

ST. ANDREWS LINE -

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany (February 16)

ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL LCMS

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WELCOME, AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!



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SCAN HERE TO GIVE TO ST. ANDREWS:



NEWS AND EVENTS:

We can face competing priorities when we think about distributions from our estates someday, even as we consider gifts that will support ministry. You may be committed to supporting ministry but may have other charities in mind as well. In Matthew 25, Jesus said, "Whatever you do for one of the least of these you have done it for me." Your St. Andrews Gift Planning Counselor can help you gain information about the right way to support organizations, discerning if they are consistent with your beliefs and practices. Contact Ray Pagels, Christian Gift Planning Counselor at his cell 847.226.2262 or Raymondpagels1@gmail.com

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: 109 households visited the St Paul of the Cross food pantry in January. Most needed items are pancake mix and syrup, and the following CANNED items – chicken, tuna, mixed vegetables, chili, SpaghettiOs and fruit. Thank you for your ongoing support!

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Open Doors International, our Mission of the Month, began its work of supporting persecuted Christians in Communist countries: Russia, China, North Korea, and Vietnam. In June of 1981, as part of its program called "Operation Pearl," it delivered one million Bibles to China in one night. In 1998, it began its first Socio-Economic Development programs to support the livelihoods of persecuted Christians who faced extreme discrimination. Today, **Open Doors International** provides relief aid, livelihood support and community development to hundreds of thousands of persecuted Christians around the world. It now works to support Christians that are persecuted in 37 African countries, as well as Muslim countries in the Middle East. From this organization we get the statistic that Christians in India are currently the eleventh most persecuted in the entire world. The three countries with the highest level of Christian persecutions are North Korea, Somalia, and Libya.

SHARE THE JOY: You may feel inadequate to the task of sharing the Gospel. You may think that your talents do not measure up. You may think that others could do a better job. However, God does not tell you to step back from sharing the joy if you feel that someone else could do a better job. A quote from Theodore Roosevelt is appropriate here. He said, "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." God does not expect more of you than you are capable of doing. He does, though, expect you to do what you can to bring the Gospel to folks who are not Christians.

Getting to Know You -St. Andrews Social Group

For Long Standing and New Members

Are you looking to form more of a connection to the people you see at church and just say a pleasant hello to? Then Getting to Know You social group is just for you. You can sign up as a host or if you are just wanting to be on the invite list you can do that as well. We will divide into groups and meet once a month for a three month period and then reorganize groups for the next round. We will be starting a new round in March so now is the perfect time to sign-up. The weekend of February 22/23 we will be front and center at the services and at the pancake breakfast and answering any questions you may have. To sign up please contact Kathleen Heller at klheller21@gmail.com or 847-271-6771. Linda Hunsicker at lhunsicker1120@gmail.com or 773-318-9946. Cheryl Sellke at Csellke@sbcglobal.net or 847-323-9070.

GIFTS FROM GOD'S PEOPLE AT ST. ANDREWS
Weekly Giving Report - February 9

<u>Internal Gifts/ Receipts - General Fund</u>	
White Envelope Giving/Plate Offering	15,803.00
Vanco Electronic Giving	<u>9,752.29</u>
TOTAL	25,555.29

<u>External Gifts/ Receipts</u>	
Synod/Missions	-----
Lutheran Church Charities	-----

Designated Funds:	
Endowment	143.00
Sunday School	13.00

Other General Funds:

<u>Worship Attendance:</u>	<u>Saturday 02/08</u>	<u>Sunday 02/09</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Attended:	76	87+105=192	268
Communed:			164

LOOKING AHEAD
REGULAR SCHEDULE
February 22nd and 23rd

SATURDAY
5:00pm with Holy Communion
SUNDAY
8:30am and 11:00am with Holy Communion

PRAYERS: Please keep the following people in your prayers... Pam Lendy, Pat Malone, Carol Mraz, Michele Genualdi, Laura Peter, Jeanette Peter

BIRTHDAYS:
17 Ben Tobias
19 Siobhan Rieger
20 Cecilia DeSantis
Joseph Ori
22 Lucille Cook
Tiffany Steffen

ANNIVERSARIES:
19 Thomas & Amanda Key

HEARING ASSISTANCE: St. Andrews has upgraded the assisted listening system in the church (including the chapel and balcony) that now allows us to stream audio directly to your hearing aids. If your hearing aids already have their "T-Coil" feature enabled, you should be able to easily switch over to the church's audio channels. If you don't have hearing aids but want more clarity for the spoken word, we have handheld receivers with headphones that you can use to listen directly to our audio channels. Please ask Pastor Matt or an usher to get you one and show you how it works.

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