart

A Six-Week Study of The Lord's Prayer

August 30 - October 4, 2026

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Iowa City



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BEYOND THE SANCTUARY: CONNECTED WHEREVER YOU WORSHIP 3

Our community of faith reaches beyond the walls of our church building. Each week, we are grateful for those who worship with us online, whether joining from home, a care facility, while traveling, or simply finding a moment for worship in the midst of a busy week.

You can always find our livestream by visiting St. Andrew's YouTube channel at tinyurl.com/sapc-youtube. Whatever we are streaming live will appear at the top of the channel page, whether you are watching on a computer, phone, tablet, or smart TV.

If you are watching the service live, we encourage you to join us in the Live Chat. Send us a little "shout out." Tell us your name, where you are watching from, greet others who are worshiping with us, or simply say hello. It may seem like a small thing, but it helps us know who is part of our worshiping community that morning.

Church is about more than watching a service. It is about belonging, being known, praying for one another, and finding ways to stay connected throughout the week. Sometimes that connection can even arrive at your door with a handful of flowers.

A Bouquet from St. Andrew

Each Sunday, individuals donate the flowers that brighten our Sanctuary during worship. You can sign up to provide flowers at tinyurl.com/sapc-flowers, then let the office know how you would like your donation worded in that week's bulletin.

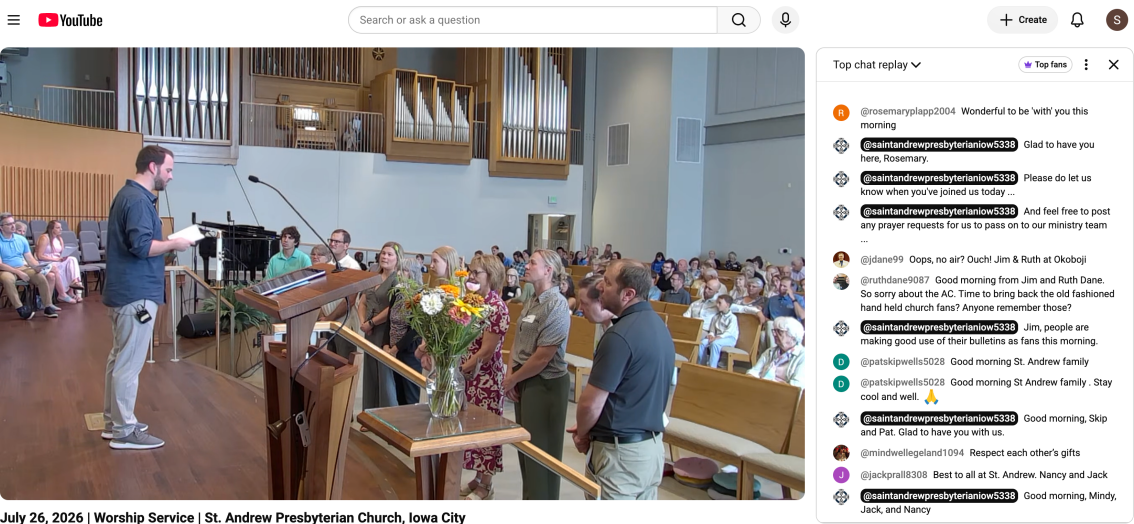
After worship, you are welcome to take your donated flowers with you. Or you can leave them with our ministry staff, who can take them to a homebound or recovering member who might appreciate not only the flowers, but also the reminder that their church community is thinking of them.

And during the growing season, our St. Andrew gardens give us another opportunity to share. We can gather a separate bouquet from the garden and bring it to someone who would enjoy a little beauty, a friendly visit, and a connection with their worshiping community. If you are one of those people, please let us know! We would love to bring a little piece of St. Andrew to your doorstep.

Whether you are sitting in the Sanctuary or worshiping with us through a screen, you are part of this community. Say hello. Share a prayer. Ask for a visit. Send some flowers to someone who could use them, or let us bring some to you.

God's community is not limited by walls, distance, or screens. We are connected by God's love, and there is always room for one more at the table.

Pastor Colette



Above: This screenshot from the July 26 worship livestream shows YouTube's Live Chat, which helps us know who is worshiping online. Right: Lem Torrevillas and his wife, Rowena, regularly join us through the livestream. After worship Aug. 23, the Sanctuary flowers were delivered to their home, extending that connection beyond the screen.



