



MINISTRY CATALOG

Fall 2025

ST. ANDREW
LUTHERAN CHURCH





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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Rooted in Christ, we nurture the future of faith by:

- Cultivating beloved community
- Encouraging faithful curiosity
- Equipping all as servant leaders

Worship Services

Sunday Morning

9:00 & 10:30 AM

- Weekly Sunday School offered at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM (Sept.–May)
- 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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*You Matter. You Belong. We Care.
Living Our Faith In Daily Life*

Worship & Music



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Contact: Hannah Fleming at hannah.m.fleming@gmail.com

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

Canticle Choir

Age Range: Adults

Days/Times: Wednesdays from 7:00–8:15 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

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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: Wednesdays 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: Wednesdays from 7:30–8:15 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 3 and 4 day a week AM classes and 3 day a week PM classes that are 3 hours. 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

You Matter. You Belong. We Care.

Children's Ministry is for kids from birth–5th grade, their friends, and their families. We live into our mission statement: *You matter. You belong. We care. Living our faith in daily life* while we experience God's unbounded love and embrace the teachings of Jesus to love God and love Others!

Families and kids connect, learn, play, and grow in faith every Sunday and Wednesday, and during special events throughout the year. Our programs are intentionally crafted so kids can hear and experience God's abundant love and practice following Jesus in their daily lives.

All are welcome! We hope you can join us.

Contact Arlene Flancher, St. Andrew Children's Minister, at aflancher@standrewlu.org for more information about any of these programs.

Sunday Mornings: Sunday School & Worship Together

Sunday School (Sept. 14, 2025–May 10, 2026)

Age Range: Children from age 3–5th grade

Days/Times: Sundays during the 9:00 & 10:30 AM services

Description: Sunday School is centered on hearing and exploring God's story of love for them and for the world. In Sunday School, we open with Faith Rocks—lively worship time designed for all the kids with leadership opportunities for our 4th and 5th graders! We'll sing songs, experience a Bible story and the theme for the day through storytelling, drama, large group activities, videos, and prayer. After Faith Rocks, kids break into small groups by age and return to their classrooms to begin processing the Bible story with volunteer Activity Leaders through engaging activities, curious questions, crafty fun, and games. There is lots of hands-on learning as we joyfully explore God's promises of love and joy for us!

Sunday School Volunteers (Sept. 14, 2025–May 10, 2026)

Age Range: Middle School Students, High School Students, Adults

Days/Times: Sundays during the 9:00 & 10:30 AM services

Description: We need about 60 volunteers to make Sunday School run smoothly and would love to have you! You choose your role (Prep Team, Welcome Team, Activity Leader Team) AND schedule (once a month, twice a month, every week, or occasionally).

Worship Together (Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16)

Age Range: All ages

Days/Times: 3rd Sun. of the month during the 9:00 & 10:30 AM services

Description: Worship Together Sundays celebrate the gifts and talents of children and youth in worship. Kids can sing or ring bells in a choir, read the lesson, serve communion with their families, usher, write and share prayers, and more. Kids and families grow in faith when they worship and lead worship together, so we have built in opportunities for you to do that throughout the year. There is no Sunday School on these dates.

Wednesday Nights—"Youth" Groups and Choirs!

Pray and Play (Sept. 10, 2025–May 13, 2026)

Age Range: Age 3–Kindergarten

Days/Times: Wednesdays from 6:00–6:30 PM

Description: A "youth" group for kids Age 3–Kindergarten where we hear a story, pray together, and play together in the gym!

Shine (Sept. 10, 2025–May 13, 2026)

Age Range: 1st–5th graders

Days/Times: Wednesdays from 5:30–6:00 PM

Description: A "youth" group for kids in 1st–5th grade where we play high energy games, have creative competitions, silly challenges and lots of laughs with friends, old and new!

Milestone Ministries

Passing on the Christian faith from generation to generation is at the heart of the life and the work of the church. Milestone Ministries brings an awareness of the presence of God in our lives and gives us the tools for living our faith in daily life.

Currently, our Milestone Ministries celebrate five moments in a child's faith journey: Baptism First Anniversary, First Bibles, Prayer, First-Time Campers, and Communion.

Baptism First Anniversary

Age Range: Families with children celebrating the first anniversary of their baptism

Days/Times: Varies—usually twice a month

Description: Each month we deliver a baptism anniversary gift to all children baptized in that month in 2024. In 2025 we will make 84 deliveries! The families receiving these gifts are so appreciative and often surprised that their church remembered their child's baptism day. Most deliveries are simply left on the porch because people are working or babies are napping! If you have a car and are interested in making 2–3 deliveries on a particular day, contact Arlene Flancher.

