



MINISTRY CATALOG

Fall 2024

ST. ANDREW
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Welcome to St. Andrew

We are grateful that you are participating with us in our ministry of God’s grace through Jesus Christ for the sake of our community and world. We strive to make the gospel relevant to the lives of all who participate in what we do. We hope that this handbook is helpful in you finding a place in the ministry of St. Andrew Lutheran Church. Welcome!

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Living Out Our Faith In Daily Life

Worship Services

Sunday Morning

9:00 AM

Traditional

10:30 AM

Contemporary

- Weekly Sunday School offered at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM
- Coffee and fellowship following worship

Become a Member

Our membership process meets you wherever you are on your faith journey, connects you with the community of St. Andrew Lutheran, and helps you find ways to be sent into the world to serve God and others.

Plan on attending an upcoming New Member Information Session to:

- Meet with pastors, staff, and other potential new members
- Learn more about exciting opportunities to connect, grow, and give at St. Andrew
- Learn what being Lutheran is all about

If you have any questions, contact Kim Callahan at kcallahan@standrewlu.org

St. Andrew Lutheran Church is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) and the Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA.

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Worship & Music



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Age Range: 3-year-olds–kindergarten

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Contact: Jill Boyd at Jill_Boyd@edenpr.k12.mn.us

Spirit Singers

Age Range: 6th–12th Grade

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Description: The Spirit Singers sing approximately once a month in worship and for special services like Thanksgiving Eve and Christmas Eve. Spirit Singers is a great place to sing with friends, serve God, and to make music with a top-notch director. Occasionally, they combine with the Canticle Choir, Sonshine Singers, and Starlight Singers.

Contact: Sarah Gilbertson at gilbertsons@district112.org

Canticle Choir

Age Range: Adults

Days/Times: Wednesdays from 7:30–8:45 PM, September–May

Description: The Canticle Choir singers lead the congregation at two 9:00 AM Sunday services a month by singing the liturgy, special hymn arrangements, anthems, calls to worship, and the occasional major choral/orchestral compositions.

Contact: Larry Bach at lbach@standrewlu.org

Brass Ensemble

Age Range: High school–adult

Days/Times: Varies

Description: Our brass ensemble accompanies Canticle Choir anthems and congregational hymns approximately once a month September through May at the 9:00 AM service. The brass also play as needed for special services like Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve, Good Friday, and Easter. Experienced players from high school age through adult are welcome to join us!

Contact: Tim Graf at tgraf@standrewlu.org

Ring of Fire

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Contact: Linnae Stole at lbstole@gmail.com

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Bells of Joy

Age Range: Adult

Days/Times: Weds. from 6:30–7:25 PM, September–May

Description: This 5-octave handbell choir for adults meets once a week to rehearse and plays in worship about once a month. Bells of Joy is a small group opportunity for those who enjoy praising God through music. Ringing experience is helpful in this advanced bell choir.

Contact: Tim Graf at tgraf@standrewlu.org

Grace Notes (Intro to Handbells)

Age Range: Adult

Days/Times: Weds. from 5:45–6:25 PM, September–May

Description: St. Andrew member Vicki Grant leads Intro to Handbells for beginning handbell ringers. No experience with handbells is required but attendees should be able to read music.

Contact: Vicki Grant at vlgrant@comcast.net

Early Learning



Childcare

Age Range: 6 weeks–5-year-olds

Days/Times: Center hours are 7:00 AM–5:30 PM, Monday–Friday

Description: This year-round ministry is a full-day, nationally accredited program, and has also earned a 4 Star Rating through Minnesota Parent Aware. Our goal is to provide balance between flexibility and structure. We help to build a sense of independence and responsibility while including positive methods of guidance and provide each child with age-appropriate learning experiences throughout the day. As your child grows within our program, we strive to provide them with a solid foundation of faith development and Kindergarten readiness to set them up for success!

Contact: Melanie Eggers at meggers@standrewlu.org



Preschool

Age Range: 33 months–5-year-olds

Days/Times: We have 2, 3, and 4 days a week classes that are 3 hours. We are excited to offer a new Tues/Wed/Thurs afternoon class beginning this fall. Our preschool programs run from September–May. We also offer extended day afternoon enrichment classes, lunch bunch, and summer camps throughout the summer.

Description: We are a NAEYC Accredited Preschool and have earned a 4 Star Rating through Minnesota Parent Aware. We encourage the development of each child's understanding of God, while providing social interaction and enrichment. The teaching of faith is integrated in all developmental areas—physical, social, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual—with the goal of ensuring that children are prepared for the next step of Kindergarten.

Contact: Kathi Wieman at kwieman@standrewlu.org



Afternoon Enrichment Classes

Age Range: 3–5-year-olds

Days/Times: September–May. Dates and times of these classes vary. For the most current information, check out our website at standrewearlylearning.org

Description: In tandem with or separate from our preschool programs, these enrichment classes provide a wide variety of experiences to nurture each child's self-esteem as a wonderfully created child of God. Themes focus around topics such as Spanish, Tiny Chefs, STEM, and WOW Wednesdays. Lunch Bunch, and a curb side drop-off/pick-up option is also available.

Contact: Kathi Wieman at kwieman@standrewlu.org



Children Youth & Family



Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry/Kids Ministry is for Kids Birth–5th grade and friends. We embrace the teachings of Jesus when he calls us to Love God and Love Others. Sunday Mornings and Wednesday Nights will provide opportunities for Kids to do both of those things! **For all Children's Ministries, please contact Arlene Flancher, Children's Minister, at aflancher@standrewlu.org.**

Sunday School

Age Range: 3 years old–5th Grade

Days/Times: Sunday mornings 9:00 and 10:30 AM, September–May

Description: During Sunday School, our kids will learn more about the Bible and will learn to live out their faith in their daily life as they build relationships God, each other, and other caring adults. At 9:00 AM we will offer a traditional model, with large and small group time and at 10:30 AM our kids will begin in worship with families, and then will be dismissed before the sermon to a special age-appropriate learning opportunity.

Worship Young

Age Range: All children and families

Days/Times: 1st Sunday of the month (no Sunday School)

Description: This is an opportunity for children to be engaged in the worship service in leadership roles through reading, assisting with ushering or offering, and sharing in special music. There will be a children's sermon and families will serve communion together!

Wednesday Night Shine

Age Range: K–5th Grade

Days/Times: Wednesdays 5:30–6:00 PM, September–May

Description: On Wednesday nights we build community by making friends, having fun, and sharing our joy together. We will play games, do crafts, and learn more about the Bible and each other!

