

Week of Dec. 6, 2009



SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADE K-5 PICKUP LOCATION:

Pre-K	Great Hall Room 1 & 2
Kindergarten	Great Hall Room 3
Grade 1	Great Hall Room 5
Grade 2	Great Hall Room 6
Grade 3	Great Hall Room 4
Grade 4-5	Youth Center Room 7

11 a.m. All Grades: Great Hall Room 3

*For more events and info, pick up the latest Proclaim
in the kiosks or www.saintandrews.org*

Worship on Christmas Eve

Thursday, Dec. 24

Family Worship

3, 4 & 5 p.m. • In the Sanctuary

A service designed for families with young children. Children's choir at every hour. Nursery provided. Interpreter for the deaf and hard of hearing at 4 p.m. Holy Communion celebrated at 5 p.m.

Contemporary Worship

6 p.m. • In the Great Hall

Celebrate Christmas tradition with a contemporary band and songs you remember. Holy Communion celebrated. Nursery available.

Festive Candlelight Service

7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & Midnight • In the Sanctuary

A night of celebration, candles and carols. St. Andrew's Orchestra at all services. Choir or soloist at every hour. Holy Communion at midnight. Nursery at 7, 8, 9, 10 p.m. services.

Christmas Day

Friday, Dec. 25, 11 a.m. • In the Sanctuary

Music by North Shore Brass. Holy Communion. Nursery available.

St. Andrew's Christmas Festival

Sunday, Dec. 13, 3:30 & 6 p.m.

In the Sanctuary

The message of Christmas is told by choirs of children, youth and adults, handbells, organ and orchestra from St.

Andrew's. Come and hear the wonderful message of Jesus' birth. Nursery available. Free-will offering.



St. Andrew's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, Dec. 20, 8:30 & 9:45 a.m.

In the Sanctuary

The children of St. Andrew's Sunday School share the message of Christ's birth through song and word during worship services in the Sanctuary.



Redpath Christmas Concert

Sunday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m.

In the Sanctuary

Redpath is a dynamic trio of sisters from St. Andrew's. Lauren, Torie, and Ali, long-time members of St. Andrew's and contemporary Christian artists,



are expressive vocalists who draw on their Christian beliefs and family influences to create a unique style and sound. Their annual Christmas concert will be presented in the St. Andrew's Sanctuary. Free-will offering.

Serve! ...

Giving Tree

You can "adopt" a child or family this Christmas or simply select a tag from the Giving Tree that lists an item that a child or family is wishing for. Purchase the item and return it to church in the donations bin in the Narthex, unwrapped, with the original Giving Tree tag attached. Or please consider a financial contribution marked "Giving Tree." We will assign a "secret shopper" to take care of your shopping! If you have any questions, would like to "Adopt A Family," or want to become a secret shopper, please contact Kellie Cardinal at 651-762-9124 or kcardinal@saintandrews.org. Blessings to you this Christmas!

Operation Christmas Child

Brighten the life and share the Good News of Jesus' love with children around the world this Christmas! It's simple to do. Simply pick up a brochure and fill an empty shoebox sized box with essentials and age/gender appropriate small gifts. Then bring the filled box back to church by Nov. 15 to the Great Hall Narthex. Please include a label that indicates "Boy" or "Girl" and a suggested donation of \$7, which covers shipping and handling. We will take care of the rest! If you have questions, contact Ryan Solberg at rsolberg@jobview.com or Kellie Cardinal at 651-762-9124 or kcardinal@saintandrews.org.

More Coats and Blankets

Winter has started early and our neighbors struggling with poverty and homelessness are really in need of our help! Our Share the Warmth drive in October is going to be extended throughout the month of November. The demand for warm coats and blankets has increased sharply. You can help! Please place your donations in the gray donation bins in the Great Hall Narthex. Or make a financial gift marked "Share The Warmth" in the memo. We will obtain the coats (\$10) and blankets (\$5) with your gift.

...During the Holidays

Feed the Hungry On Wednesdays!

Join others in feeding the hungry at the Salvation Army Citadel in St. Paul. We are forming teams to take one Wednesday a month (5-7 p.m.) to pick up the food, serve it, clean up, share the meal and make connections with those hungry and struggling with poverty, homelessness, or loneliness. If you have questions or would like to serve in this way, please contact Kellie Cardinal at 651-762-9124, kcardinal@saintandrews.org or sign up online.