Bible Milestone for 3-year-olds and 3rd Graders

Age Range: 3-year-olds and 3rd graders

Days/Times: Sept 21 (Blessing in worship) and Sept 28 (Bible Basics session with parents/caregivers)

Description: Children will receive an age-appropriate Bible and together with their caregivers, will learn tips and tricks for navigating God's Word. Sept 21, 2025: Bible Sunday for 3-year-olds and 3rd graders during the 9:00 and 10:30 AM Worship Together services. 3-year-olds get their own copy of the Spark Story Bible and a blessing. 3rd graders get their own copy of the Spark NRSV Bible and a blessing. September 28, 2025: Interactive Bible Basics workshops for Child/Caregiver(s) during Sunday School at 9:00 and 10:30 AM for 3-year-olds and for 3rd graders. (Unique workshops for each age group)

Special Events

Children's Christmas Program

Age Range: Sunday School kids (age 3–5th grade)

Days/Times: Sunday, December 14 at 9:00 AM only

Description: Our Sunday School kids prepare to share the story of Jesus' birth during Sunday school in Nov/Dec, and they share it in worship on Sunday, December 14 at the 9:00 AM worship service. Kids will sing, create art, do storytelling, and be part of videos during this special service.

Serve and Play Days

Age Range: 1st–8th graders

Days/Times: Fri. Nov 7, Mon. Jan 26, Fri. Feb 27, Fri. May 8

Description: When school is out, St. Andrew is on! Kids in 1st–8th grade can join us from 9 AM–4 PM for Serve and Play days through the year. We serve others for part of the day and play for part of the day. Pre-registration is required, and the cost varies based on activities.

Parent's Night Out

Age Range: Age 1–5th grade

Days/Times: Fridays Oct 3, Nov 7, Jan 9, Feb 6, Mar 6

Description: Our Children, Youth, and Family team and Spirit in the Pines counselors invite parents and caregivers to allow us to care for your kids from 5–8 PM a few times a year. Bring your kids (1-year-olds–5th grade) and enjoy a few hours to do whatever you want to do. We will feed your kids, play games, do crafts, share devos, and more! Pre-registration is required, and the cost is \$15 per child.

Holiday Events for Families

Age Range: All ages

Days/Times: Varies throughout the year

Description: A few times a year we host events for families to gather with the broader St. Andrew community to celebrate together! We'll have more information about these special events as we get closer to them.

- Sunday, October 26: Trunk or Treat (2:00–4:00 PM)
- Saturday, December 6: Advent Family Event (10:00 AM–noon)
- Sunday, February 15: Pre-Lent Pancake party (10:00 AM–noon)

Children's Ministry Volunteers

Children's Ministry thrives and grows when there are many hands shaping and nurturing the hearts and faith of our kids! If you'd like to volunteer with our Children's Ministry, please contact Arlene Flancher for more information on opportunities to work with Sunday School, Wednesday Night groups, Milestone celebrations, or other events!

Middle School Ministry

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

Confirmation

Age Range: 6th–8th Grade

Days/Times: Wednesdays at 8:00–9:00 AM or 4:45–5:45 PM or 7:00–8:00 PM beginning on Sept. 17th 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.

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!

Trunk or Treat

Age Range: All ages welcome!

Days/Times: October 26th from 2:00–4:00 PM

Description: Join us on October 26th 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!

Serve and Play Release Day

Age Range: 1st–8th Grade

Days/Times: November 7th from 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Description: Join us on November 7th 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 and do a service project and then have a fun field trip in the afternoon. The cost is \$60 and includes admission, transportation, snacks, and lunch. Registration will open in September and will have all the details of the day.

MN Wild Game

Age Range: All ages

Days/Times: November 16th at 5:00 PM

Description: Join other St. Andrew families as the Minnesota Wild take on the Vegas Golden Knights! Tickets are \$55 and are first come first serve for the first 60 people who sign up! Sign ups go live on September 7th.

Family Education Nights

Age Range: Middle-aged Parents and Families

Days/Times: TBD

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.

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: Kickoff Bonfire Sept. 10, 7:00–9:00 PM then every Wednesday from 7:00–9:00 PM

Location: Youth Room

Description: Connect with other high school students from around the southwest metro at Wednesday Night Youth Group and monthly special events. 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.

St. Andrew High School Leadership Team

Age Range: 10th–12th Grade

Days/Times: Application is open for the next school year. First meeting will be September 3, 5:00–6:00 PM

Location: Youth Room

Description: Each month this team chooses and makes a plan for a different way to help the community. This ranges from fundraising for causes, service projects and other types of ways to give back to the community. Each month they also Podcast about their experiences and talk about other faith related topics.

High School Bible study

Age Range: 9th–12th Grade

Days/Times: Sundays 10:15–11:15 AM

Location: Youth Room

Description: This is a Bible study focused on learning about scripture and the context of the Bible. With a focus on Lutheran Teachings and how the Bible speaks to all of us in the modern world.