Moms of Littles

Days/Times: Second Thurs. of the month, beginning October 10

Description: This is a group for moms of young children that meets monthly for support, encouragement and fellowship. This group will also host periodic activities for their families and children.

3-Year-Old Bible Milestone

Age Range: 3-year-olds and a caring adult

Days/Times: October 9, 5:30-6:00 PM (Bibles presented on October 27th during worship)

Description: Join us on October 9th to receive a special Bible from St. Andrew! Learn tips on reading Bible stories together as family. Then come back for a special blessing and presentation of the Bibles in worship on October 27th.

3rd Grade Bible Milestone

Age Range: 3rd Grade students and a caring adult

Days/Times: October 23, 5:30–6:00 PM (Bibles presented on October 27th during worship)

Description: Join us on October 23rd to receive your first big kids Bible! Take some time to learn some things about your new Bible, including how to look up verses, and how to find stories that you are looking for. Come back on October 27th for a presentation and blessing of your Bible in worship.

Cheer Me On

Age Range: Children of all Ages

Description: Sign up to have Ms. Shawna or Ms. Arlene come cheer you on at an upcoming game, concert, recital, or other special event! Fill out the form on our website, and maybe we will see you at an event this fall! So many of our kids are doing amazing things, and we want to cheer you on!

Parents Night Out

Age Range: Up to 5th Grade

Days/Times: First Friday of the month, beginning November 1, 5:00–8:00 PM

Description: Sign up for Parent's Night Out! Our CYF Staff and Spirit in the Pines Counselors will partner together to provide a fun evening for your children, so you can enjoy an evening out! We will provide crafts, a pizza dinner, recreation time, and a snack each night. Cost is \$20 for one child and \$10 additional dollars for every additional child. Pre-registration is required. Registration will open up October 1st.

Serve and Play Release Day

Age Range: Kindergarten-5th Grade

Days/Times: November 8, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Description: Join us on November 8th when Eden Prairie and Minnetonka have no school for a Serve and Play Release Day. (If you have school that day—don't dismay we have several more planned after Christmas!) We will play games, have a bible study, do a service project, and then have a fun field trip in the afternoon. The cost is \$50 and includes admission, transportation, snacks, and lunch. Registration will open in September and will have all the details of the day!

Children's Christmas Program

Age Range: All Sunday School children

Days/Times: December 15, 9:00 AM

Description: Don't miss our Sunday School children and children's music groups presenting a retelling of the Christmas story through song, narration, and pictures.

Wiggle & Worship Christmas Eve

Age Range: All children

Days/Time: December 24, 11:00 AM

Description: Join us on Christmas Eve for a service designed especially for young children and families. This service is intentionally crafted for young children who may “wiggle” and move. It is interactive yet still shares the important message of Jesus’ birth!

First Communion Class

Age Range: Elementary-age Children

Days/Times: March 9, 12:00–1:30 PM

Description: For Elementary students looking for First Communion instruction. Join us to learn more about what this sacrament means, and how to receive it. Come if you have never taken communion and would like to begin, or even if you have been taking it, but haven’t had instruction yet.

Family Events

MN Wild Game

Age Range: All ages

Days/Times: November 3, 5:00 PM

Description: Join other St. Andrew families as the Minnesota Wild take on the Toronto Maple Leafs! Tickets are \$49 and are first come first serve for the first 45 people who sign up! Signups go live on September 8th!

Trunk or Treat

Age Range: All ages welcome!

Days/Times: October 27, 3:00–5:00 PM

Description: Join us on October 27th for our Trunk-or-Treat event! We will need lots of volunteers to make this happen! Consider coming and passing out candy from your trunk (even dressing up and decorating your trunk!) or just bring your kids to join in the fun! Invite your friends and neighbors—this will be a fun afternoon!

Confirmation Age Ministry

For all Confirmation Age Ministry, contact Shawna Berg, Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministry, at sberg@standrewlu.org.

Confirmation

Age Range: 6th–8th Grade

Days/Times: Wednesdays, 8:00–9:00 AM or 4:45–5:45 PM or 7:00–8:00 PM, beginning September 18 with an evening parent orientation.

Description: Confirmation is the learning opportunity for middle school students at St. Andrew Lutheran. The program is designed with the hope that students will learn more about the Bible, about who Jesus is, will deepen their faith, strengthen friendship, and will find their place in the church. The program begins in 6th grade and ends with the Affirmation of Baptism in the Spring of their 8th grade year.

Family Education Nights

Age Range: Middle school students and parents

Description: Family education nights are designed to get parents talking with their youth about difficult topics. These nights seek to also educate families in areas that are important in the faith development of their children.

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Middle School Youth Events

Age Range: 6th–8th Grade

Days/Times: TBD

Description: Our Middle School Ministry gathers at various times throughout the year for service and fellowship. Continue to watch our communications for opportunities to gather together to build friendships and have fun together!

High School Ministry

Make sure you’re following @standrewhs on Instagram or request to join our GroupMe chat for the latest information. **Contact Caleb Wragge with any questions at cwragge@standrewlu.org.**

Wednesday Night Youth Group (WNYG)

Age Range: 9th–12th Grade

Days/Times: Wednesdays, 7:00–9:00 PM, beginning September 11 with a kick-off bonfire

Description: Connect with other high school students from around the southwest metro at Wednesday Night Youth Group and monthly special events. On Wednesday nights the first couple of hours are dedicated to relaxing, do homework and eat snacks. Then we play awesome games, do meaningful service projects, and most importantly connect with God by learning about our Faith. Invite your friends because all are welcome to come for WNYG or special events. Follow @stAndrewHS on Instagram for the latest updates.

Contact: Caleb Wragge at cwragge@standrewlu.org

Serve and Play Release Day Leaders

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High School Leadership Opportunities

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Days/Times: Varies

Description: Are you looking for a place to volunteer? Are you looking to share your gifts of leadership, or to earn volunteer hours for an organization? We have many ways you can be involved, from teaching Sunday School, volunteering with Parent's night out or serving as leader for one of our Serve and Play Release Days!

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Camping Ministry



For all Camping Ministry, please contact Sarah Blasing at sblasing@standrewlu.org.

Spirit in the Pines: Off-Season Camp Reservations

Age Range: Any (including outside groups)

Dates/Times: Late August–Early May

Description: Typical events include family reunions, weddings, work retreats, etc. Extremely affordable options (\$20/night/person and option to cook for yourself or purchase dining hall meals, if desired). For more information: visit spiritinthepinescamp.org/group-bookings.

Camp Registration Opens Sat. Dec 7th!

Description: The camp calendar, fees and other Summer 2025 information will be posted by November 1st on the camp webpage spiritinthepinescamp.org. Registrations are accepted all summer long providing space is still available. Scholarship requests are available for all of our camp and retreat programs.

