

ST. ANDREWS LINE -

Advent 4 (December 21)

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. To provide continuity in the estate planning process, it is essential to speak with family about your plans, so they can see the blessing prepared. It is equally essential to express to ministry leaders the desires you have for the gifts that will flow to ministry, as you express your faith purpose behind the gift. Your Christian Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in these conversations. 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

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!

SHARE THE JOY: Christmas is almost upon us. If your house is decorated and gifts are wrapped, you probably feel like you are “ready for Christmas” and can breathe a sigh of relief. TV commentators speak about the spirit of giving and describe acts of holiday kindness that make us feel good. Let’s not, however, forget about the greatest Christmas gift ever. When God came down to earth without any fanfare to be born in a Bethlehem barn, it wasn’t until the angels serenaded local shepherds that the miracle of God become man was revealed. The divine gift of that first Christmas is a gift that keeps on giving. The gift of salvation is not just a Christmas gift; it is an every day gift we can enjoy every day of our lives. Let’s not horde this gift, however. Share the joy today and every day!

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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Proverbs 21:8 directs us to “open your mouth for those who cannot speak and advocate for the rights of those who are left without help.” Our mission of the month Bread for the World does exactly that. As an organization, it encourages individual Christians to urge Congressional decision makers to enact legislation that will benefit people experiencing food insecurity. It also directly lobbies in Congress for policies and programs that will benefit hungry people in the US and around the world. For example it has recently pushed to secure millions of dollars in humanitarian aid for Ukraine and Ethiopia. Bread for the World encourages, “As Christians and activists, we can leverage our collective power and resources to make world hunger a problem of the past.”

ADVENT SERVICES SCHEDULE:

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 14, 2025

<u>Internal Gifts/ Receipts - General Fund</u>		<u>External Gifts/ Receipts</u>	
White Envelope Giving/Plate Offering	45,524.83	Synod/Missions	5.00
Electronic Giving	<u>8,563.20</u>	Lutheran Church Charities	-----
TOTAL	54,088.03		

Designated Funds:

Comfort Dog	621.00
Endowment	5.00
Giving Tree Scholarship	2500.00
Sunday School	17.00

Other General Funds:

<u>Worship Attendance:</u>	<u>Saturday 12/13</u>	<u>Sunday 12/14</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Attended:	90	133+44=177	267
Communed:			241

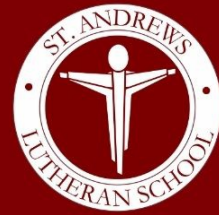
LOOKING AHEAD
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
NO SATURDAY SERVICE
SUNDAY - ONE SERVICE ONLY
10:00AM - WITH HOLY COMMUNION

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:

23	Joshua Butcher
	Rocco Caputo
	Linda Wolf
24	Beth Tarasievich
25	Dianne Berthold
	Carol Hannah
	Jenn MacHarg
26	Adam Plant
27	Alaina Olson
28	Nick Caputo
	Mike Lawrence

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OPEN HOUSE



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

January 25th

12 PM - 2 PM

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