

# Neighborhood News

The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter

## A Letter from Pastor Dave

Talk about your hard letter to write. This is it.

Almost sixteen years ago, Bonnie and I came to St. Andrew from starting a new church in Michigan. We were so excited about the joyful, mission-minded, welcoming congregation that we would call home. It was the first church we would be in without our children in tow, but we felt confident that the Washington, DC metro area would be enticing for visits from our three and their burgeoning families. Besides which, exciting things were in store for me as the new pastor. A new building was in the works. There was an Associate Pastor with whom I could share in pastoral ministry. People who loved God valued giving their gifts of faith to the congregation's children and youth. In many respects St. Andrew's ministry continues to have that original vision, with "Christ as our Center, Children as our Future and Service as our Mission." The building was built. We were blessed with the ministry of a new Associate Pastor, the Rev. Jessica McClure Archer. (I couldn't have asked for a better colleague.) The Neighborhood Learning Center was established, resulting in new connections in the church with young families who bring their dynamism to our congregation and are already writing the next chapter of this good ministry. And through all of this, members who have been here from the very first days and years of the church are beloved and cared for, as St. Andrew is a truly intergenerational congregation.



I am grateful for my ministry here. Having a significant role in starting the Neighborhood Learning Center was definitely a highlight. I've loved leading chapels. Your kids have made me feel like a rock star with their wonderful greetings of "Pastor Dave!" It was so fun for me to teach them about how Christmas is Jesus' birthday and to share with them the good news of Jesus' resurrection at Easter. I've been happy that we can keep the tuition below market, while paying

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## This Month's Highlights

- June 8**  
World Ocean Day
- June 11**  
Pre-K Graduation  
5:30 pm
- June 14**  
Flag Day—Wear Red, White & Blue to School! Bring any flags that need to be retired.
- June 15**  
Last Day of LCPS
- June 16**  
First Day of Summer Camp!
- June 17**  
"Fill the Trunk"  
Food Collection  
4–6 pm
- June 18**  
Father's Day Photo Booth available at drop off & pick up (weather permitting)
- June 24**  
Seashell Day

### June Staff Birthday

- 19 Nicole Schooley (Cook)
- 29 Wilma Pimentel (Bunny Meadow)

## This Month at School

June is the official kickoff month for summer—we made it! We round out the school year by learning about dinosaurs, oceans, and Father’s Day, then start off the summer fun with a beach week and amazing animals.

- **World Ocean Day** on the 8th is a wonderful time to learn about the beautiful and mysterious oceans that cover most of our planet.
- **Pre-K Graduation** will take place on Friday the 11th at 5:30 pm, and will be held outside on our front steps. The ceremony will start PROMPTLY so please arrive on time so you don’t miss a moment! Bring lawn chairs and seat your group 6’ away from others. We request that all guests wear a face mask, regardless of vaccination status.
- **Wear red, white, & blue to school to celebrate Flag Day** on the 14th. If you have a flag that needs to be retired, please bring it with you. We will collect them and ensure they are retired properly.
- **Summer Camp** kicks off on Wednesday the 16th for rising kindergartners through rising 6th graders! Our camps are full through the summer so if you have not yet signed up, notify us as soon as possible to get on the waiting list.
- Thursday the 17th is St. Andrew’s monthly **“Fill the Trunk” food drive**. Please consider bringing non-perishable food items at pick up time to be donated to Loudoun Hunger Relief.
- Why should moms have all the fun? We appreciate our dads and other meaningful men in our children’s lives, too, and are excited to offer a **Father’s Day Photo Booth** on Friday the 18th! Bring your cell phone or camera and leave a few extra minutes at drop off in the morning if you would like to park and have your photo taken with your little one.
- Thursday the 24th is **Seashell Day** at the NLC. We don’t know if Sally sells seashells at the seashore anymore, but we look forward to learning about shells!