Spirit in the Pines: Fall/Winter/Spring Retreats!

Age Range: Gr. 6–7 Confirmation Groups, Gr. 8 Confirmation Groups, Gr. 9–10 LIT Retreats, Gr. 10–12 Counselor Retreats

Dates/Times: Retreat weekends happen in Oct, Jan, Feb, and Mar. Specific dates will be posted by Sept 15th on the camp webpage spiritinthepinescamp.org.

Description: These weekends are open to St. Andrew youth and returning campers. We love seeing campers reunite during the school year at camp for a rejuvenating and formative time together!

Training for LITs, CITs, and New/Returning Counselors (Current 8th–12th Graders)

Age Range: LITs 8th–9th Grade, CITs 10th Grade, Counselors 11th–12th Grade (2024–2025)

LIT Training Dates/Description: We have a new Leader-in-Training program for 8th–9th grade students this year. LITs can register for elementary and middle school weeks to support a cabin of young campers in Grades 3–6. LITs attend one three-hour intensive training in a small group or online, and they are encouraged to attend the LIT track at a winter retreat at camp. Visit spiritinthepinescamp.org/lit for more information.

CIT/Counselor Training Dates/Description: Students in 10th–12th grade attend one winter retreat at camp in addition to five monthly training sessions on a Sunday evening in Dec–May. Visit spiritinthepinescamp.org/counselors for more information.

Summer 2025 Camp Programs (Ent. Gr. 3–10 & Family Camps)

Age Range: Weekend Family Camps & Weeklong Camp Sessions (Separate Sessions for Ent. Gr. 3–6, 6–8, and 9–10)

Dates/Times: Approximately June 10–August 14. Exact dates will be posted by Nov. 1st at spiritinthepinescamp.org.

Description: Spirit in the Pines is owned and operated by St. Andrew. It is located about an hour north of Brainerd on beautiful Pleasant Lake in Hackensack, MN. We host over 1000 people every summer, with about half being St. Andrew members and folks from all over the southwest metro. Summertime at Spirit in the Pines Camp is filled with youth camp sessions during the week and family camp sessions on the weekends. All camp information is available at spiritinthepinescamp.org or email sblasing@standrewlu.org.

Spirit in the Pines: Work Weekend Volunteers

Age Range: Adults and Families

Dates/Times: Early May 2025

Description: Help us with maintenance and improvement projects for our beloved property! All skill levels are needed. Lodging and meals are included for the weekend for volunteers. Projects including painting/staining, woodwork, and more!

Contact: Jerry Gorder at jerrygorder@gmail.com.



Learning & Small Groups



Seminars and Teaching Series

Age Range: Teenager–adult

Days/Times: Various evening times

Description: St. Andrew is committed to bringing highly trained and experienced presenters on matters of faith and life. Seminar durations are one evening sessions to multiple evenings sessions. The topics range from Bible or Faith and Life topics. We also host leaders from various St. Andrew partner organizations or speakers that help support our 'A More Just World' program. Events are often hosted in the sanctuary and may be livestreamed. Many events occur on Wednesday evenings.

Contact: Pastor Matthew Fleming at pastormatthew@standrewlu.org or Pastor Peter Johnson at pastorpeter@standrewlu.org



Church Anew

Age Range: Teenager–adult

Days/Times: Various times

Description: Church Anew provides ongoing learning events, blog content, and resources to ignite faithful imagination and sustain inspired innovation. Through nationally recognized keynote speakers, thoughtful conversation with colleagues old and new, and practical workshops, our conferences prepare teams for the challenges of day-to-day ministry and leadership. St. Andrew members are invited to participate in all Church Anew conferences or utilize resources within small groups.

Contact: Pastor Matthew Fleming at pastormatthew@standrewlu.org



A More Just World—Social Justice Group

Age Range: Adults

Days/Times: First Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 PM

Description: When it comes to matters of race in our community, St. Andrew is dedicated to helping create a more just world for all people through listening, learning, growing, and acting differently. Monthly meetings provide fellowship for people wanting to dedicate themselves to this process on an ongoing basis. Join us for conversation and learning opportunities. We discuss race and healing through the use of readings, videos and other media as we rally around the cause to create a more just world for all. With the help of Pastor Kelly Chatman, we are partnering with Zion Baptist Church and Zion's Pastor, Brian Herron to engage in activities and to learn from one another. Pastor Kelly Chatman has been instrumental in helping St. Andrew and A More Just World. These partnerships help churches like St. Andrew create and implement plans of understanding and action, furthering racial justice and healing.

Contact: Brenda Jerich at bsjjoy@aol.com or Pastor Peter Johnson at pastorpeter@standrewlu.org



Bible Studies



Early Risers Bible Study

Age Range: Adults

Days/Times: Wednesdays 8:00–9:00 AM in Room 207

Description: Come for a lively discussion as we dive into the Word of God using books written by a variety of authors. These studies continue all year long and we often use bible study materials to help us in our conversation. Starting the first Wednesday of September, we will be reading and discussing the Gospel of John. Beginning the first Wednesday of October, we will be reading and discussing Pastor Matthew Fleming's book The End Is the Beginning: Revelation, Hope, and the Love That Lit the Stars.

Contact: Pastor Peter Johnson at pastorpeter@standrewlu.org

Pastor's Book Study

Age Range: Adults

Days/Times: Thursdays 9:00–10:00 AM (Except July–August)

Description: Connecting with each other in meaningful conversation can make your day more meaningful. One dynamic and welcoming small group at St. Andrew is the Pastor's Book Study. Alternating between St. Andrew pastors, share in conversation, learning, and community building as we take up together A is for Alabaster by Anna Carter Florence in September. On the first Thursday of October, we will begin discussing Pastor Matthew Fleming's book The End Is the Beginning: Revelation, Hope, and the Love That Lit the Stars. The book is available at the Front Desk. All are welcome.

Contact: Pastor Matthew Fleming at pastormatthew@standrewlu.org or Pastor Peter Johnson at pastorpeter@standrewlu.org

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Age range: Adults

Days/Times: Wednesdays beginning October 2

Description: On the first Wednesday of October, a small group of learning and fellowship will delve into Pastor Matthew Fleming's book The End Is the Beginning: Revelation, Hope, and the Love That Lit the Stars. Come for a lively discussion. No in depth Bible Study experience is needed. All are welcome. The book is for sale at the Front Desk.

