Congregation gathers around Paul and Vi Schroder on their last Sunday here, Oct. 29, 2017, to give thanks for their 40 years, made the move to Pennsylvania to be closer to their grandchildren, October 2017.

Pictured here at their wedding in Ohio, Brian and Lisa, who met at St. Andrews, graduated this spring.

COMMENCING ON NEW ADVENTURES in 2018

SARAH BUCHHORN
Master of Urban Planning
Sarah is planning to go “wherever the Lord leads (aka wherever I get a job).”

ELIZABETH “LISA” POGUE
Ph.D. Material Science and Engineering: “Phase stability in the Cu-Zn-Se system.” She will start as a post-doctoral researcher at John Hopkins University this summer.

SOFIA GARFIAS-YI
B.A. Sociology & Communication; Art and Design
Currently on the job search

BRIAN GIBBONS (December grad)

ROJAN THOMAS JOSEPH
Master of Urban Planning– Likely heading to St. Louis

LORRAINE STAMBERGER (December grad)
M.S. Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences: “Assessing Preferences for Future Growth in Communities on the Rural-Urban Fringe using a Discrete Choice Model and Spatial Analysis Methods.” Lorraine’s future involves marriage and looking for work in the area.

SHERI SCHWERT
Sheri will be leaving her work at UI’s Prairie Research Institute to enroll in a masters program in environmental science in Norway. She expects to be moved there by August.

LUIZA RUGE-JONES
Master of Communication: Focus in Group and Organizational Communication. Luiza will remain at UI, entering the Ph.D. program in Communication this fall.

ROIAN THOMAS JOSEPH
Master of Urban Planning– Likely heading to St. Louis

VI AND PAUL SCHROEDER, members here for over 40 years, made the move to Pennsylvania to be closer to grandchildren, October 2017.

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Summer 2018

Saint Andrews is not why about taking a stand when it comes to faith and science. But is that why the fish bike rack seems to be standing on its own four feet? The Lutheran Campus Center has supported the mutual interaction and dialogue between faith and science for some time, participating in events such as the March for Science in 2017 and continuing to host The Rheticus Conversations, which were set up eight years ago to engage the campus community in seeking clarity on the challenges of faith and science interaction. Perhaps that is why the latest enhancement on Saint Andrew’s front lawn gained the attention it did. The “feet” (which are removable) were featured in the Daily Illini, Patheos, and on social media.

Initially proposed by students, the feet combine the original shape of the bike rack— the ancient Christian fish symbol— with that of the “Darwin fish,” the latter representative of a secular protest against what is popularly perceived as Christianity’s incompatibility with, if not hostility toward, the scientific theory of evolution. By adding feet to the Christian fish, students at St. Andrew’s have created a new symbol that challenges the popular assumption that Christianity and science cannot mix. Lisa Pogue, (above, 3rd from left), who just earned her PhD in engineering this spring, was the architect of the fish bike rack. “Scientific and faith communities have a lot of overlap and can be mutually supportive,” she says. “Religion and faith can be a great motivator for trying to objectively understand the world around us and for using what we’ve learned for the betterment of society as a whole.”

Pogue has, for several years, served on The Rheticus Committee, which invited Lutheran theologian Dr. Robert Saller to present and lead a discussion on atheism and science this April, drawing many in from the local churches and campus communities. Saller posed what he sees as the mutuality and interrelationship this way: “Theology and science are complementary modes of uncertainty and not competing modes of knowledge.”

Susan Barret is the Editor of Covalence, the online news magazine for the Lutheran Alliance for Faith, Science and Technology (www.luthscitech.org); chair of the St. Andrews Rheticus Committee, and member of Good Shepherd Lutheran, Champaign.

Why Did Our Fish Bike Rack Spring Feet? By Susan Barretto & Lisa Pogue

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New Council President Loves Welcoming Vibe
Hello, my name is Melanie Rohla, and I am the new Council President. I come from Lisle, Illinois, but I was born in Texas. I am going to be a junior studying Environmental Science and Global Studies this year. I am very passionate about refugees, immigration, the environment and water quality.