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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 (approx. \$25/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 6th!

Description: The camp calendar, fees and other Summer 2026 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 January, February, March, and April. Specific dates will be posted by October 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 3–7. 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 six training sessions. Visit spiritinthepinescamp.org/counselors for more information.

Summer 2026 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 Kristin Skare at pastorkristin@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 Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM (No meeting January or July)

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 different cultures, race, equity, 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. 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 Kristin Skare at pastorkristin@standrewlu.org



Bible Studies



Early Risers Bible Study

Age Range: Adult

Days/Times: Wednesdays beginning Sept. 24 from 8:00–9:00 AM in Room 208

Description: Join us as we discuss Matthew: The Gospel of Promised Blessings by Matthew L. Skinner. The Gospel of Matthew portrays Jesus and his message as full of tender compassion and urgent warning. This six-part exploration of an enigmatic Gospel takes readers into the themes, topics, and tensions at the heart of Matthew's story about the life and work of Jesus. Chapters focus on blessing and comfort, judgment and retribution, the meaning of discipleship, Jesus' vision for the Church and world, conflicts and complaints, and how the Gospel of Matthew speaks to believers today. Books are available for \$13 at the reception desk.

Contact: Pastor Peter at pastorpeter@standrewlu.org

Fall Book Study

Age Range: Adult

Days/Times: In person Thursdays Sept. 25 through Oct. 30 from 9:00–10:00 AM in Room 207 OR online via Teams Sundays Sept. 28 through Nov. 2 from 6:30–7:30 PM

Description: Author Jeff Chu, a featured Church Anew collaborator and speaker, has written a new book titled Good Soil. Good Soil is a profound meditation on nature, heritage, and belonging, from an accomplished journalist who left New York City for life on a working farm. In his late thirties, Chu quit his job as a magazine writer and found himself at Princeton Theological Seminary's "Farminary"—a 21-acre working farm where students cultivate the earth while examining life's biggest questions. Now he unpacks what he learned about creating "good soil." Both literally and figuratively, drawing lessons from the rhythms of growth, decay, and regeneration that define life on the land. All are welcome to join this book study in one of two ways—in person on Thursday mornings or via Teams from the comfort of your home on Sunday evenings. If you cannot attend in-person or online, we encourage you to read the book on your own or gather with a group of friends, neighbors, or other St. Andrew folks and form your own book club. Books are available for purchase at the front desk for \$26 or from your favorite book sellers. To register for these opportunities, head to standrewlu.org. Open the Events tab and find the register button.

Contact: Pastor Kristin Skare at kskare@standrewlu.org or 952.697.7111, and she will help you get connected.

Women of the Word (W.O.W.)—AM

Age Range: Adult women

Days/Times: Wednesdays 9:30–11:30 AM, Sept. 17, 2025–May 6, 2026.

Description: **Our Fall study** is The Way of Wisdom: A Study of the Book of Proverbs. Bible teachers Jen Wilkin, Ruth Chou Simons, Kelly Minter, Adrienne Camp, Elizabeth Woodson, and Courtney Doctor invite us to learn how to study wisdom literature in the Bible through a variety of study methods and teaching voices. As you consider wisdom principles on everyday topics like words, work, friendship, marriage, parenting, neighborliness, money management, leadership influence, and more, you'll discover the wisdom of Proverbs as an invitation to steadily walk God's way in God's world. **Our Winter/Spring study** of The Chosen season 5 begins January 7. The table is set. The people of Israel welcome Jesus as king while His disciples anticipate His crowning. But—instead of confronting Rome—He turns the tables on the Jewish religious festival. Their power threatened, the country's religious and political leaders will go to any length to ensure this Passover meal is Jesus' last. With the accompanying study guide, The Stronghold of the Chosen, we'll learn that Jesus is our safe place, along with all the reasons we should run to and remain in Him when hard times come.

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 streaming video, workbook lessons, and small group discussions. Our 12-week study of The Quest: An Excursion Toward Intimacy with God by Beth Moore begins September 11. For beginners and advanced! All women are welcome, members and non-members.

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

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

Age Range: Adult men 50+

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

Location: Flagstone Retirement Community, 8350 Commonwealth Dr., Eden Prairie, first floor Conference Room (behind reception desk)

Description: The Saturday morning 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 50 to 115) 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 more information

Women's Groups

Women of the Word (W.O.W.)—AM

Age Range: Adult women

Dates/Times: Wednesdays 9:30–11:30 AM, Sept. 17, 2025–May 6, 2026.