## Summertime Reminders!

- ⇒ Please apply sunscreen to your child BEFORE dropping them off in the morning. We will reapply once each day after lunch/naptime.
- ⇒ We can apply sunscreen and insect repellent only if we have a current OTC Permission Form on file. Your child’s teacher will let you know if we need a new copy.
- ⇒ Please, please do NOT send your child in Crocs, flip flops, or sandals. Not only are they a tripping hazard on the playgrounds, but mulch gets into those little crevices and can hurt tender feet. Please stick with sneakers for safety.
- ⇒ Our students will spend more time out on the field playing, and in the closed off parking lot playing games, making sidewalk chalk art, and more. Please drive slowly through the parking lot to make sure everyone stays safe.

## This Month’s Summer Camp Field Trips

### Senior Camp

- ☀ Wednesday, June 23rd—Douglas Park for a park & picnic day
- ☀ Wednesday, June 30th—a local animal park

### Junior Camp

- ☀ Friday, June 25th—Douglas Park for a park & picnic day
- ☀ Friday, July 2nd—a local animal park



Creativity  
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## Introducing Jessica Randall, St. Andrew's new Children, Youth, & Family Ministries Coordinator

Jessica Randall comes to St. Andrew following three years in children's ministry at Harmony United Methodist Church in Hamilton. Having grown up in a family of strong faith, church was that place where she had her love of God nurtured and deepened. A Loudoun Valley High School graduate, she found her youth group experience at Leesburg Community Church to be essential, giving her a place to be herself and to share in community with young friends. In college Jessica worked as a spiritual leader for young children aided by a psychology degree. Along with her husband Ben and their three children, Jessica's first work will be to get to know our children, youth, and families, knowing from previous experience what great blessings there are in such rich relationships.

You will begin to see Jessica giving children's sermons in June. She will also be helping us to have some summer children's and youth activities, but is especially looking forward to a possible Vacation Bible School in August and the start of Sunday School, youth group, and family activities in September.



**8:00 pm Thursday, June 3rd  
in Fellowship Hall**

**Join us to meet Jessica and  
welcome her family to St.  
Andrew!**

## Upcoming St. Andrew Events & Information

### Return to in-person worship on Sunday, June 6th!

If the current vaccination rate holds, we should be in church again for Stage 2 by June 6th! Youth age 12+

have been approved by the CDC to receive the Pfizer vaccine as of May 12th! Go to [vaccine.gov](https://vaccine.gov) to find a vaccine near you that fits your schedule.

**High school & college graduates will be honored at our worship service on June 13th.**

## St. Andrew Return to In-Person Gathering Metrics

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Primary Metric	Vaccination < 50%	Vaccination > 50% < 70 %	Vaccination > 70% < 85 %
Secondary Metrics	Cases > 10 per 100K Positive Tests > 10%	Cases 5 to 10 per 100K Positives Tests < 10%	Cases < 1 per 100K Positive Tests < 5%
Primary Worship Space	Outdoors (Indoor if necessary)	Indoors	Indoors
Precautions	Masks / Social Distancing (Required)	Masks / Social Distancing (Required)	Masks / Social Distancing (Voluntary)
Attendance Limits	100 people outside / 50 people inside	VA State Guideline in effect at time	Full Capacity
Sunday School Open	No	Yes – outdoors w/masks	Yes
Fellowship Time	No	Yes – with masks	Yes
Communion	Modified	Modified	Modified
Facebook LiveStream	Yes	Yes	Yes
Music	A to Z, limited congregational singing	A to Z, limited congregational singing	Modified Choir

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Yet, I also see that it is a wonderful time for Bonnie and I both to be retired, believing also that the church will be energized by the new pastoral leadership that can come. I’ve always cherished the vow taken by all who are ordained that we commit to “serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love.” The phrase defines what I seek to exhibit in my calling and it has been a blessing to do so.