Contact: Pastor Matthew Fleming at pastormatthew@standrewlu.org or Pastor Peter Johnson at pastorpeter@standrewlu.org

3rd Saturday Women's Bible Study

Age Range: Adult women

Days/Times: 3rd Saturday of the month (Excluding November–March), 8:30–10:30 AM

Description: Join us to discuss the scripture for that Sunday's worship. We welcome women of all ages and stages of life to participate. No advance preparation needed.

Contact: Jeri Glander at jeriglander406@gmail.com

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

Age Range: Adult men 40+

Days/Times: 9:00–11:00 AM each Saturday, new members welcome

Description: The Saturday mornings men's group is a lighthearted bunch from several churches in the Southwest Metro that enjoys Christian fellowship and learning. We have a particular liking to Andy Stanley and other contemporary Christian preachers. We use videos and Bible studies as conversation starters on living a Christian man's life in today's world. Join us anytime, you don't need to wait until we start a new series. All Mature (from 40 to 104+) Christian Men (St. Andrew membership not required) welcome. Come as you are as often as you can.

Contact: Bob Seitz at hondurasbob@yahoo.com for location information

Women of the Word (W.O.W.)—AM

Age Range: Adult women

Days/Times: Wednesdays 9:30–11:30 AM, Sept. 11, 2024–May, 30, 2025.

Description: A women's Bible study of faith and fellowship. Each week includes large group lecture, small group discussion and weekly homework assignments. Each small group includes both in person and virtual options. For beginners through advanced! Study materials need to be purchased by each participant. Scholarships are available.

Fall Study: Revelation—Eternal King, Everlasting Kingdom by Jen Wilkin. The book of Revelation was written in a fractious and divisive time with a message of unity and hope for seven churches; a message that carries forward to today. Through this study we will consider how to read apocalyptic literature in the Bible and will look at how the Old Testament informs interpretation of this book which can be difficult to understand. The call from Revelation is one of enduring hope, full of promise.

Contact: Laura Considine at 612.327.9260 or ldconsid3@aol.com

Women of the Word (W.O.W.)—PM

Age Range: Adult women

Days/Times: Thursdays 6:30–8:00 PM, September–May

Description: Join us for a women's Bible study of faith and fellowship using DVD, workbook lessons, and small group discussions. For beginners and advanced! All women are welcome, members and non-members. Our 13-week study on the book Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted by Priscilla Shirer will begin September 12th.

Contact: Karen Willyard at karen55346@yahoo.com or 952.937.2722

Women's Groups



3rd Saturday Women's Bible Study

Age Range: Adult women

Days/Times: 3rd Saturday of the month (Excluding November–March), 8:30–10:30 AM

Description: Join us to discuss the scripture for that Sunday's worship. We welcome women of all ages and stages of life to participate. No advance preparation needed.

Contact: Jeri Glander at jeriglander406@gmail.com

Women of the Word (W.O.W.)—AM

Age Range: Adult women

Days/Times: Wednesdays 9:30–11:30 AM, Sept. 11, 2024–May, 30, 2025.

Description: A women's Bible study of faith and fellowship. Each week includes large group lecture, small group discussion and weekly homework assignments. Each small group includes both in person and virtual options. For beginners through advanced! Study materials need to be purchased by each participant. Scholarships are available.

Fall Study: Revelation—Eternal King, Everlasting Kingdom by Jen Wilkin. The book of Revelation was written in a fractious and divisive time with a message of unity and hope for seven churches; a message that carries forward to today. Through this study we will consider how to read apocalyptic literature in the Bible and will look at how the Old Testament informs interpretation of this book which can be difficult to understand. The call from Revelation is one of enduring hope, full of promise.

Contact: Laura Considine at 612.327.9260 or ldconsid3@aol.com

Women of the Word (W.O.W.)—PM

Age Range: Adult women

Days/Times: Thursdays 6:30–8:00 PM, September–May

Description: Join us for a women's Bible study of faith and fellowship using DVD, workbook lessons, and small group discussions. For beginners and advanced! All women are welcome, members and non-members. Our 13-week study on the book Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted by Priscilla Shirer will begin September 12th.

Contact: Karen Willyard at karen55346@yahoo.com or 952.937.2722

Loom Knitting Class and Gathering

Age range: Adult women

Dates/Times: 12:30–2:00 PM on Wednesday 9/11/24, 10/2/24, 11/6/24, 12/4/24 and 1/8/25 in Room 206.

Description: Those with no loom knitting experience along with experienced loom knitters are invited to gather for an easy-to-learn hat knitting class and connect with others from St. Andrew. Beginner knitters will be provided with the loom, tools, yarn, and instructions to knit a hat that will be donated to charity. Beginners will complete the brim of a hat and will knit the balance of the hat on their own at home. At the next gathering you will remove the hat from the loom, cinch it closed, make and attach a pompom. Advanced knitters may bring their own loom and yarn or use those available in class. Advanced knitters may have the opportunity to learn a new stitch or pattern. All knitters will enjoy sharing tips, tricks, and challenges of loom knitting. Sign up on the website. If interested in another scheduled date to learn this fun hobby that gives back to the community, contact Vickie Martin.

Contact: Vickie Martin at martin.vickie@gmail.com



Men's Groups



Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

Age Range: Adult men 40+

Days/Times: 9:00–11:00 AM each Saturday, new members welcome

Description: The Saturday mornings men's group is a lighthearted bunch from several churches in the Southwest Metro that enjoys Christian fellowship and learning. We have a particular liking to Andy Stanley and other contemporary Christian preachers. We use videos and Bible studies as conversation starters on living a Christian man's life in today's world. Join us anytime, you don't need to wait until we start a new series. All Mature (from 40 to 104+) Christian Men (St. Andrew membership not required) welcome. Come as you are as often as you can.

Contact: Bob Seitz at hondurasbob@yahoo.com for location information



Band of Brothers

Age Range: Mixed men

Days/Times: Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30 AM

Description: Join fellow Christian men each week to examine how faith affects our daily life and relationships. Participate weekly, when you can.

Contact: Don Mussell at drmussell@gmail.com



Monday Evening Men's Group

Age Range: Adult men (husbands/fathers)

Days/Times: 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 6:00–7:30 PM, September–May

Description: With so many places to go and things to do, it is often hard to take time for yourself. We want to gather men together to share experiences and wisdom about life and being a good dad, husband, and Christian. The group uses various faith-based resources to stimulate conversation and learning. We provide men with networking and relationship-building opportunities, giving one another a source of support, laughter, and a chance to share their faith.

