

ST. ANDREWS LINE -

Advent 3 (December 14)

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:

CHRISTIAN GIFT PLANNING: We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. As we wrap up this year long consideration, we must ponder whether we see our estate plan as an expression of our Christian faith or just giving up on life. Estate documents are often read and sound very legal. They are. But it is possible for you to insert language in a will or trust that reflects your Christian faith to all who will be benefactors of your estate. Your Christian Gift Planning Counselor can supply examples to get you going. Contact Ray Pagels at raymondpagels1@gmail.com or his cell: 847-226-2262.

Make qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) from IRAs prior to 12/31/2025

For donors aged 70½ or older, up to \$108,000 in 2025 and \$115,000 in 2026 per person per year can be donated directly from an IRA to a qualified charity. These distributions count toward required minimum distributions but are excluded from taxable income—especially valuable for those who do not itemize deductions or wish to reduce AGI (Adjusted Gross Income) -related impacts on Medicare premiums or Social Security taxes. Note, that you cannot make contributions directly from a 401(k) or 403(b) plan and get the same treatment. However, there may be strategies to rollover amounts from a 401(k) or 403(b) plan to an IRA and make qualified charitable distribution from the IRA. You can also take a distribution from a 401(k) plan or 403(b) plan if you meet the eligibility requirements and contribute from that distribution. Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD) gift from your IRA to St. Andrews Lutheran Church, Tax I/D #36-6003638. If possible, ask your IRA Custodian to include the donor's name. This will allow us to thank the donor and record the gift on the member is giving statement. Your IRA funds will be directly transferred to St. Andrews Lutheran Church to help continue our ministries, school, and/or the endowment fund. For assistance, contact Ray Pagels, our Christian Gift Planner Counselor, at 847.226.-2262 or raymondpagels1@gmail.com

SHARE THE JOY: The word "evangelism" often conjures up a picture of a powerful speaker bringing in large groups of people with eloquent sermons. Put the word "servant" in front of "evangelism" and what picture do you get? In his book 101 Ways to Reach Your Community, Steve Stogrin looks at this designation and shows ordinary people making contact with people by such serving actions as cleaning windshields for people at a shopping center. He sees servant evangelism as a way of showing God's love by simple actions that anyone can do.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Most needed items are ketchup, toothpaste, pancake mix and syrup, canned fruit, saltine crackers and cookies. Thank you for your continuing support!

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: If you've used envelopes to make contributions in 2025 you'll find a box with your name on it for 2026 on a table in the hallway between the gym and our rear parking lot entry doors. If you haven't been using envelopes, but would like a box for 2026, please email financial@standrewslutherschool.org, or contact the church office, to request a box and we'll put one out for you!

MITTEN TREE: The Board of Fellowship will be collecting mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves through January 4, 2026 in the narthex at the Christmas tree.. Your generous donations will benefit families through St. Paul Lutheran Church in Skokie, Il. Your donations are deeply appreciated.

Merry Christmas,
Jenny, Rachel, Jim

THANK YOU BETHLEHEM WALK VOLUNTEERS:

In September the meetings began for this year's Bethlehem Walk. The committee laid out all the positions that needed to be filled and all tasks needed to be completed. Over the next 10 weeks people were contacted and volunteers were requested. Thanks be to God approximately 200 people joined together to create the beautiful story of Jesus' birth for 1006 guests to witness. You were one of the 200 who answered the request and said "Yes" I can do that...THANK YOU for your role in the Bethlehem Walk. We are so thankful for your enthusiasm and willingness to join in where you were needed most. You made putting the Bethlehem Walk together possible. We pray that you enjoyed your service to the Bethlehem Walk and know that your participation is a way to give thanks to God for all He has done for us. "I cried", "This was so beautiful", "I'm so happy I saw this, I'm going to see if I can get tickets for tomorrow" were comments from people who saw the Bethlehem Walk for the first time. Thank you for giving of yourself to share the real Christmas story with others. Merry Christmas!

In His Service,
Janet, Kathleen and the Bethlehem Walk Committee

MISSION OF THE MONTH: For five decades our December mission of the month *Bread for the World* has been advocating for government policies and programs that can end hunger. It has also been educating Christians about the problem of world hunger and equipping them to make a difference. It explains, "Every voice matters. With your support, we can reach people with the power to make hunger a problem of the past." Churches, charities, food banks, and nonprofit organizations cannot solve the problem of hunger alone. Thanks to an abundance of resources, federal nutrition programs can provide ten times more food assistance than churches and charities combined. When enough people speak up for those who are hungry, government leaders listen. *Bread for the World* explains further, "Leaders in Congress listen to their constituents. Every letter you write to your representatives on Capitol Hill is read and catalogued, and tells your representative which issues to prioritize."

ADVENT SERVICES SCHEDULE:

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| Wednesday, December 17 | - | Advent Service | |
| | | Grades K-3 | 6:15pm |
| Sunday, December 21 | - | Traditional Sunday Worship | 8:30am |
| | | Sunday School Christmas Program | 11:00am |
| Wednesday, December 24 | - | Christmas Eve Worship | |
| | | 5:00 pm and 9:00pm | |
| Thursday, December 25 | - | Christmas Day Worship | |
| | | 10:00 am | |
| Sunday, December 28 | - | Traditional Sunday Worship | |
| | | One Service - 10:00am | |



GIFTS FROM GOD'S PEOPLE AT ST. ANDREWS

Weekly Giving Report - December 7, 2025

<u>Internal Gifts/ Receipts - General Fund</u>		<u>External Gifts/ Receipts</u>	
White Envelope Giving/Plate Offering	3,406.00	Synod/Missions	101.00
Electronic Giving	7,059.80	Lutheran Church Charities	-----
TOTAL	10,465.80		

Designated Funds:

Comfort Dog	10.00
Endowment	145.00
Strategic Planning	425.00
St. Andrews School	250.00

Other General Funds:

In Memory of † **BUNNY HUGHES** † - gifts have been given to St. Andrews by Edna Wilson and Corrine Schreiber.

In Memory of † **JEAN UNGAR** † - gifts have been given to St. Andrews by Pastor Steve Dornbusch, Corrine Schreiber, Ken and Arlene Kendzy, and Edna Wilson.

<u>Worship Attendance:</u>	<u>Saturday 12/06</u>	<u>Sunday 12/07</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Attended:	Bethlehem Walk	52 +81= 133	133
Communed:			120

LOOKING AHEAD

ADVENT 4

December 20th and 21st

SATURDAY

5:00PM

SUNDAY

8:30am (Holy Communion) and 11:00am (Led by Sunday School)

PRAYERS: Please keep the following people in your prayers... Christine Schap, Barb and Keith Parker, Carol Claybaker, Gigi Breitzman, Livia Grace Gallo, Michael Piccoli, Daniel Avila, Sr., Richard Claybaker, Eleanor Claybaker, Richard Avila, Carol Mraz, Laura Peter, Jeanette Peter

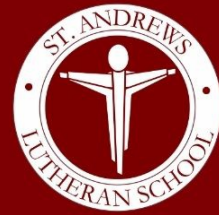
BIRTHDAYS:

15	Karen Michaels Heather Scalzitti
17	Walter P. May Nelly Somerman
19	Allyna Lee
20	Heidi Bloom Carrie Kuehm

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

19	Christine & Donald Schap
22	Marla & Jeffrey Everett

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OPEN HOUSE



- ✓ Tour the school
- ✓ Meet teachers
- ✓ Register
- ✓ Ask questions

January 25th

12 PM - 2 PM

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OR VISITING OUR WEBSITE



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