

# ST. ANDREWS LINE -

## Second Sunday in Lent (March 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:

**FOOD PANTRY UPDATE:** 126 households visited the St Paul of Cross food pantry in January. Most needed items are pancake mix and syrup, pasta sauce, canned mixed fruit or peaches, and cooking oil (canola, vegetable or olive). Thank you for your continuing support!

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** Our mission of the month for March is an organization that was founded by Lutherans in the United States following World War II. The war left roughly one-fifth of the world's Lutherans homeless, and our monthly ministry Lutheran World Relief was formed as a response to the losses suffered in the war. Since then, the organization has grown into one of the world's largest and most-trusted aid agencies. The following is its mission statement: "Affirming God's love for all people, we work with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering."

**SHARE THE JOY:** In a Gallup Poll of 2022, people were asked, "What is your religious preference?" Roughly 1/5 of those polled said that they had no religious affiliation, rising from close to zero in the 1950s. It appears to be more culturally acceptable to state publicly that one does not have a religious identity than it was previously. Members of St. Andrews, how does this information inform how we relate to our community?

**WHAT'S MYRA BEEN UP TO IN FEBRUARY:** February's unusual weather of very winter like days mixed with spring like days did not deter Myra from her work. She was busy bringing love, comfort and happiness to old and new friends. Myra has started monthly visits at Warren Barr Gold Coast, a long- and short-term rehabilitation facility. In one of the rooms, Myra and her handler found the patient crying. When asked why she was crying, she said her roommate died and they had just removed her body. Myra sensed this lady needed comforting and readily laid her head on the bed. Petting Myra helped her to calm down and she expressed how grateful she was that Myra stayed with her for an extended period of time. These types of interactions are what the Comfort Dog Ministry is all about – showing compassion and being present for those in need.

In addition to attending church services, visiting Sunday School and attending chapel with the students, Myra made 36 visits this month. While the great majority of those visits were facilities she visits on a regular basis, four of the visits were to new organizations. She spent a morning at York High School in Elmhurst meeting with students during their "Winter Wake-Up Week", and she spent the lunch periods with students at Addison Trails High School in Addison providing a calming presence for students between classes. Myra also visited Alta Rehab in Chicago and will be making monthly visits at this facility. Another new facility that she will visit monthly is Bella Terra in Schaumburg. As is always the case, she was very well received at these facilities and the patients and residents were delighted to learn she would be coming monthly.

Being a member of the Comfort Dog Ministry is very rewarding. Myra is "the bridge" to starting conversations, to bringing smiles to people's faces, to providing comfort when needed, and so much more. Won't you consider joining the team as a Ministry Partner? 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 - February 22, 2026**

Internal Gifts/ Receipts - General Fund

White Envelope Giving/Plate Offering	17,618.00
Electronic Giving	<u>5,962.20</u>
TOTAL	23,580.20

External Gifts/ Receipts

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

Designated Funds:

Comfort Dog	100.00
Endowment	55.00

Other General Funds:

Facility Usage	320.00
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<b><u>Worship Attendance:</u></b>	<b><u>Saturday 02/21</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday 02/22</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
Attended:	114	96+65=161	275
Communed:			162

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**March 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...Nancy Herrell, Frank Brant Avila, Janet Reich, 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	Laurie Dobosz Steve Guther Nichole Wandel
3	Cesar Tarasievich
4	Salena Jason Carrie Stewarts
5	Jon Baraglia Richard Sloma Nathaniel White
6	Kevin Kendrigan
7	Vivienne Jurek
8	Jim Selzer