So this is it. My last Sunday is August 29<sup>th</sup> and I’m expecting you all to be here so that we can have a tearful, celebratory, hopeful party. I have delayed setting this last Sunday, believing that I could wait out a pandemic so that we can meet together safely in person. This has been a long and grueling year in many ways, but actually, I felt like there were many good new things that happened. I know that I was stretched and given the opportunity to learn and try out many new things.

You will hear more as new pastoral leadership comes together. I bless the staff for their wonderful work with the NLC children. For my part, I say thank you. I love you. I am grateful to God that I have been able to serve as the Pastor here. I look forward to seeing any who might join us for worship, especially on the last Sunday, August 29.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave

## **Introducing the Rev. Dr. Lisa Kenkeremath, St. Andrew’s Summer Pastor**

The Rev. Dr. Lisa Kenkeremath will be the St. Andrew Summer Pastor from June 27<sup>th</sup> through July while Pastor Dave uses up some of his vacation time. A collection of Pastor Lisa’s sermons, *Relentless Mercy*, was published in 2017. She will be preaching on some of the intriguing and very human stories of Genesis while she is with us.

Lisa grew up in Louisville, Kentucky, moving to the Washington, DC area in the late 1970s. She lives in Falls Church with her husband, Deepak, a retired engineer. They have two grown sons, both of whom live and work in Northern Virginia. Lisa’s favorite activities include reading, hiking, ballet, and spending time with her family.

Lisa has been a minister member of National Capital Presbytery since 2001, most recently serving as Interim Pastor of Manassas Presbyterian Church. She holds M.Div. and D.Min. degrees from Virginia Theological Seminary and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, respectively, and has studied in Jerusalem and Aberdeen, Scotland.

Besides preaching and leading worship, Lisa will be leading our Session as they begin work on hiring an Interim Pastor who we hope will start this fall.

Pastor Lisa will be on call for any emergency pastoral needs that might arise.



# The Neighborhood Learning Center ~ Menu for June 2021

Whole milk is served to children under 2 and 2% milk is served to all others. Menus are subject to change.