I have been coming to St. Andrew’s for two years now. Upon my first visit, I fell in love with the small community present at St. Andrew’s, as well as the welcoming vibe. So I continued coming, eventually joined Council and am now going to be president. As an undergraduate, one of my goals is to bring in more undergrads to our community and expand in that way. I look forward to working alongside you all in the fall. Have a lovely summer!

Melanie, pictured at right, wrote this to us from Kenya on route to Tanzania where she spent spring 2018.

“Campus ministry changes lives—it changed my life.”
“I serve on the Board of this campus ministry center because I firmly believe in the mission of St. Andrews and have witnessed the incredible ministry that happens here,” says Rev. Maggie Falensche, pastor at St. Matthew Lutheran, Urbana. “Your contributions help us to secure a voice of grace, radical welcome, and inquiry on campus for years to come. Thank you for your support!”

Please prayerfully consider supporting our ministry here financially and with prayer.
You may use the enclosed form or give online at www.lutherancampuscenter.org.

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**From the Pastor**

_Kenethan Panthi (Kenji)_

 started cooking for our weekly “Chatty & Chow” Wednesday meals from the first week of her arrival at UI in the masters in Psychology program. Her delicious recipes have become favorites now. “St. Andrews has become such a vital part of my college life. I especially enjoy dinners on Wednesdays because I often cook and then enjoy a family-style meal with such wonderful people. In the short term I’ve been visiting my happiness and faith have definitely grown!” (Kenji above left, at Bible on right)

Dear friends of St. Andrews, friends in Christ,

Church Council, we are creating two part-time, paid Student Minister positions to begin in the fall. Student ministers will work 3-5 hours a week, meeting with me for biblical/theological education, preaching once a year, and helping us plan and lead specific programs in the areas of outreach and service/justice.

We believe raising up student leadership in ministry is a very sustainable and effective solution for us, bringing energy and focus to the unique mission of campus ministry and walking alongside students in their journeys in faith and life. We also know campus ministry is one of the best places to raise up leadership for the greater Church of Christ wherever it is found on earth. I can say with conviction that the churches in the areas our students are moving after they graduate will be richly blessed by their presence.

Hello and Goodbyes: St. Andrew’s, of course, deals with regular, expected transitions every year as students come and go. Graduation this spring was particularly poignant, as a number of students who have been here many years finished doctorates, masters and bachelor degrees and are now moving on (see photos on adjacent page). We are filled with gratitude for the years these students were active at St. Andrew’s (two of whom met at St. Andrew’s and married in their time in CHI) and we pray for God’s presence with them as they go. We will deeply miss them.

Church Council: As this particular class commences, we note a tip in our community from being grad-student heavy to being more balanced with undergrads. Our Council President this fall, a junior who just spent a semester in Kenya, visited us after returning to the country and expressed her excitement about her upcoming leading role. Melanie is passionate about the church’s role in society, and we’re grateful God led her to us to be part of the Church on earth in this place in this time.

The ministry at St. Andrew’s is growing and flourishing! We have had another year of vibrant ministry to, with, and for students and others. God has blessed us, and our future is secure in God’s hands. We ask your partnership in prayer and financial support as we face the challenges and excitement of transitions.

Grace and Peace in Christ,
_Pastor Amy Thoren_

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**Reformation 500: Spring Break in Germany**

By Hannah Burson, PhD candidate in Mathematics

This spring break, four of us went on a trip to eastern Germany titled “Reformation and Refugees.” In addition to touring reformation sites, we struggled with the difficult parts of reformation history such as Luther’s anti-Judaism and modern use of his writings to justify the anti-Semitism of the Nazi government. Then, during the second half of the trip, we visited organizations in Leipzig that are working with the massive influx of refugees. Both of these elements of the trip challenged us to think about the meaning of righteousness and the barriers we must tear down if we want to love our neighbors in the way Jesus taught. Of course, we also made sure to save some energy for being tourists and eating lots of good food!