

ST. ANDREWS LINE -

First Sunday after Christmas (December 28)

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. As we complete this year, we keep in mind that in Christ, we will never finish but simply transfer into the glorious life the Lord has prepared for us. We never let death have the final word, for Jesus has conquered it. Your Christian Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in putting your life-celebrating plan together. 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: J.K. Wilhelm Loehe was a Lutheran pastor who is often regarded as a founding sponsor of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The following is a prayer of commemoration of Pastor Loehe. Heavenly Father, Shepherd of Your people, thank you for Your servant Wilhelm who was faithful in the care and nurturing of Your flock; we pray that following his example and the teaching of his life, we may by Your grace grow into the stature of the fullness of our Lord; through Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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: Food insecurity faces many families in the US and around the world as the new year looms. *Bread for the World*, our December mission of the month, urges us to take this problem seriously and advocate for those who are hungry. Begin by praying for an end to hunger and make this prayer a part of your daily prayer life. Write to your congressional leaders and organize an offering of letters from your friends and fellow St. Andrews members urging them to stand up for legislation that will aid those who are food insecure. Contribute to *Bread for the World*—every dollar you donate results in hundreds of dollars of food assistance for people experiencing hunger in the US and around the world. Currently, thanks to the generosity of travel writer and *Bread for the World* member Rick Steeves, your gift and that of others will be matched up to \$500,000. Every dollar goes to support the board's advocacy to end hunger. Jesus said that He will remind us of our generosity to those who are hungry with the words, "I was hungry, and you fed me," or "I was hungry, and you fed me not." Surely, we do not need any more encouragement than that to get us to act on behalf of the hungry!

FROM BOB UNGAR:

Dear St. Andrews Church Family,

My heart is deeply touched by the outpouring of love, prayers, cards, and generous donations you have shared during this time of loss. Your kindness and prayers have been a source of comfort and strength as I grieve the passing of my beloved wife.

Thank you so very much.

Bob Ungar

GIFTS FROM GOD'S PEOPLE AT ST. ANDREWS
Weekly Giving Report - December 21, 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	8,563.20	Lutheran Church Charities	-----
TOTAL	54,088.03		

<u>Designated Funds:</u>		<u>Other General Funds:</u>	
Comfort Dog	621.00		
Endowment	5.00		
Giving Tree Scholarship	2500.00		
Sunday School	17.00		

<u>Worship Attendance:</u>	<u>Saturday 12/20</u>	<u>Sunday 12/21</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Attended:	63	103+75=178	241
Communed:			150

LOOKING AHEAD
JANUARY 3RD AND 4TH
EPIPHANY

SATURDAY 5PM - CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
SUNDAY 10:00AM - 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

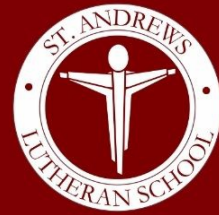
BIRTHDAYS:

- 29 Grace Asien
- Judy Sirvio
- Erica Stotts
- 30 Donald Brandfellner
- 1 Heather Armstrong
- 2 Dan Suwinski (Sr.)
- 3 Tiffany Hoeger
- 4 Grace Brander

ANNIVERSARIES:

- 30 Julianna & Alex Brown
- 3 Al & Barb Paschke

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OPEN HOUSE



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

January 25th

12 PM - 2 PM

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