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CONNECTING HEARTS | RENEWING LIVES

4 FEEDING NEIGHBORS, EXPANDING COMMUNITY AND ACCESSIBILITY

How is it already September? Iowa City is busy again with students returning to our local schools and the university, and here at St. Andrew, another program year is getting underway, too!

Our **Mission, Outreach & Service Team** continues supporting ministries and organizations within our walls, throughout our community, and internationally. I am so grateful for all the people who make that work possible.

A big thank you to everyone who helps with our monthly **Food Market**, before, during, and after each market. Thank you also to everyone who helped with **Lunch Bunch** this summer and to our wonderful new coordinator, **Kim Kipp**. Our **Free Lunch** volunteers continue serving on the first Wednesday of every month. And another shout out goes to our **Lettuce Feed Others** team and **Orchard for All** volunteers who keep our garden producing food for the community.

Senior Moments got underway in August, and upcoming activities include **Doris Montag** on Sept. 22; a visit to the newly reopened **Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum** on Oct. 20; our rescheduled discussion about **Scams and Fraud** on Nov. 17; and a speaker and luncheon on Dec. 15. Senior Moments begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Atrium unless we are meeting off-site.



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There are also two larger events I hope you'll put on your calendar.

On Sunday Oct. 11 at 2:30 p.m., Act Justly will show **Evicting the American Dream**, a film sharing the stories of children and families confronting eviction and homelessness while exploring the larger systems behind the housing crisis. This free event will be followed by a panel discussion with people who work with those experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity.

Then, Saturday Nov. 7 is our **Minds Matter: Mental Health Resource Fair** and **Homemade with Heart Craft Sale**. We are excited to welcome **Foster Huggins** as our keynote speaker at 10 a.m., followed by local authors **Renee Zukin**, **Tammy Nyden**, and **Venise T. Berry** sharing their work and participating in a panel discussion at 1 p.m.

The Atrium will be filled with organizations offering mental health information and resources, while our annual craft sale fills the MPR/Gym. We'll also have build-your-own sandwiches and a bake sale. Keep an eye out in October for our call for bakers! And keep an eye on KCRG-TV9: the Minds Matter Resource Fair will be featured as one of KCRG's **Show You Care** community initiatives.

There is a lot happening this fall, and behind every one of these ministries are people willing to give their time, resources, care, and energy. Thank you for all the ways you help St. Andrew serve our neighbors!

Amy



There are a few updates to share as we head into another busy program year at St. Andrew.

Coffee Counter: We are moving forward with repairs to the coffee kitchen counter. Our contractor has been in during the past few weeks to measure and make templates, and we hope construction will take place in early September.

Sanctuary Temperature: Temperatures in the Sanctuary have been a bit of a rollercoaster, from too warm to too cold. We have had parts replaced on the unit serving the Sanctuary and continue working through the remaining issues.

Reserved Parking: You may have noticed new signs reserving several spaces near the building for people with limited mobility. Especially on Sunday mornings, we appreciate those who are able to walk a little farther leaving these closer spaces available for people who need them.



These photos show St. Andrew members this summer acting locally (Lunch Bunch), regionally (Synod School), and globally (Team Guatemala).

6 FOR STUDENT MINISTRY, FALL IS WHEN EVERYTHING BEGINS

Fall is always my favorite time of year. It feels like the start of something new, and there is nothing better than waking up on a cool day in October, breathing in that crisp air, watching the leaves change, and looking forward to the day. At least for me, it is the best season, and I am always excited about what is going on, especially here at St. Andrew.

BASIC, ETC, and **FT** will have started by the time you read this, but that doesn't mean it's too late to participate. All three ministries are places where you can show up at any point in the year. You are always welcome.

BASIC (Brothers and Sisters in Christ) meets Wednesday nights from 6-8 p.m. and is open to all middle school students. We play games, eat dinner together, sing songs, and have Bible study. It is a fun, silly, energetic group that loves welcoming new students.

ETC (Eternally Trusting Christ) meets Sunday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and follows a similar format. Both BASIC and ETC bring together students from multiple schools and school districts, so chances are you might already know someone who comes. And if you don't, you will get to know people quickly.