Giving Tree Sorters and Drivers

We are in need of sorters and drivers in order to get all of the wonderful Christmas gifts to those in need in our community. Please consider joining us on Sunday, Dec. 13, 12 noon-5 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to register to help, please contact Deb Henry at 651-407-9737 or email: debrahenry2002@yahoo.com.

Christmas Wreaths

Boy Scout Troop 89, sponsored by St. Andrew's, will continue their tradition of selling Christmas wreaths after each of the services on Nov. 29-Dec. 13. The Scouts and parents of Troop 89 sincerely thank you for your continued support.

Women on the Edge

Dogsled, Ski and Snowshoe January 21-24, 2010

This year we will journey up to YMCA Camp Menogyn together with The God Lovin' Outdoors Women of Trinity Lutheran Church (GLOW). We travel by coach bus, stay in cozy cabins and eat family-style meals so we are rested and energized to enjoy sparkling days of skiing, snowshoeing and dogsledding. The cost of this adventure is \$240; sign up online at www.saintandrews.org. Call Lisa Ender for encouragement at 651-762-9139.

Christmas Decorating

Choices abound when it comes to Christmas decorating at St. Andrew's. Contact Lisa Ender at 651-762-9139 or lender@saintandrews.org to sign up.

- Dec. 14 Light the Tree in the Sanctuary
- Dec. 24, 9 a.m. Place Poinsettias in Worship

Volunteer at a Christmas Party

We are hosting a Christmas party at the Salvation Army on Dec. 19. Volunteers are needed 3:30-6:30 p.m. We are also putting together a Christmas party this year for the Rainbow Development Center in December. If you are interested in helping please contact Kellie Cardinal at 651-762-9124 or kcardinal@saintandrews.org.

Serve! – Within Our Walls

Holes in Hospitality

Some of our volunteers have had to leave for health reasons or have moved on to other opportunities. So, we are looking for people to make coffee in the morning, and to clean up after the 11 a.m. service in the Sanctuary. A big plus, seeing the sun rise on a Sunday morning for anyone willing to make coffee. Please contact us at 762-9132 or at worshipcoordinator@saintandrews.org.

Reset Sunday School Rooms

We are looking for a couple teams of volunteers to help us reset the Sunday School rooms and get them ready for Confirmation classes. Early afternoon Sundays. Please contact Mary Pat Moutrie at 651-762-9138 or HR@saintandrews.org for this light custodial help.

Volunteers at Hospitality Desk

Volunteers are needed for the Hospitality Desk in Great Hall. Monday and Thursday Mornings, 8 a.m. to noon, and Tuesday afternoons. 1-5 p.m. Contact Mary Pat Moutrie at 651-762-9138 or mpmoutrie@saintandrews.org.

Blood Pressure Screening TODAY

Blood Pressure Screenings, Sunday, Dec. 6, Sanctuary Atrium Lounge, between services; no screenings following 11:30 service. Screenings also in Great Hall on Saturday, Dec. 5, following The Gathering. Volunteers needed on a regular basis; contact Dianne Nash at 651-762-9141 if interested.

Stock Up!

The market is on the move in a positive way! Do you have stock that has risen in value? There may be advantages to giving your appreciated stock to St. Andrew's. If you would like to give stock or would like more information, please contact Patty Ingberg in the Finance office at 651-762-9174.

Tree of Light Ceremony

Friday, Dec. 11, 6 p.m. Triangle Park, Mahtomedi

Support our local food shelf by starting a new family holiday tradition! Buy a light for a loved one and join the community to celebrate during the Tree of Light Ceremony. Your gift will light up the night as the names of those honored and remembered are read. Lights are \$10 each and can be purchased online at www.mahtomedi.k12.mn.us/communityeducation. The deadline to purchase lights is Saturday, Dec. 7. The Catholic Aid Association will provide a matching grant of up to \$1,000! Please call Kathy at 651-395-5390 or Mary 651-407-2029 for more information.

Financial Peace University

FPU is a biblically-based, video driven small group study that teaches families to beat debt, build wealth and live in financial peace! We will hold previews on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 3, 9:45 and 11 a.m. in Sanctuary Room 201. Classes run January through March on Sundays, 9:45-11:45 a.m. or Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Child care is available. Contact Paul Maeyaert at 651-762-9142 or go to daveramsey.com for information.