\*May contain eggs ^May contain milk (T) = Toddler WG = Whole Grain

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 31 – June 4	Breakfast	<b>NLC CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY</b>	Waffles** Banana Water	WG Cereal** Milk	Yogurt^ Granola* Fruit Water	WG Cereal** Fruit Water
	Lunch		Ham & Cheese Sandwich on a WG Bun** Peas Peaches Milk	Chili* Cornbread^/* Mixed Fruit Milk	Stroganoff*/^ Salad w/Dressing^ Pears Milk	Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla** Corn Pineapple Tidbits Milk
	Snack		Apple Slices Rice Cakes* Water	Pretzels & Cheese Sticks** (T) Saltine Crackers* Water	Peach Cups Townhouse Crackers* Water	Nacho Chips* Salsa (T) Crackers* 100% Apple Juice
June 7 – 11	Breakfast	WG Cereal** Fruit Water	Pancakes** Blueberries Water	WG Cereal** Fruit Milk	Turkey Sausage* Croissant** Water	WG Cereal** Fruit Milk
	Lunch	Pasta w/ Meat Sauce** Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	Grilled Cheese on Wheat Bread** Tomato Soup* Banana Milk	Taco Salad** Corn Pears Milk	WG Chicken Nuggets** Sliced Carrots Peaches Milk	Pizza Day!** Salad w/Dressing^ Strawberries Milk
	Snack	Animal Crackers** Cheese Sticks^ Water	Veggie Straws* Raisins* Water	Blueberries Yogurt^ Water	Homemade Trail Mix** Water	Variety Snack** 100% Apple Juice
Summer Blast Off!						
June 14 – 18	Breakfast	WG Cereal** Milk	Pancakes** Berries Milk	WG Cereal** Milk	Sausage Biscuit Fruit Milk	WG Cereal** Milk
	Lunch	Sloppy Joe on a WG Bun** Corn Pears Milk	WG Fish Nuggets** Sliced Carrots Mandarin Oranges Milk	Lasagna** Salad w/ Dressing^ Applesauce Milk	Turkey Sandwich on a WG bun** Green Beans Peaches Milk	Chicken Bake** Mixed Veggies Mixed Fruit Milk
	Snack	Caramel Rice Cakes* Banana Water	Cheese Stick^ Sliced Apples (T) Applesauce Pouches Water	WG Goldfish* Blueberries Water	Ice Cream Thursday! Crackers* Water OFF*	Cheese Itz* Strawberries Water
Beach Week!						
June 21 – 25	Breakfast	WG Cereal** Fruit Water	WG Blueberry Muffin** Banana Water	WG Cereal** Milk	French Toast Sticks** Berries Water	WG Cereal** Fruit Water
	Lunch	Hamburger on a Bun** Baked Beans* Mixed Fruit Milk	Mac N Cheese** Green Beans Pineapple Milk	Homemade chicken noodle soup w/ veggies** Crackers* Mixed Fruit Milk	Turkey Meatballs w/ Gravy** Mashed Potatoes^ Peaches Wheat Roll* Milk	Chicken Nuggets** Corn Pears Milk
	Snack	Pear Cups Graham Crackers* Water	Beach Themed Trail Mix** Water	Pepperoni & Cheese** Crackers*	Ice Cream Thursday! Goldfish Crackers* Water	Breakfast Bar* 100% Apple Juice
Amazing Animals Week!						
June 28 – July 2	Breakfast	WG Cereal** Fruit Water	Bagels** Cream Cheese^ Water	WG Cereal** Milk	Pancake Wrapped Sausage** Water	WG Cereal** Fruit Water
	Lunch	Meatloaf** Green Beans Peaches WG Roll* Milk	Goulash** Salad w/ Dressing^ Applesauce Milk	Chicken Alfredo** Peas Banana Milk	Hot Dog on a WG Roll* Baked Beans* Pineapple Milk	Pepperoni Pizza Sliders** Corn Strawberries Milk
	Snack	Pita Chips* Hummus* (T)Crackers* Water	Pretzels* Zoo Snack w/ Animal Cookies & Pretzel Sticks* Water	Nacho Chips* Salsa (T)Crackers* 100% Apple Juice	Ice Cream Thursday! Graham Crackers* Water	Mini Muffins** Banana Water

# June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 Worship 10 am	7	8 <b>World Ocean Day</b>	9	10	11 <b>Pre-K Graduation</b> 5:30 pm	12
13 Worship 10 am	14 <b>Flag Day – wear Red White &amp; Blue!</b>  Bring any flags that need to be retired	15 <b>Last Day of LCPS</b>	16 <b>First Day of Summer Camp!</b> Theme: <i>Summer Blast Off!</i>	17 <b>Fill the Trunk Food Collection</b> 4 – 6 pm	18 <b>Father's Day Photo Booth!</b> <i>Available at Drop Off &amp; Pick Up</i>	19
20 Worship 10 am <b>Father's Day</b>	21 <i>Theme: Beach Week!</i>	22	23 <b>Senior Camp Field Trip – Douglas Park</b>	24 <b>Seashell Day</b>	25 <b>Junior Camp Field Trip – Douglas Park</b>	26
27	28 <i>Theme: Amazing Animals!</i>	29	30 <b>Senior Camp Field Trip – Local Animal Park</b>			

## *June Themes – Dinosaurs, Father's Day, Oceans, Beach, Amazing Animals*

**Father's Day Photo Booth** – Stop off during drop off or pick up to have your picture taken! Bring your cell phone and a staff member will be happy to snap your photo with your little one. Weather permitting.

**Flag Day** – We invite you to bring any flags that need to be retired and we will ensure they are done so properly. Thank you.

**St. Andrew's Worship** – Join St. Andrew **for in-person and online** Facebook Live worship every Sunday morning at 10 am! In-person worship will be in the sanctuary, with social distancing and mask wearing observed. Visit [www.standrew-pres.org](http://www.standrew-pres.org) or join them streaming live on their Facebook page.