FT (Flipping Tables) is our post-high school ministry for high school graduates, undergraduate and graduate students, and young adults. We meet Thursdays from 7:08:30 p.m. for fellowship and discussion, along with helping lead a monthly alternative worship service.

Any and all of Student Ministry is open to you. Yes, you. We would love to see you for the first time, even if it's been a long time, or for the 500th time. You are welcome!

There are also several new things happening this fall. **Marissa Moore** and I will lead a joint **Learning Academy** class on *The Anxious Generation*. Marissa will bring her perspective from the classroom and teaching, while I will bring the perspective of the church and Student Ministry. We hope to have a robust conversation about how we can best support students and families and meet them where they are.

Confirmation is starting this fall as well. We'll kick things off with a retreat at Camp Stronghold Nov. 6-8. Confirmation and the Stronghold retreat are open to anyone in grades 6-12. Students are welcome at the retreat even if they have already gone through confirmation. After the retreat, we'll continue meeting with confirmation students throughout the year, with plans to recognize those joining the church on Easter morning.

I'm also happy to announce a closer ministry partnership with First Presbyterian Church of Iowa City. Their leaders and students have attended Camp Stronghold with us for the past four years, and now we'll be partnering with them for high school ministry once a month. It is another great opportunity for students to build community and make connections beyond the walls of St. Andrew.

Fall may feel like the season when everything starts, but you don't have to be there at the beginning to belong. My door is always open, my inbox is sometimes full, and my phone stays buzzing, so please take advantage and talk to me if you have questions, want more information, or are just wondering where you might fit.

Student Ministry is an exciting place, and it is a joy to jump in during every season, especially in the fall.

Matt



Several members of St. Andrew's **ETC** and **Flipping Tables** ministries joined this year's Team Guatemala for a mission trip to Lake Atitlán to work with **Impacto Ministry**.



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ACT JUSTLY TO SCREEN AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY

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LOUISVILLE — A Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) documentary examining the root causes and systems that lead children and families to be evicted from their homes has earned an Award of Excellence from the IMPACT DOCS Awards.

The documentary is a project of Counter Stories Productions, the Story Ministry of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The creative team behind it joins a host of other winners tackling tough topics, from the war in Gaza to disability issues.

IMPACT DOCS' mission is "to support and promote filmmakers who are making a difference in the critical issues of our times through producing impactful documentaries and who are inspiring and entertaining audiences with their stories," the award website notes.

"Evicting the American Dream" delves into the systemic issues and insidious practices that often lead to families being forced out of their homes and into unsafe housing conditions. The voices of experts are juxtaposed with those of children describing the impact of eviction and describing their dreams of better housing.

"We are honored to have 'Evicting the American Dream' be selected for an Award of Excellence from the IMPACT DOCS Awards," Barnhart said. "These awards focus on the power of documentary film and how it is a resource in movements for change, which has always been our hope for this film."

The awards focus on the power of documentary film, according to David Barnhart.

Rowell, a Del Mar Encore Fellow of the Dayton Foundation, noted that the film is a vehicle for amplifying the voices of marginalized people.

"Documentaries are increasingly an important medium for uplifting voices from communities that are often not represented," she said. "The story of eviction and housing injustice is a long story of historical injustice. This film offers a compelling story that inspires action."

It's important to remember that "we can reduce evictions and family homelessness," she said. "Policy change is happening and possible. Receiving an impact award elevates and supports further impact of the film."

The documentary was mostly filmed in Dayton, where community partners helped to lead and shape the project.