St. Andrew's Foundation

Plant a seed. Help our church and its ministries grow through the Foundation of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. Call Lori Goodroad at 651-762-9103.

Got College Aged Kids?

Do you have a child who is college age or off at college? St. Andrew's would like to invite all college age young adults to an upcoming Christmas party and future events for young adults. Please send the following information to Mary Post if you have not already done so at mpost@saintandrews.org:

Student's Full Name • College Attending • Address • Phone. Thank you for your help in collecting this information and forming college community at St. Andrew's.

Middle School / Confirmation

December Confirmation Schedule

Dec. 6- Cornith Village meets
Dec. 9- 6th Grade Meets
Dec. 13- Family Blast
Dec. 16 - Leader Meeting

Jingle Ball

Friday, Dec. 18, 7-9:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. Cost: \$4 at the door (concessions available at an additional cost) Save the date now! Show baby Jesus your new dance moves as we celebrate Christmas together, open to 6th-8th grade. Don't forget about the door prizes - movie tickets and shirts!

*Want to get confirmation updates on facebook?
Join the group!*

*"St. Andrew's Lutheran Journey to the Cross
Confirmation Program"*

*Scholarships are always available for any of our
camps or events.*

*For more information on any of the above listed
events contact Sally Hanson at 651-762-9130 or
shanson@saintandrews.org or Mary Post at 651-
762-9131 or mpost@saintandrews.org.*

High School

High School Babysitting Fundraiser

Saturday, Dec. 12, at St. Andrew's Village Preschools. Morning shift (9 a.m.-noon), Afternoon shift (1-4 p.m.) Contact Nate Crary for advance registration or just show up.

High School READ Bible Study

Tuesdays, thru May 18, 7-8:30 p.m. in the Great Hall & Youth & Sports Center. This is for youth that want to READ deeply into the whole Bible in two years. We will begin in the Great Hall with Pastor John Straiton and then go to Youth Room to break into a small group for snacks and to explore ways God moves through scripture and in our lives. You are welcome to join the study any Tuesday.

The Dock

Sundays from 6 to 6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. Come with your friends and family to hear moving music by a live youth band and meaningful messages from powerful speakers during this Sunday night worship. All are welcome to attend, participate and plan!

Boys & Girls Club

Tuesdays from 3:15 to 5:45 p.m., meet at the Y&SC. Contact must be made with Mary Post by Monday noon so we can arrange transportation at 651-762-9131 or mpost@saintandrews.org.

Come and join other high school youth after school to serve younger kids in our greater community. Help the kids at the West Side Boys & Girls Club by reading books with them, playing games, and just having a great time!

Adults wanted to lead small groups and/or to be present at events. Please contact Erin Morris if you are interested in helping out.

Scholarships are always available for any of our camps or events.

For more information on any of the events listed above contact Nate Crary at 651-762-9168 or ncrary@saintandrews.org or Marcia Evenson at 651-762-9169 or mevenson@saintandrews.org

Men's Ministry

We Are Hosting Christmas Dinner

Men's Ministry will set-up and staff a Christmas dinner for needy families at the Salvation Army Center in St. Paul on Sunday, Dec. 20, from 3:30 to 7 p.m. All men of St. Andrew's and their families are invited to help. We will car-pool from St. Andrew's Great Hall at 3:30 p.m. to the Salvation Army Center at 401 West 7th St. in St. Paul. The event is an opportunity to serve Christ by serving others. For more information, contact Kellie Cardinal at kcardinal@saintandrews.org or Tony Belden at tbelden@engamerica.com.

Young Men/Fathers Task Force

We've heard the call of young men and fathers who want to get more involved but are not sure how or where to find the time. In answer, Men's Ministry wants to put together a task force made up of young men/fathers. The purpose of the task force is to come together to brainstorm and form a plan for the ministry of young men/fathers in our congregation (service opportunities, Bible studies, fellowship, etc). If you'd like to be on the task force or would like more information, please contact Scott Galeazzi at scott.galeazzi@yahoo.com or 651-334-6220.

Bible Study & Prayer Group

St. Andrew's guys of all ages are invited to the Men's Bible Study every Tuesday 6:30-7:30 a.m. in the Great Hall and Men's Prayer Group every Monday 7-8 p.m. in the Sanctuary Atrium Lounge. These are valuable ways to connect with Christ and other guys. For more information about Men's Ministry, contact Ronda Sowada at 651-426-3261 or visit saintandrews.org.