Contact: Gary Spears at gspears012@msn.com or Bill McMonigal at bmcmonigal@comcast.net



Mixed Groups



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Patio Crawl

Ages: Adults

Days/Times: 3rd Thursdays of the month, 6:30 PM

September 19: Hackamore Brewery

October 17: Wooden Hill

November 21: Badger Hill

December 19: Fat Pants

Description: Looking for an easy way to connect with others from St. Andrew in a friendly and relaxed setting? In order for us to grow in our friendships and Christian faith, we are encouraged to engage with others from our church community. Join St. Andrew staff and other members and friends for casual conversation and easy discussion topics. No preparation is needed. Come as you are.

Contact: Pastor Peter Johnson at pastorpeter@standrewlu.org or Matthew Fleming at pastormatthew@standrewlu.org

Wine and Fellowship

Age Range: Adults

Days/Times: November 7 and January 23, 6:30–8:30 PM

Description: Join St. Andrew friends for an evening of tasting wines from around the world. Wine aficionados Dave Allen and Pastor Matthew Fleming will lead this group by sampling a wide variety of domestic and international wines and facilitating conversation and collegiality for all. Non-alcoholic offerings are always present for any who refrain from alcohol. Participants are invited to bring an appetizer or salad to share. Cost: \$10 per person.

Contact: Pastor Matthew Fleming at pastormatthew@standrewlu.org.

Dinner for Eight

Age Range: Adults

Days/Times: Gather once each month in Oct., Nov., and Dec.

Description: Get connected and find community with others in your church family. Gather monthly for three months in groups of eight to enjoy a casual, relaxed meal together. This is not a lecture; nor is it a book study. The focus is on forming and caring for new relationships and inviting God to be a part of it. Materials can be made available to help shepherd conversation. All are welcome to participate. Sign up as an individual or a couple. Groups will include eight individuals. We are looking for people willing to coordinate each group's first get-together. As you sign up, please indicate your interest. For subsequent gatherings, we encourage you to take turns coordinating. Each group will be thoughtfully formed by our staff. Once groups are formed, your group's coordinator will be in touch about arranging your first gathering. Please register on our website by September 22.

Contact: Kim Callahan at kcallahan@standrewlu.org

Pastor's Book Study

Age Range: Adults

Days/Times: Thursdays 9:00–10:00 AM (Except July–August)

Description: Connecting with each other in meaningful conversation can make your day more meaningful. One dynamic and welcoming small group at St. Andrew is the Pastor's Book Study. Alternating between St. Andrew pastors, share in conversation, learning, and community building as we take up together A is for Alabaster by Anna Carter Florence in September. On the first Thursday of October, we will begin discussing Pastor Matthew Fleming's book The End Is the Beginning: Revelation, Hope, and the Love That Lit the Stars. The book is available at the Front Desk. All are welcome.

Contact: Pastor Matthew Fleming at pastormatthew@standrewlu.org or Pastor Peter Johnson at pastorpeter@standrewlu.org

St. Andrew Book Group

Age Range: Mixed adults

Days/Times: Second Monday of the month at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM, Sept–May

Description: Book Group meetings are held in Room 207 at St. Andrew. Participants are welcome on a regular or drop-in basis. Please join us for a lively discussion and small group fellowship.

September 9: The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah

October 14: The Sentence by Louise Erdrich

November 11: Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult

December 9: Man's Search for Meaning by Victor E. Frankl

January 13: The Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende

February 10: Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? by Beverly Daniel Tatum

March 10: State of Wonder by Ann Patchett

April 14: The River We Remember by William Kent Krueger

May 12: A Woman of No Importance by Sonia Purnell

Contacts: Afternoon session—Cori Eichelberger at irockknits@gmail.com. Evening session—Jodi Collis King at jcollisking@msn.com

Parents vs. Goliath: Parents Group

Age Range: Parents of middle schoolers, high schoolers, and young adults

Days/Times: 2nd Sunday of each month 10:15–11:15 AM

Description: In the story of David and Goliath, David was in a fight against Goliath, a giant man feared by many. David trusted in his own abilities to overcome this giant of a person. In our group we are here to overcome the "Giants" of raising a teen or young adult. Whether it is connecting with your child, navigating social media, or just talking with other parents. We are here to support each other and build each other up. This is a judgment-free zone that parents can come to connect with each other. We'll pause, reflect, and share insight as we dive into topics relevant for today's parents. Come as you are and join us!

Contact: Juli Hermanson (juli.hermanson.rd@gmail.com), Kathryn Hernke (Kathryn@kshnutrition.com) and Caleb Wragge (cwragge@standrewlu.org)

Be Still and Know...Beginning Yoga & Devotion

Age Range: Mixed adults

Days/Times: Most Thursdays at 9:30 AM, Sept.–May. Either in person (St. Andrew, Room 206) or on Zoom. Contact Carole to be placed on the email list to receive updates on dates and locations.

Description: This is an open group and welcomes new participants each week. Each session opens with scripture and closes with a devotion and prayer. No previous yoga experience necessary. Participants wear yoga type stretchy pants with a semi-fitted top that allows for movement and bring a yoga mat or beach towel. Classes are taught by an experienced certified yoga instructor. You are welcome to come once, twice, or any time that works in your schedule. There is no charge for participation.

Contact: Carole McMonigal at cmcmonigal@comcast.net

20–30-Somethings

To stay in the loop on additions or changes, be sure you're receiving Young Adult Ministry communications by contacting Caleb Wragge at cwragge@standrewlu.org to receive emails. You can also like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StAndrew2030Somethings>. Or join our GroupMe, [groupme.com/join_group/94023672/raVjBLIs](https://www.groupme.com/join_group/94023672/raVjBLIs)

Thursday Night Kickball

Days/Times: Thursday evenings

Location: Bloomington area

Description: Thursday nights throughout the fall St. Andrew sponsor's a team of young adult members to play kickball. We cheer each other on and enjoy some drinks after our games. If you are interested please let us know!

Contact: Dan Kibat at dkibat@cardinalcorp.com or Caleb Wragge at cwragge@standrewlu.org

Untapping Faith

Days/Times: September 10, October 8, November 12 at 7:00 PM

Location: TBD

Description: Meet up with other young adults on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at a local brewery. We share conversation around the intersections of faith and our daily lives. N/A options are always available.

Contact: Caleb Wragge at cwragge@standrewlu.org

Bible Study and Board Games

Days/Times: Sundays 7:00–8:30 PM, starting September 22

Location: St. Andrew Youth Room

Description: Learn about different stories and parables of the Bible with other young adults. We also enjoy fellowship and play board games together to combat the anxiety of a new work week.

Contact: Caleb Wragge at cwragge@standrewlu.org

St. Andrew's Chariot of Fire Car Club

Age Range: Open to everyone: men, women, and children

Days/Times: 3rd Saturdays of the month at 9:00 AM. Meet in the St. Andrew Fellowship Hall unless announced otherwise.