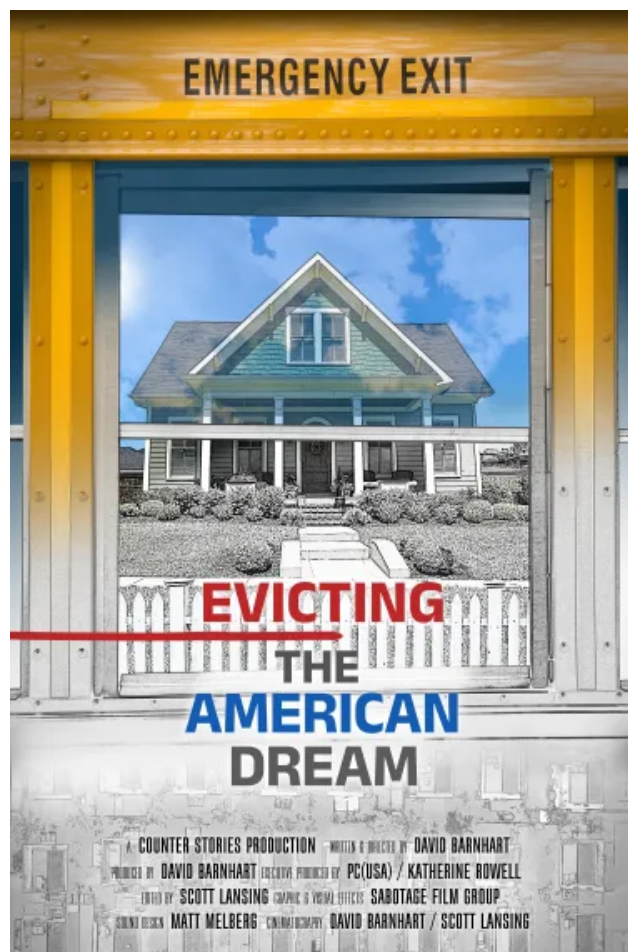
"Filmmaking is deeply rooted in relationships and listening, and we feel that this award is both a celebration and recognition of the 'community' that came together around this film to amplify the voices and counter stories of children and families — while collectively working together for change," Barnhart said. "We are deeply grateful to all who have worked with us and come alongside this film over the years and are celebrating this with that community."

To watch the trailer or sign up to receive updates on grassroots screenings, visit pcusa.org/evicting. You can watch the whole film on Amazon Prime and Roku.

At 2:30 p.m. Sunday Oct. 11, St. Andrew's **Act Justly** will host a screening *Evicting the American Dream*. The free event will be followed by a panel discussion with people who work with those experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity.

Counter Stories Productions will soon release a new feature film based on the "Trouble the Water" series about race and racism and continues filming documentaries focused on gun violence prevention and environmental racism.

— Darla Carter, *Presbyterian News Service* | originally published: <https://tinyurl.com/sapc-documentary>



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8 WONDERFUL GROUP OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS READY TO BEGIN

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." — Semisonic ... I mean... Lucius Annaeus Seneca.

A little over three years ago, as I was ending the first program year of my time as Children's and Family Ministry activity coordinator, I put the above quote in my Messenger article, referring to the end of the program year but the beginning of summer. I attributed the quote to the Roman philosopher Lucius Annaeus Seneca.

If I'm being honest, I didn't actually get that quote from Seneca, or at least that's not where my mind went first. I was just attempting to impress you all. Did it work? I'm a person who spent most of my formative years in the '90s, so I actually remembered the lyrics to Semisonic's "Closing Time," Googled them, and found out Semisonic had been quoting the great Seneca. Who knew an alternative rock band from Minneapolis could be so philosophical?

But here we are again, with new beginnings emerging from other beginnings' endings:

- We have a new leader, the wonderful **Wendy Lindberg**, after terrific Thomas ended his tenure with us to expand his beautiful family.
- We are bringing another summer to a close and commencing a new program year, the *fifth* for **Nichole Hoffman** and me!
- And we are keeping an open mind as we look forward, while also drawing on the wisdom gained and lessons learned from the past.

Many of you have already met them, or got to meet them at our **Sunday School Kickoff and Ministry Fair**, but we would like to introduce the fabulous group of Sunday School teachers who will be sharing their wisdom and teaching lessons of faith this year.

In our 2- and 3-year-old classroom, we are excited to have **Allison Bernard**, assisted by one of our nursery caregivers. In the 4- and 5-year-old and Kindergarten classroom, we joyfully welcome back **Emily Neddermeyer**, who will also be assisted by one of our nursery caregivers. The terrific trio of **Michelle DeGroot, Susan Vos, and Helen Bryce** will once again lead our 1st- and 2nd-grade classroom, and we are so glad to welcome back **John and Sara Linder** to the 4th- and 5th-grade classroom!