Vision Slovakia

Christmas and Greeting Cards

Newly designed Christmas and Greeting Cards by Nancy Olker for the benefit of Vision Slovakia are now available at the hospitality desks in the Great Hall and Sanctuary. All the proceeds from the sale go for scholarship help for students in the Lutheran Elementary School and Bible School in Martin, Slovakia.

Children, Youth & Family Ministry

Friday Fling, Advent Fun

Children kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to a night of Advent-themed fun in the gym with crafts, pizza, snacks and movies. Friday, Dec. 18, 6-9 p.m. Cost is \$10. Register with an Event registration envelope – closes Dec. 10. Contact: Sally Hanson, 651-762-9130, shanson@saintandrews.org.

Sacrament Classes

Celebrating Baptism at St. Andrew's

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at St. Andrew's.

Saturday, Jan. 23; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Youth and Sports Center Room 7

Tuesday, March 2; 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Building - Room 201

No charge; pre-register by one week prior. Call Terri at 651-762-9175 to make reservations for the class and to schedule a baptism.

Communion Instruction

Children first grade and older are invited to take Communion Instruction at St. Andrew's. As children sense a deeper meaning to the sacrament and desire to take part in Communion, parents are encouraged to register and come with their child to Communion instruction. Communion Instruction will be offered Jan. 9, 9-11:30 a.m. Celebration will be during the following worship services:

Jan. 9, 5 p.m. The Gathering service

Jan. 10, 8:30 a.m. service in the Sanctuary

Jan. 10, 9:45 a.m. service in the Great Hall

Register by filling out an Event Registration Envelope available in all buildings.

Children's Christmas Pageant

The Children's Christmas Pageant is Sunday, Dec. 20, in the Sanctuary at both the 8:30 and 9:45 a.m. services. Rehearsal is Saturday, Dec 19, in the Sanctuary.

- 9 a.m. rehearsal for the 8:30 children
 - 10:15 a.m. rehearsal for the 9:45 children
- Children attending 11a.m. Sunday School and Saturday Gathering are welcome to attend the 9

a.m. rehearsal and participate in the 8:30 a.m. pageant. Volunteers are needed. Volunteers will be able to see the pageant and assist the children.

Parents' Night Out

Friday, Dec. 18, 6-9 p.m. Cost is \$10 per child or \$25 per family. Register using the Parents' Night Out form and registration envelope. The Monday before the event. Call Kristy Moosbrugger at 651-762-9113 for more information.

Winter Shine!

Current kindergarten through 5th grade. Wednesday, Dec. 30, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Come join the fun and heat up your chilly day with a trip to Water Park of America. Must be able to swim independently. Drop off and pick up at St. Andrew's Youth and Sports Center. Cost: \$40 per person. Registration: envelope must complete WP of A waiver to participate. Waiver located in YSC, or online www.saintandrews.org.

Parenting Connection

Pastor Sarah Breckenridge will lead you through the parenting book, "The Blessings of a Skinned Knee" by Wendy Mogel, Ph.D. Stay at home parents, part-time working parent, grandparents... This 6-week class will give you some wonderful insights into raising a self-reliant, compassionate and ethical child.. Mogel provides parents with a new set of priorities, using powerful Jewish teachings. Yes, Jewish. Remember Jesus was Jewish and his parents seemed to do a pretty good job of raising him. Come join us! It's a wonderful opportunity to make connections with other parents and share wisdom, support and prayers.

Thursdays, Jan. 14-Feb. 18, 9-11 a.m.

YS&C Youth Room

Cost: \$12 (includes book) pay at first class, no charge if you want to buy the book yourself.

Register: event registration envelope, available in all buildings

Child Care: pre-register at 651-762-9113

Contact: Pastor Sarah Breckenridge, 651-762-9122, sbreckinridge@saintandrews.org.

PROCLAIM JESUS CHRIST, LIVE IN CHRIST, SERVE!

Event Sign-Up Dec. 5 & 6, 2009

Please use this form to sign up for activities/events at St. Andrew's. Fill out the form, include the fee or deposit amount, if any, and return the form to the church office or drop it in the offering plate. If you are interested in any event or activity that is not listed, write it in the space provided and a staff member will contact you.