Description: St. Andrew's Chariot of Fire Car Club is meant to merge together interest in refurbished old cars and the faith we share. Join classic car enthusiast David Lerseth (a retired ELCA pastor) for monthly gatherings at St. Andrew to share about your car, the old dream car, the car you wish you would have, and discuss basic Christian teaching and spirituality through easy conversation. And we always have coffee, juice, and donuts.

Contact: David Lerseth at dplerseth@aol.com

Pickleball for Beginners

Age Range: 10 years old–adult

Time/Date: Saturdays from 9:00–10:30 & 10:30 AM–12:00 PM. late September–May

Description: Come join the fun! Like tennis, learn to play this growing-in-popularity sport. Curt, Tom, and Bob have years of experience in the sport. In this introductory session (or those with basic experience), you will be taught the basics and get some hands-on practice. We have set up two pickleball courts in the gym at St. Andrew.

What do you need? No paddles or balls are needed. Just wear athletic shoes, dress for a moderate workout, bring a water bottle (please no food in the gym), and be ready to learn. Please register online for a court time so that we might know how many people to expect.

Contact: Bob Webster at rowebster1943@gmail.com or Curt Goke at cfg1253@hotmail.com

Basketball (16+)

Age Range: 16+

Time/Date: Tuesdays 6:00–7:15 PM

Description: Join members and friends of St. Andrew for a friendly game of basketball and fellowship in the St. Andrew gym. Men and women are welcome. It is a great way to stay in shape, meet some new people, and bond over a shared interest in the sport. If interested, sign up on church website or contact Mark Domyahn so that he can be in touch with you.

Contact: Mark Domyahn at mdomyahn@gmail.com



Support Groups



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Southwest Grief Coalition

Days/Times: Fall session, Mondays, Oct. 14–Nov. 18, 6:00 PM

Description: Losing someone we love is one of life's most challenging passages. The churches of the Southwest Grief Coalition have banded together to provide support and education for those who would like to come learn about the process of grief in a caring, supportive, and confidential setting. Learning about how your grief leads to personal growth and healing. See the website (www.swgriefcoalition.org) for up to date information and registration details

Host: St. Andrew

Contact: Cheryl Harjes at 612.209.14488

Suicide Bereavement Support Group

Age Range: 18 or older

Days/Times: 1st Tuesday & 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:00–8:30 PM, in the Chapel

Description: This support group aims to provide a safe, accepting, and non-judgmental place for people struggling with the challenge of suicide loss. Leadership of this support group have experienced personal loss of their own and have received specialized training.

Contact: Tammy Sperr at tsperr@comcast.net or 612-322-3520

Job Transition Support

Age Range: 18 or older

Days/Times: Second Monday of the month at 10:00 AM

Description: Are you in one of the following situations: Just starting to look for your first job or been out of the work environment for some time? Are your current search efforts not working out the way you hoped? Not pleased with your current job and not sure how to start a search process? One of our members, Rich Gruenhagen, is available to help provide direction and support. This includes how to find jobs that are not advertised as well as improving your networking capabilities.

Contact: For questions or how to join the virtual meeting, contact Rich Gruenhagen at rgruenhagen@comcast.net

River Valley Alcohol Anonymous Group

Age Range: Adults

Days/Times: Mondays at 7:30 PM

Description: Alcoholics Anonymous is an international fellowship of men and women who have a drinking problem. It is nonprofessional, self-supporting, multiracial, and apolitical. There are no age or education requirements. Membership is open to anyone who wants to do something about his or her drinking problem. Welcome to all who are in need.

Contact: Pastor Peter Johnson at pastorpeter@standrewlu.org

Queer Faith Alliance

Age Range: Teenagers and adults

Days/Times: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM, September-May

Description: Queer Faith Alliance is a small group learning together about how we as individuals, families, and the church can be fully welcoming and inclusive to the LGBTQ+ community. It is the responsibility of the Church to affirm all people and celebrate orientations and gender expressions that have often been targeted. When we work in community to feel God's all-embracing love, we are stronger for it. Find support and encouragement while discussing current events, reading articles and books, and utilizing other resources. Members of the group are open and accepting. Many are LGBTQ+ and/or have family members who have come out and are needing love and support in navigating their life's circumstances. This is a safe place to talk about our desires for acceptance and openly talk about how society in some places still stands in opposition to the people we care about. Together, Queer Faith Alliance advocates for affirmation, belonging, and embrace for all of God's beloved children within St. Andrew, our community, and the world.

Contact: Josh Eidem at eidemj.lawrence@gmail.com

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Contact: Juli Hermanson (juli.hermanson.rd@gmail.com), Kathryn Hernke (Kathryn@kshnutrition.com) and Caleb Wragge (cwragge@standrewlu.org)

A More Just World



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All people are God's children. The death of George Floyd and the aftermath reminds us there is still far too much injustice in our communities and in our world. We have work to do. Together, we will listen, learn, share, encourage, and act. We commit ourselves to this task for a more just world.

A More Just World—Social Justice Group

Age Range: Adults

Days/Times: First Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 PM

Description: When it comes to matters of race in our community, St. Andrew is dedicated to helping create a more just world for all people through listening, learning, growing, and acting differently. Monthly meetings provide fellowship for people wanting to dedicate themselves to this process on an ongoing basis. Join us for conversation and learning opportunities. We discuss race and healing through the use of readings, videos and other media as we rally around the cause to create a more just world for all. With the help of Pastor Kelly Chatman, we are partnering with Zion Baptist Church and Zion's Pastor, Brian Herron to engage in activities and to learn from one another. Pastor Kelly Chatman has been instrumental in helping St. Andrew and A More Just World. These partnerships help churches like St. Andrew create and implement plans of understanding and action, furthering racial justice and healing.

Contact: Brenda Jerich at bsjjoy@aol.com or Pastor Peter Johnson at pastorpeter@standrewlu.org

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Contact: Josh Eidem at eidemj.lawrence@gmail.com

Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI)

Age Range: Adult and teenagers

Time/Date: TBD

Description: The Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) is an instructional tool taken by 100,000s worldwide helping individuals and organizations assess their ability to relate to, understand, and embrace differences (cultures and people) in our society. Pastor Peter Johnson and Tova Werlinger are Qualified Administrators of the IDI, certified to guide individuals and groups through the inventory with the goal of personal growth. IDI sessions are held periodically and are a resource for St. Andrew members as we work to create a more just world.

Cost: \$21 (Scholarships available)

Contact: Pastor Peter Johnson at pastorpeter@standrewlu.org or Tova Werlinger at tova_werlinger@edenpr.k12.mn.us





PROP Food Drive

Age Range: All ages

Days/Times: Periodically throughout the year

Description: Collect and deliver food donations for the PROP food shelf (propfood.org). Drives may include pre-packed bags to donate, summer snack pack program, and financial donations.