And let's not forget Middle Earth ... *I mean, Middle School!* We are so pleased to have **Mike Anderson and Michael Tilley** back in action with our 6th-, 7th-, and 8th-grade students. We are blessed to have such passionate, creative, and dedicated teachers!

Of course, not every new beginning is expected or welcomed. People who experience natural and human-caused disasters can find themselves displaced from their homes and forced to start from scratch. As we partner with *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance* to create **Gift of the Heart Kid Kits** in collaboration with *Church World Service*, we are asking you to donate school supplies for children who may have lost everything and need these items as they return to school.

Our most-needed items are boxes of 12 colored pencils, boxes of 24 crayons, glue sticks, and 2-pocket folders. A collection bin will be in the Atrium through the end of September, or you can donate at tinyurl.com/gifts-of-the-heart. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity!

Looking ahead to October, you may want to put a couple of dates on your calendar. **Saturday Oct. 10**, the Dane family will once again host a hayride on their farm, while Children and Family Ministry provides a meal. Then, **Sunday Oct. 25**, we will partner with the ETC students to host our **5th Annual Trunk-or-Treat** in the upper parking lot at St. Andrew. Be on the lookout for more details about both events in the weeks to come.



Celebrating School Year's Eve after worship on August 23, 2026.



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Sara

LEARNING ACADEMY'S FALL SEMESTER KICKS OFF SEPTEMBER 13

St. Andrew's Learning Academy gives us the space to linger with ideas that deserve more than a quick answer.

This fall brings together voices from within St. Andrew and beyond, inviting us to look more closely at some of the things shaping our lives, our faith, and the world we share.

We begin Sept. 13 and 20 with *The Anxious Generation*, Jonathan Haidt's widely discussed book about smartphones, social media, and the decline of unstructured childhood play. **Matt and Marissa Moore** will bring perspectives from church and classroom to a conversation about attention, community, loneliness, and how we support children and families in an anxious age. You don't need to have read the book to join in.

Then, Oct. 18 and 25, **Chris Hoklotubbe** and **Bobby Outterson-Murphy** will lead us through Hoklotubbe's *Reading the Bible on Turtle Island*. The book invites us to hear Scripture through Indigenous perspectives too often missing from American Christianity, exploring how Native wisdom, storytelling, and relationships to land might change the way we read familiar texts and think about faith, justice, creation, and reconciliation.

Those two books offer just a glimpse of where Learning Academy will take us this fall. We'll also spend time with theology, mental health, international mission and stewardship before turning toward Advent with **Pastor Jordan Warntjes**.

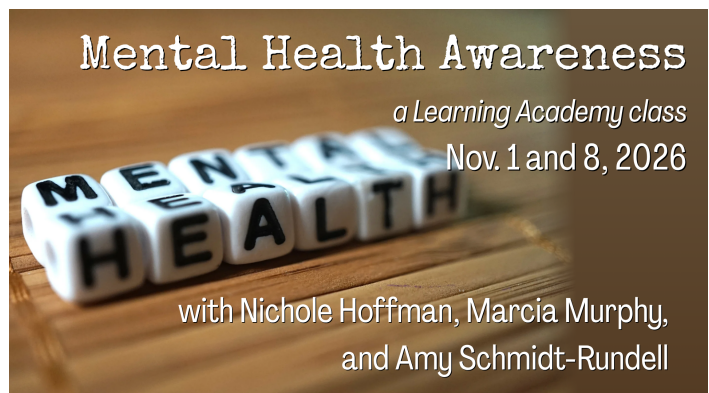
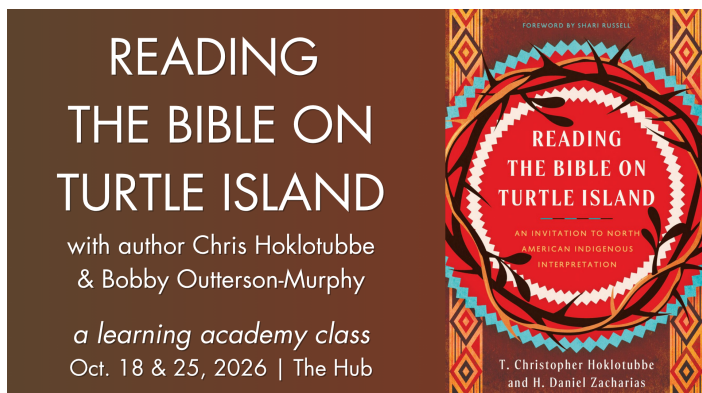
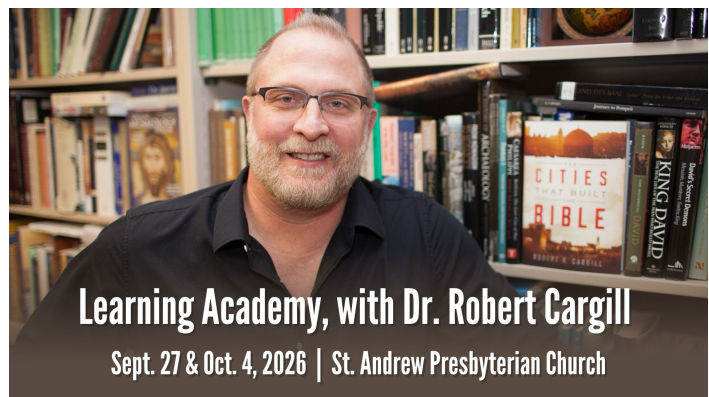
The Learning Academy meets in the Hub Sunday mornings after worship. Come for a topic that catches your attention or keep coming throughout the semester. The conversation is better when more voices are part of it.