I would like to sponsor the **Sunday Cookie Fellowship**. Participants donate \$50 (or more) to help cover cookie costs:

Given by [your name(s)]:

Given for [name(s) and/or memorial/special occasion]:

Sunday Date:

___ Join a Meals on Wheels Delivery Team

___ Join our Clothing & Food Shelf Donations Delivery Team

Our Volunteer Teams usher, greet, serve communion, make coffee or serve cookies once every 5 weeks.

___ Join a Worship Volunteer Team
The Current (9:45 in Great Hall)

___ Join a Worship Volunteer Team
The Sanctuary (8:30, 9:45 & 11:00)

___ Join a Worship Volunteer Team
The Gathering (Saturdays 5:00)

Altar Flowers are given this week by **George & Joyce Tonia** as a memorial for their son, **Christopher Tonia**.

Cookies are given this week by **Austin & Ethan Felling** in celebration of Daddy's (**Tony Felling**) 35th birthday.

By the Numbers

Attendance

Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 28 & 29.....2,032
Thanksgiving Eve Worship.....839

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Daytime Phone

Evening Phone

Fee/deposit (specify amount)

Event/Program

Please tear off and place in offering basket or hospitality desk.

Sports & Recreation

Adult Floor Hockey

Thursdays, 8-10 p.m. Pick up style in the Gym. 16 years of age and older. No cost. To register, please fill out a registration envelope available in each building. Call Bill Bakken at 651-231-1325 for more information.

ROCK Basketball

For Children in Kindergarten – Grade 2. Practices start on Saturday, Dec. 5, 9-11 a.m. in the Youth and Sport Center Gym. Games are held Saturdays, Jan. 9 – Feb. 13, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. \$30 per player – includes t-shirt. Use registration envelopes or go online. Coaches Needed! Contact Jackie Peterson – 651-762-9126, or jpeterson@saintandrews.org.

Open Adult Basketball

Tuesdays 8:30-10 p.m. Pick up style basketball for those 16 or older in the Youth & Sports Center Gym. Cost is FREE! For information contact Terri at 651-762-9175 or tjohnson@saintandrews.org.

Soo Bahk Do Karate

Classes run in 12-week sessions.
Tuesday Nights – Beginners 6:30-7:30;
Advanced 7:30 -8:30 p.m.
Training Sessions – Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m.
Y&SC
\$95; 2nd family member is \$55, 3rd \$35.
Uniforms required and available through the instructor. Registration required.

Wednesday Family Nights

Bring the whole family to spend some quality time together in the Youth & Sports Center gym or Youth Room. Then join us for fun family dinner with pizza (\$2/slice), salad, snacks and drinks! No need to register, so show up each Wednesday between 4:30-6:45 p.m. to enjoy a fun evening and create great family memories! Youth Open Gym Time: 3–6:45 p.m. Free of charge.

Join others for fun games in the gym! No registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Boy Scout Troop 89

Boy Scouts is open to boys that are ages 11 (fifth grade) through 18. The meetings are Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Youth and Sports Center. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Jim Schuster, Scoutmaster, at jim.schuster@assurant.com or Bob Cedergren at bcedergren@wipfli.com. Information is also available at www.mahtomeditroop89.org.

Grand Adults

Fezziwig's Feast at MOA

Thursday, Dec. 10 – **CHANGE IN DATE!**

If you couldn't attend before, you're in luck -- we have a date change to Dec. 10. Depart St. Andrew's at 10:30 a.m.; return approximately 3:30 p.m. Cost of \$55 includes transportation and lunch. Pre-registration/payment due today! Complete in-house registration envelope or contact Dianne Nash at 651-762-9141.

AARP Driver Safety Class

NEXT SESSION: Monday, Jan. 25

AARP Driver Safety Program classes refine existing skills and cover defensive driving techniques for those over age 55. The driver then qualifies for a 10% reduction in auto insurance. The four-hour refresher courses are held on Mondays from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Sanctuary Room 205. The class dates are Jan. 25, March 15 and May 17, 2010. Dick Murray will be the instructor. Pre-registration and payment is required. Cost is \$18. Register through in-house registration form, attention Dianne Nash, or call 651-762-9141.

Senior Luncheon

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!

Tuesday, Dec. 15, 12 noon

Join us in the Great Hall for our annual Christmas luncheon served by pastors and staff from St. Andrew's. Food, music, skits and merriment provided. Call 651 426-3261 to make your reservation. NO COST. Open to all seniors.