Contact: Kim Callahan at kcallahan@standrewlu.org

Blood Drive

Age Range: 17+ years old

Days/Times: Tuesday, January 14, 1:00–7:00 PM

Description: We are proud to partner with the American Red Cross. Each pint of blood collected can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of so many more. What a great way to pay it forward and make an impact on people in our community and across the country. Book your appointment, roll up your sleeve and become a part of the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross. Sign up at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> using Sponsor code: standrewep.

Contact: Kim Callahan at kcallahan@standrewlu.org

Meals on Wheels

Age Range: Adults

Days/Times: Lunch time (11:00 AM–12:30 PM) one Tuesday each month. Six volunteers are needed (five drivers and one backup driver).

Description: Deliver meals via car route to people living in Eden Prairie who have requested them through local operated Meals on Wheels. This is a very rewarding ministry for those who receive the meals and those who deliver them.

Contact: Sylvia Stephens at [sstephens0829@gmail.com](mailto:ssstephens0829@gmail.com)

Seeds of Support Mission: Belize Spring Break

Age Range: All ages

Days/Times: March 29–April 5, 2025

Description: Plans are in the works for our third mission trip to Belize and YOU are invited! This trip aligns with several local school district spring breaks and is a wonderful opportunity for young people and their families to experience firsthand God's work around the world. With a mix of service and learning, trip opportunities could include visiting a local coffee farm and Mayan ruins, helping with food distribution to local shut-ins, helping with construction at Showers of Glory Youth camp, and more! More information will be made available soon. We can't wait to have you join us!

Contact: Deb Hetherington at thx4blessings@gmail.com

Feed My Starving Children Mobile Packing Event

Age Range: Age 5–Adult

Days/Times: Various times Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5

Description: St. Andrew is partnering with Feed My Starving Children again this year to host a mobile packing event on October 4th and 5th. Our goal is to pack enough meals to fill an entire semi-trailer to feed the hungry around the world. Sign up on our website.

Contact: Kathy Williams at williamsk1954@gmail.com

Forest Hills Elementary School (EP) Partnership

Age Range: All ages

Days/Times: Varies

Description: St. Andrew's ongoing partnership with Forest Hills in Eden Prairie continues. During August, support a child by providing them with school supplies distributed by the school social worker. Other projects of support and teacher appreciation are part of the partnership as we give our support to educators and students alike.

Contact: Kim Callahan at kcallahan@standrewlu.org or Janna Nord at jannanord@gmail.com

Habitat for Humanity

Age Range: 16+ years old

Days/Times: TBD

Description: We will again partner with Habitat for Humanity to build homes for families needing permanent housing. Volunteers need no special skills. General construction experience is helpful. All appropriate training is provided. Look for more information posted to our website.

Contact: Kim Callahan at kcallahan@standrewlu.org or Eric Werlinger at ewerlinger32@gmail.com

HOME Leaf Raking

Date/Time: Saturday, November 2 from 9:00–11:00 AM

Description: What better way to spend a sunny, beautiful fall day than with family & friends outside among all the brightly colored leaves? Seniors in our community need the help! Come join other volunteers from your St. Andrew family helping senior members of our community for a morning of leaf raking. We will be helping the HOME program (Household & Outside Maintenance for Elderly). Volunteers will bring the muscle and their rakes, the people we help will provide the smiles and encouragement. Lawn bags are provided. Volunteers of all ages welcome. We are looking to form teams of 8–10 to be assigned to each home. The more people who sign up, the more seniors we can help! These assignments will be done ahead of time, so please make any grouping requests as you sign up.

Contact: Gary Spears at 612-845-2872 or gspears012@msn.com if you have questions.

Messiah Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Location: Center for Changing Lives, 2400 Park Avenue in Minneapolis

Days/Times: Food packing will be the week of Nov. 18, 2024. Food delivery will be Saturday, Nov. 23. Look for a signup late Oct.

Description: Collate and distribute to home food bags containing the Thanksgiving meal ingredients through Community Bridge and Messiah Lutheran Church at the Center for Changing Lives.

Contact: Kathy Olson at kathyolson39@hotmail.com

Holiday Giving 2024

Description: Each year, St. Andrew Lutheran Church partners with local organizations bringing hope and healing in our community. Donations of in-kind, financial gifts, and service projects are part of our Holiday Giving program.

Contact: Pastor Peter Johnson at pastorpeter@standrewlu.org



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Congregational Care



Baptism

Age Range: Infants—adults

Days/Times: Sunday mornings—see website for availability.

Description: It is through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism that we are welcomed into Christ's family. We welcome both young and old into the church through Baptism.

Contact: Kathie Radcliffe at kradcliffe@standrewlu.org

Weddings

Days/Times: Agreed upon date

Description: We are excited to offer to members as well as non-members our beautiful St. Andrew sanctuary for your wedding.

The pastors, musicians, and other members of our faith community will assist you in preparation for this event. Pre-marriage ministry includes pre-marriage counseling. Detailed information can be found on our website at standrewlu.org.

Contact: Kathie Radcliffe at kradcliffe@standrewlu.org

Funerals/Memorial Services

Description: At a person's death, the church shares the grief of those who mourn, and remembers the brevity of life on earth. The St. Andrew staff will help you make arrangements and bring comfort to you.

Contact: Please call the church office. If it is outside of normal office hours the phone message will give you an emergency contact number.

Funeral Reception Committee

Age Range: Adults & Teens (men and women)

Days/times: When the funeral reception leaders are notified of an upcoming funeral at St. Andrew, you will be notified through a SignUpGenius email and invited to donate food and/or help with the reception in the Fellowship Hall following a service. Reception day volunteers typically sign up for a 1½ hour time slot as their schedule allows. Most reception needs occur on weekdays between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM (occasionally weekends). Frequency varies. Help when available.

Description: Provide homemade goods or donate purchased food items as requested. Help with setting the dining tables, serving family and guests, or cleaning up following a funeral reception. All needs are specified within the SignUpGenius notification. No experience is necessary. This is a rewarding ministry and a wonderful way to meet new people in the congregation. Please join us!!

Contact: Kelly Anderson at kellyanderson1960@gmail.com, Kathy Olson at kathyolson39@hotmail.com, Janet Riley at bronco5204@mac.com, Karen Willyard at karen55346@yahoo.com, Diane Schimelpfenig at dsschimelpfenig@gmail.com, or Nancy Clemens at ntclemens@live.com.



