

# ST. ANDREWS LINE -

## Advent 2 (December 12)

### ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL LCMS

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Serving, Sending and Supporting Families in Christ

WELCOME, AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US

TODAY!



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Park Ridge, Illinois

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### NEWS AND EVENTS:

#### ADVENT SCHEDULE:

- Wednesday, December 8** - **Advent Service**  
**Grades 6-8**      **7:00pm**
- Wednesday, December 15** - **Advent Service**  
**Grades K-2**      **6:00pm**  
**Grades 3-5**      **7:15pm**
- Sunday, December 19** - **Sunday School Sings at 11:00am service**
- Friday, December 24** - **Christmas Eve Worship**  
**5:00 pm and 9:00pm**
- Saturday, December 25** - **Christmas Day Worship**  
**10:00 am**
- Sunday, December 26** - **ONE SERVICE ONLY**  
**10:00am**



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**SHARE THE JOY:** We are sometime told to “keep Christ in Christmas.” This assumes that Christ’s presence in Christmas is in question. For Christians, Christmas without Christ is not really possible because Christ is the reason for Christmas. Our Savior’s birth is the reason for the joy we experience when we celebrate Christmas. The coming of our Savior on that first Christmas, His coming to us every day of our lives, and the promise of Christ’s final coming are all part of one piece. Jesus Christ is the Savior who promises us eternal life in Heaven. What a reason for joy! Now let us share the joy!

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**MISSION OF THE MONTH: We Raise Foundation,** our December Mission of the Month, focuses on the two parallel stories that exist in America: one which is exemplified by skyscrapers, high rises, glass/steel buildings, new opportunities, and access to new capital versus that which is revealed by run-down buildings, few opportunities, poor-paying jobs, and little access to capital—where poverty, violence, and inequality are the norm. Paul Miles, president and CEO of **We Raise Foundation** says, “People created in God’s image are deserving of our time and support.” This organization provides seed money to groups that address such problems as food insufficiency and gang violence with the proviso that such money is not a gift but rather an investment in building hope where hope is in short supply.

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**WOMEN’S BIBLE CLASS:** We will meet next Tuesday, December 14, for the last time this year. So please come and join us one more time at 10:00 a.m. We will resume in January of the new year. Blessings of Christmas to all!

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**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES:** 2022 contribution envelopes will be available for pickup on a table in the hallway between the rear parking lot doors and the gym starting the weekend of December 4th. There will be a box for each donor who has made a contribution using checks or cash in 2021. If you would like a box of contribution envelopes and do not find a box on the table, or if you are not attending services in person and would like us to deliver your envelopes to your home, please contact Mike Bauer at [bauer924@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bauer924@sbcglobal.net).

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**FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED AND NOT NEEDED:** There is no need for canned green beans or oatmeal of any kind. Canned fruit, canned meat, brownie mix, cold cereal, 1-2 lb. bags of white rice, paper towels, and toilet paper are always welcome.

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**NEW VANCO GIVING APP:** We have been notified that Vanco will continue to support the "GivePlus" App through January 31, 2022 - they'd originally planned to stop servicing that App on September 30. If you've already downloaded the new Vanco Mobile App it should be working fine; if you haven't downloaded the new App yet you can continue to use the GivePlus App for up to four more months!

**ST. ANDREWS MITTEN TREE 2021:** This year St. Andrews Mitten Tree offering will go to the Niles Township/St. Paul LCMS, Skokie Clothing Closet. The Clothing Closet has seen increased need for clothing in the area. Families are vetted and then provided with items donated by the community. St. Paul LCMS, Skokie helps to facilitate this process and we are proud to be partnering with them this holiday season. Please donate new, unused mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and warm socks to the Mitten Tree. The tree will be up 11/26. We will collect items until 12/17. Thank You - Board of Outreach and Missions

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**DECEMBER IS A MONTH OF GIVING:** Your estate plan is a way for you to plan gifts, too. Planning those estate gifts can provide opportunity to give the gift of **peace**, reconciling with family or friends with whom you have become estranged. Planning a gift for them can point to the greatest gift, the gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Get started on your "**peace gifting**" today. Ray Pagels, our Christian Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Ray at 847-226-2262 or [ray.pagels@lfnd.org](mailto:ray.pagels@lfnd.org)

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**QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DEDUCTIONS (QCD):** ...still a great source of charitable gifts to St. Andrews and the ministries you care about. Basically, the same rules in 2021:

- A direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity.
- The transferred gift avoids taxable ordinary income. Not taxable.
- Only donors 70-1/2 or older
- Maximum annual amount that can qualify is \$100,000.
- QDC can be used to meet your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution).
- New for those filing the Standard Deduction for 2021:
  - Single filers: \$300.00 above the line charitable deduction
  - Married filing jointly: \$600.00 above the line charitable deduction
- Another great way to make a gift to St. Andrews Lutheran Church.

Act fast and talk to your financial advisor. For questions or assistance, contact Ray Pagels, our gift planning counselor at 847-226-2262 or [ray.pagels@lfnd.org](mailto:ray.pagels@lfnd.org).

**GIFTS FROM GOD'S PEOPLE AT ST. ANDREWS**  
**Weekly Giving Report - December 5**

Internal Gifts/ Receipts - General Fund

White Envelope Giving/Plate Offering	13,358.00
Vanco Electronic Giving	<u>5,248.92</u>
TOTAL	18,606.92

External Gifts/ Receipts

Synod/Missions	-----
Lutheran Church Charities	-----

Designated Funds:

Bethlehem Walk	500.00
Comfort Dog Ministry	260.00
Endowment Fund	2700.00
LAMP	70.00
Redeeming Life Ministries	10.00
Sabbatical Fund	1000.00
Strengthening Our Future	23.96
Sunday School	8.00

Other General Funds:

In memory of + **ADELE ALASPA** + gifts have been given to St. Andrews by Elizabeth Schmahl, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hartwig, and Steve Hartwig.

<b><u>WORSHIP TOTALS:</u></b>	<b><u>Saturday 12/04</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday 12/05</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
Attended:	45	82+85=167	212
Communed:			117

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**December 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> - REGULAR SERVICE SCHEDULE**  
**SATURDAY 5:00PM**  
**SUNDAY TWO SERVICES: 8:30AM AND 11:00AM**

<b><u>PRAYERS:</u></b> Please keep the following people in your prayers...Henry Schmidt, Kathy Sebastian, Sylvia Centracchio, Jean Ungar, Betty Yost, Norma Gertsch, Leslie Perrin, Laura Muresan, Deb O'Brien, Megan McNamara	17 19	Walter P. May Nelly Somerman Evelyn Guther Allyna Lee
	<b><u>ANNIVERSARIES:</u></b>	
	19	Christine & Donald Schap

**BIRTHDAYS:**

13	Liam Kilroy Philip Kober Carol Zygowicz
14	Mark Castiglia Violet Hoeger
15	Karen Michaels
16	Cody Knieling Gary Lynn

If your special day is missing, please contact Nichole in the church office at [nswandel77@gmail.com](mailto:nswandel77@gmail.com)  
 If you would like to sponsor the flowers in the chancel, please place cash or a check (made out to St. Andrews) in an envelope and drop it in the collection plate. Please indicate "in honor of...in memory of..." and the name on the envelope. Cost is \$40.