— Jeff Charis-Carlson

St. Andrew's Learning Academy Fall 2026 Semester

- Sept. 13 & 20: *The Anxious Generation*, with Matt & Marissa Moore
- Sept. 27 & Oct. 4: Robert Cargill, topic to be announced
- Oct. 11: Aaron Shileny, theology topic to be announced
- Oct. 18 & 25: *Reading the Bible on Turtle Island*, with Chris Hoklotubbe and Bobby Outterson-Murphy
- Nov. 1: Mental Health Awareness, with Nichole Hoffman, Amy Schmidt-Rundell, and Marcia Murphy
- Nov. 8: Mental Health Awareness: Your Life Is Worth Living
- Nov. 15: International mission, stewardship, and the work of St. Andrew's Mission, Outreach, and Service Team.
- Nov. 22: Alternative Gift Market
- Nov. 29, Dec. 6 & 13: Advent, with Pastor Jordan Warntjes, drawing from the forthcoming *Until the Dawn* Advent series
- Dec. 20: *Cocoa & Carols*

For more information about Learning Academy, contact Paul Penn at papenn46@hotmail.com.



CONNECTING HEARTS ...

10 ENSEMBLES ARE STARTING UP FOR THE 2026-27 PROGRAM YEAR

Within the next few weeks, all musical ensembles will resume for the season. This is a vital ministry for all ages and experience levels that greatly enhances worship, builds community, and draws people closer to God.

As we begin our fall sermon series on the Lord's Prayer, we'll also be thinking about the many ways we pray together. For the next several weeks, rather than speaking the Lord's Prayer at the conclusion of the Prayers of the People, we will move toward the end of worship by **singing** the prayer together as our sending hymn. It's something we have done at St. Andrew before, but changing the familiar pattern gives us another opportunity to hear, sing, and pray these ancient words in a different way.

Our ensembles are an important part of that same shared voice. We are blessed to have a faithful and dedicated team of ensemble directors.

Please contact the following for more information:

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- **Brass, Woodwind, and String ensembles:** Julia Van Den Top (jvandetop@saintandrew-ic.org)
- **Middle School Ringers (Grades 5-8):** Pat Penn (pat_penn@hotmail.com)

If you have additional questions about how you can be involved with the music ministry, let me know.

Sharing Musical Gifts with the Community

In recent years, we've had several St. Andrew members and staff sing as members of Chamber Singers of Iowa City, a highly skilled auditioned community choir. This season, six singers will participate: **Becky Benson, Laura Kastens, Ama Mothershed, Mike Mothershed, Julia Van Den Top**, and me. Alex Koppel, associate director of choirs at the University of Iowa, conducts the ensemble, which performs a wide variety of music, including choral/orchestral works.