Hospitality



Worship Arts Team

Age Range: Adult

Days/Times: Varies

Description: The Worship Arts Team exists to support the vision and mission of St. Andrew. They will transform our worship space for each season working with fabric, plants and flowers, banners, and more to bring worship visually to life. If you're interested in learning more about this ministry, contact Karen or Pastor Matthew.

Contact: Karen Bachman-Thull at karenbachmanthull@gmail.com or Pastor Matthew at pastormatthew@standrewlu.org

Sunday Morning Hospitality: Coffee/Doughnuts

Age Range: Confirmation Age and up

Days/Times: Sunday mornings after the 9:00 or 10:30 AM services.

Description: If you have participated in Sunday morning fellowship and enjoyed one of our doughnuts or coffee, you know how important this ministry is and how much people enjoy it. Our friendly team of coordinators would love your help serving coffee and water while greeting those coming for fellowship. Arrive a few minutes before the worship service is over to receive your name tag and instructions. The frequency of this role is flexible according to your availability.

Contact: Kari Shellenbarger at kshellenbarger@standrewlu.org for scheduling or go to our website and use SignUp Genius to find a date and time that works for you.

Wednesday Night Dinner Support

Age Range: Confirmation Age and up

Days/Times: Wed. evenings in two shifts during our program year.

Description: Our Wednesday Night Dinner is an opportunity for fellowship of the greater St. Andrew family for those participating in the Wednesday Night programming as well as those simply looking for an opportunity of fellowship over a meal. Volunteering as the Wednesday Night Dinner Support is a vital role creating an atmosphere welcoming all to the table. The role starts with greeting all with a smile while serving food and assisting with cleaning as needed. Enjoy a free meal before or after your shift. The frequency of this role is flexible according to your availability.

Contact: Kari Shellenbarger at kshellenbarger@standrewlu.org for scheduling or go to our website and use SignUp Genius to find a date and time that works for you.

Communion Assistants

Age Range: Youth-Adult

Days/Times: 1st and 3rd Sundays at the 9:00 or 10:30 AM services.

Description: Assist the pastors with distribution of the wine and bread for communion at either the 9:00 or 10:30 service. Arrive 20 minutes before service to receive your instructions and name tag. Training is available. The frequency of this role is flexible according to your availability.

Contact: Kari Shellenbarger at kshellenbarger@standrewlu.org for scheduling or go to our website and use SignUp Genius to find a date and time that works for you.

Sunday Greeters

Age Range: All Ages

Days/Times: Sunday mornings for the 9:00 or 10:30 AM services.

Description: Be the first face of St. Andrew as people walk in the building for worship on a Sunday morning. Welcoming all with a smile or a simple wave to each person or family says, "Welcome! We're Glad You're Here!" Arrive 20 minutes before the service to receive your name tag. The frequency of this role is flexible according to your availability.

Contact: Kari Shellenbarger at kshellenbarger@standrewlu.org for scheduling or go to our website and use SignUp Genius to find a date and time that works for you.

Ushers

Age Range: High School Youth and up

Days/Times: Usher teams serve for a month at a time every 3 months at either 9:00 or 10:30 AM services.

Description: As worshippers enter the sanctuary, ushers assist with seating, collect the offering, and field questions or concerns making everyone feel welcome!

Contact: Kari Shellenbarger at kshellenbarger@standrewlu.org if you are interested in joining a quarterly rotation or being available as a substitute.

Funeral Reception Committee

Age Range: Adults & Teens (men and women)

Days/times: When the funeral reception leaders are notified of an upcoming funeral at St. Andrew, you will be notified through a SignUpGenius email and invited to donate food and/or help with the reception in the Fellowship Hall following a service. Reception day volunteers typically sign up for a 1½ hour time slot as their schedule allows. Most reception needs occur on weekdays between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM (occasionally weekends). Frequency varies. Help when available.

Description: Provide homemade goods or donate purchased food items as requested. Help with setting the dining tables, serving family and guests, or cleaning up following a funeral reception. All needs are specified within the SignUpGenius notification. No experience is necessary. This is a rewarding ministry and a wonderful way to meet new people in the congregation. Please join us!!

Contact: Kelly Anderson at kellyanderson1960@gmail.com, Kathy Olson at kathyolson39@hotmail.com, Janet Riley at bronco5204@mac.com, Karen Willyard at karen55346@yahoo.com, Diane Schimelpfenig at dsschimelpfenig@gmail.com, or Nancy Clemens at ntclemens@live.com.

Property & Admin Support



Fix-it Team

Age Range: Adults

Days/Times: 1st Monday of each month at 9:00 AM in the Narthex.

Description: Provide a welcoming space for users of our building by joining a small group of people for fellowship, coffee and small scale building maintenance projects. Projects include repairing toys in our Childcare or Preschool rooms, assembling small pieces of furniture or equipment.

Contact: Rob Berg at rberg@standrewlu.org

Indoor/Outdoor Maintenance Team

Age Range: Adults

Days/Times: Prime time for these projects is in the spring and fall, but there are always on-going projects available. Let us know if you are interested and we will get you on our contact list for our next project.

Description: Assists Building and Property Staff in completing various maintenance projects both indoors and outdoors. These projects include such things as painting, setting up for larger events, landscape clean-up, tree and brush work, etc.

Contact: Rob Berg at rberg@standrewlu.org

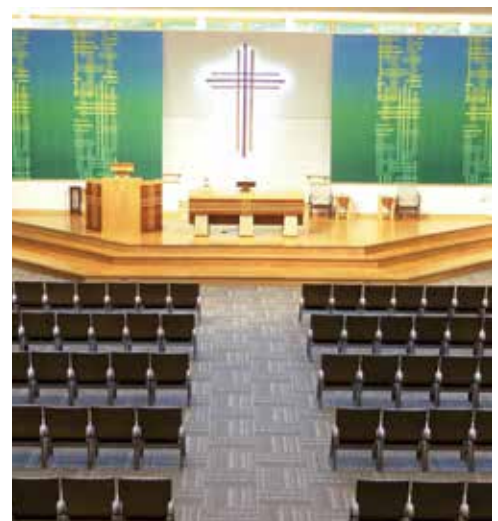
Offering Counters & Backups

Age Range: Adults

Days/Times: Mondays from 8:30–10:30 AM.

Description: Offering Counters currently have openings for Backups. Backup Offering Counters are provided training and called when needed. The volunteer Offering Counters gather in the Conference Room on Monday mornings to count and record our weekly offerings. Some holidays may require additional help, time, or a schedule change to Tuesday morning. We provide calculators, pens, paper, coffee, and yummy treats!

Contact: John Nolan at jnolan@standrewlu.org





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