

# ST. ANDREWS LINE -

## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany (February 1)

ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL LCMS

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WELCOME, AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!



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### NEWS AND EVENTS:

#### **CHRISTIAN GIFT PLANNING:**

We live in an "I can do it myself" culture. Sometimes we might be tempted to think a Christian estate plan is just a collection of documents (will, trust, POA). However, we need to look deeper into the factors influencing a good plan. An automated will or trust generator may not be able to capture family nuances pertaining to inheritance. Hiring legal counsel to make sure these issues are addressed is pursued. To prepare for working with an attorney, your LCMS Foundation Associate Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Ray Pagels at [raymondpagels1@gmail.com](mailto:raymondpagels1@gmail.com) or his cell: 847-226-2262.

**FOOD PANTRY UPDATE:** 207 households visited the St Paul of Cross food pantry in December. Most needed items are cans of SpaghettiOs, canned corned beef hash, canned fruit, canned tuna and shampoo. Thank you for your continuing support!

**SHARE THE JOY:** For those of us old enough to remember, it is obvious that the relationship between church and society is not what it was twenty or thirty years ago. Alan C. Klas describes the new reality as the "unchurched society." Attendance at weekly worship services is no longer a given as it was previously. Not participating in a church service back then was seen a sign of a lack of faith. Loyalty to a local congregation did not depend on the quality of the preaching or the music. These days many folks have separated the miracle of faith from the concept of congregational participation. How does this separation idea so prevalent these days affect the ministry of St. Andrews?

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** 2025 contribution statements are now available. Some were mailed, but most are in a box located on the Welcome Desk. Please remember to stop and pick yours up the next time you're in the building. Any statements which have not been picked up by February 8th will be mailed that week. Please note that, if you donated in both the first half and last half of 2025 your envelope will include two statements (one for each six month period). This is because our posting of contributions changed when we switched to Planning Center. If you cannot locate your envelope and didn't receive it in the mail please contact Mike Bauer via email at [financial@standrewslutherschool.org](mailto:financial@standrewslutherschool.org) to request a copy.

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**MYRA’S DECEMBER & JANUARY:** Myra hopes everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! She was quite busy as 2025 came to an end and then started 2026 with a full schedule. Myra made 35 visits in December and 37 visits in January. In addition, she attended Saturday and Sunday church services, Wednesday chapel services and visited with the Sunday School classes.

December 2025 and January 2026 visits included all of Myra’s regular facilities which are Amazing Grace, Ascension Life Center, Ascension Living, The Pearl of Montclare, White Crane Wellness Center and Humboldt Park Health in Chicago. She made visits to New Perspectives and Avantara in Long Grove, and to The Sheridan, The Summit and Avantara in Park Ridge. Trinity Services, Chicago Behavioral Hospital and Advocate Adult Day Care and Rehab in Des Plaines were all visited by Myra. Facilities that she visited in Morton Grove included Parkland Preparatory Academy, American House and Bella Terra. The Garlands in Barrington, Arden Courts in Elk Grove Village, The Carrington in Lincolnwood, and St. Benedict in Niles were also on her agenda these two months. Not to be forgotten were Warren Barr Lieberman, Alden North Shore, and Orchard Village in Skokie. The House of Welcome in Northfield also had visits from Myra and she visited Ms. Maryann, a hospice patient who also lives in Northfield.

In December, Myra had the opportunity to visit and greet students and staff during finals week at Walther Christian Academy in Melrose Park. She also made a visit to the University of Chicago Regenstein Library as the semester was ending and students were preparing to head home for the holidays. At Northbrook Place in Northbrook, Myra visited with some of the hospice patients and family members who all appreciated the diversion she brought.

In January Myra made a visit to Warren Barr Gold Coast and will now be visiting this rehab facility on a monthly basis. Residents at Asbury Court in DesPlaines, which is visited every other month, were delighted to start the New Year with her visit. The special needs students at Miller Elementary School in Westmont were visited by Myra and fellow Comfort Dog, Brutus. For some of these students, Myra and Brutus were the first dogs they ever saw and with which they were able to interact. Synapse House in Downers Grove, another facility visited every other month, was also on her January agenda. National Louis University in Wheeling was celebrating “Wellness Week” and Myra was invited to share her comforting personality with students and staff. Visits at Immanuel’s Food Pantry started again in January and Myra is always welcomed by the staff and those who visit.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Hawthorne Woods celebrated the commissioning of their new Comfort Dog Bethesda and while Myra did not attend because of another commitment, two of her handlers did and were able to congratulate Bethesda’s team and visit with the 17 Comfort Dogs that were also in attendance to celebrate with Bethesda. St. Andrews School hosted an Open House and Myra participated in the event simply by being present and introducing herself to potential new students and families.

Myra and her handlers also visited one of the Team’s Ministry Partners who is currently in a rehab facility following hip surgery. And the young lady whom Myra met a few months ago had some visits from Myra when she and her mother were hosted by a few of our church families while attending rehab in downtown Chicago. If you would like to know more about any of the Team roles and responsibilities or are interested in joining the Comfort Dog Ministry, contact Joanne August via email at [hsmom1@comcast.net](mailto:hsmom1@comcast.net)

**GIFTS FROM GOD'S PEOPLE AT ST. ANDREWS**  
**Weekly Giving Report - January 25, 2026**

Internal Gifts/ Receipts - General Fund

White Envelope Giving/Plate Offering	3,525.00
Electronic Giving	<u>6,568.23</u>
TOTAL	10,093.23

External Gifts/ Receipts

Synod/Missions	20.00
Lutheran Church Charities	-----

Designated Funds:

Comfort Dog	70.00
Endowment	65.00

Other General Funds:

<b><u>Worship Attendance:</u></b>	<b><u>Saturday 01/24</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday 01/25</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
Attended:	75	79+86=165	240
Communed:			145

In Memory of † **PAM KARNATZ** † a gift has been given to St. Andrews by Bob Ungar.  
 In Memory of † **GAIL SELZER** † a gift has been given to St. Andrews by Bob Ungar.

**LOOKING AHEAD**  
**February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**REGULAR SCHEDULE**  
**SATURDAY 5PM -**

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION  
**SUNDAY**  
 8:30AM AND 11:00AM (WITH HOLY COMMUNION)

**PRAYERS:** Please keep the following people in your prayers...Frank Brant Avila, Janet Reich, 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:**

2	Christa Grabske
4	Genivieve Huston Corine Tiberi
5	Isaac Fuentes Margaret Garcea William Hoshizaki
6	Ashley Herrnreiter Sophia Tobias
7	Joel Holler Lowell Punches Juliana Rieger
8	Rafa Gonzalez

# **SAINT ANDREWS LUTHERAN FAMILY DAY WITH THE CHICAGO WOLVES**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15  
VS. COLORADO EAGLES**

**Doors open at 2pm. Puck drops at 3pm.**

Join Saint Andrews Lutheran School families and friends for a day of fun at a Chicago Wolves hockey game. Everyone who attends will receive a FREE Chicago Wolves hat and everyone will be seated together in the same section. Join us after the game for an autograph session from select players.

Order tickets here:

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/saintandrew26>

The deadline to order tickets is Friday, February 13 at Noon.