These connections are another reminder that the music we make together does not remain within our walls. On Aug. 16, we hosted the Chamber Singers' annual start-of-the-season picnic in the Atrium. We're grateful for the ways St. Andrew musicians share their gifts both within our congregation and throughout the broader Iowa City community.

Mid-Week Musical Moment

During worship at St. Andrew, we strive to have a cohesive experience so all parts of the service, liturgy, music, sermon, and sacraments, connect to each other. Our Lord's Prayer series gives us a particularly good opportunity to pay attention to those connections. Words we have spoken countless times can sound different when we sing them, just as a familiar prayer can open up in new ways when we slow down and listen again.

We also strive to balance familiar and unfamiliar hymns and sung responses. To help familiarize you with music that may be new, Julia and Austen are starting a **Mid-Week Musical Moment** during the first and third weeks of every month. We'll play or sing through upcoming unfamiliar hymns and connect the dots between that music and the worship service in the hope that it will enrich and deepen your worship experience.

As we spend these weeks listening again to the Lord's Prayer, we hope these musical moments will offer another way to listen, learn, and add our voices to the prayer we share.



St. Andrew friends and members Kai Bouma, Michael Mothershed, Becky Benson, Austen Wilson, Laura Kastens, Ama Mothershed, Julia Van Den Top are participating in Chamber Singers of Iowa City.



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CALLING ALL BRASS, WOODWIND, STRINGS, AND ORGAN PLAYERS

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This fall, I'm excited to begin my expanded role as St. Andrew's Director of Orchestral Music and, even more, to invite more of you to make music with us.

Most people at St. Andrew know me first as an organist, but instrumental music has been part of my life for a long time. My bachelor's degree is in choral and instrumental music education, and I've played flute throughout my musical life. So while you'll still find me at the organ bench most Sundays, I'm looking forward to spending more time with the brass, woodwind, and string players among us, too.

And there is room for more of you!

Brass begins rehearsals Tuesday Sept. 1, from 7-8:15 p.m. New and returning members are welcome. I'd especially love to have more junior high, high school, and college-aged musicians join us, and we're particularly looking for trumpet and horn players. You don't have to commit to the whole season. If you can play with us for part of it, I'd still love to hear from you.

Woodwinds begin rehearsing the week of Sept. 14, and new and returning players are welcome. I'm especially hoping to bring more junior high, high school, and college-aged musicians into this group as well.

Strings will have an all-ages pop-up opportunity this fall. Rather than committing to a season, we'll rehearse just twice and then play for worship one Sunday. Whether you play regularly or haven't opened the case in a while, there's a place for a wide range of ages and experience.

And if you've ever wondered what it would be like to play the "King of Instruments," I also have room for new **organ students** of any age. At least a year of piano experience is preferred. If lessons feel like too big a first step, come spend a Sunday with me at the organ. You can help pull stops and get an up-close introduction to all the different colors we use during worship.

One of the things I love about music at St. Andrew is that there are so many ways to be part of it. You don't need to be a professional musician, and you don't necessarily need to make a year-long commitment. Sometimes you just need to dust off the instrument, show up, and see what happens.

Come make music with us, and bring a friend! If any of these opportunities sound like they might be for you, please reach out.

Julia



St. Andrew's brass ensemble plays for a worship service. As St. Andrew's new director of orchestral music, Julia Van Den Top is looking for willing brass, woodwind, string, and organ players.



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- **Weekly Worship** | 9:30 a.m. Sundays
- **At the Table** | 7 p.m. First Thursdays

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Connection & Renewal:

A ST. ANDREW WEEKEND @ BEAR CREEK

APRIL 23-25, 2027

Connection & Renewal:

A St. Andrew Weekend @ Bear Creek
April 23-25, 2027

Mark your calendars for St. Andrew's 2027 all-church weekend at Camp Bear Creek. This will be a chance to step away together for a weekend of worship, conversation, laughter, recreation, and renewal.

- tinyurl.com/connection-renewal-2027

With cabins, trails, creek beds, and gathering spaces tucked into the hills of eastern Iowa, Camp Bear Creek offers space to reconnect with one another and renew our life together.

We're still shaping the details for the weekend, and more information will be shared as the new program year begins in September. For now, we invite you to hold the date and begin imagining what it might mean for St. Andrew to come away together.

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