Description: **Our Fall study** is The Way of Wisdom: A Study of the Book of Proverbs. Bible teachers Jen Wilkin, Ruth Chou Simons, Kelly Minter, Adrienne Camp, Elizabeth Woodson, and Courtney Doctor invite us to learn how to study wisdom literature in the Bible through a variety of study methods and teaching voices. As you consider wisdom principles on everyday topics like words, work, friendship, marriage, parenting, neighborliness, money management, leadership influence, and more, you'll discover the wisdom of Proverbs as an invitation to steadily walk God's way in God's world. **Our Winter/Spring study** of *The Chosen* season 5 begins January 7. The table is set. The people of Israel welcome Jesus as king while His disciples anticipate His crowning. But—instead of confronting Rome—He turns the tables on the Jewish religious festival. Their power threatened, the country's religious and political leaders will go to any length to ensure this Passover meal is Jesus' last. With the accompanying study guide, The Stronghold of the Chosen, we'll learn that Jesus is our safe place, along with all the reasons we should run to and remain in Him when hard times come.

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

Women of the Word (W.O.W.)—PM

Age Range: Adult women

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

Description: Join us for a women's Bible study of faith and fellowship using streaming video, workbook lessons, and small group discussions. Our 12-week study of The Quest: An Excursion Toward Intimacy with God by Beth Moore begins September 11. For beginners and advanced! All women are welcome, members and non-members.

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

The Mom Link

Age Range: Adult women

Dates/Times: 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in Room 207

Description: Being a mom is both a joy and a challenge. Moms need one another for support, fun, and friendship. If you are a mom of little, middle, or big kids we invite you to join a group of great women for a variety of activities and conversations all centered around the joys and challenges of motherhood. All moms are welcome!

Contact: Jess Berglund at jessicaberglund20@gmail.com or Pastor Kristin Skare at pastorkristin@standrewlu.org or 952.697.7111

Loom Knitting Class and Gathering

Age range: Adult women

Dates/Times: 12:30–2:00 PM on Wednesday, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, and Nov. 5 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

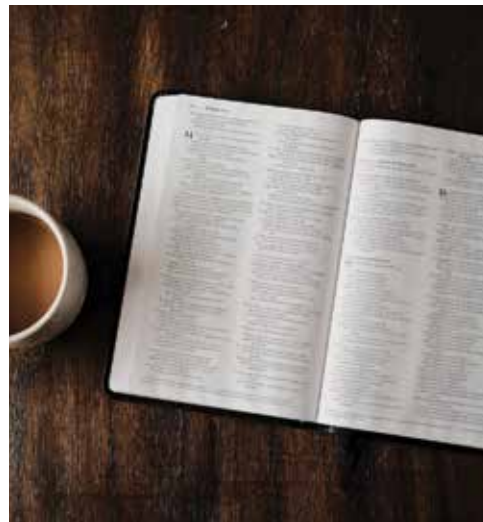
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Contact: Bob Seitz at hondurasbob@yahoo.com for more information



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: Generally 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 5:30–6:45 PM,

Please reach out to Gary or Bill to confirm dates/times.

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 videos and readings to stimulate conversation and learning—and there's no homework! 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 bmcmomigal@comcast.net



Mixed Groups



Patio Crawl

Ages: Adults

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

September 18: Mana Brewing, Shakopee

October 16: Wooden Hill, Edina

November 20: Bear Cave, Hopkins

December 18: Badger Hill, Shakopee

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: Sept. 25, Nov. TBD, Jan. 22, Mar. 26 from 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: TBD

Description: Get connected and find community with others in your church family. Gather monthly for four months in groups of eight to enjoy a casual, relaxed meal together. 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. Look for more information soon.

Contact: Kim Callahan at kcallahan@standrewlu.org

Fall Book Study

Age Range: Adult

Days/Times: In person Thursdays Sept. 25 through Oct. 30 from 9:00–10:00 AM in Room 207 OR online via Teams Sundays Sept. 28 through Nov. 2 from 6:30–7:30 PM

Description: Author Jeff Chu, a featured Church Anew collaborator and speaker, has written a new book titled Good Soil. Good Soil is a profound meditation on nature, heritage, and belonging, from an accomplished journalist who left New York City for life on a working farm. In his late thirties, Chu quit his job as a magazine writer and found himself at Princeton Theological Seminary's "Farminary"—a 21-acre working farm where students cultivate the earth while examining life's biggest questions. Now he unpacks what he learned about creating "good soil." Both literally and figuratively, drawing lessons from the rhythms of growth, decay, and regeneration that define life on the land. All are welcome to join this book study in one of two ways—in person on Thursday mornings or via Teams from the comfort of your home on Sunday evenings. If you cannot attend in-person or online, we encourage you to read the book on your own or gather with a group of friends, neighbors, or other St. Andrew folks and form your own book club. Books are available for purchase at the front desk for \$26 or from your favorite book sellers. To register for these opportunities, head to standrewlu.org. Open the Events tab and find the register button. **Contact:** Pastor Kristin Skare at kskare@standrewlu.org or 952.697.7111, and she will help you get connected.

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 8: The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese

October 13: The Gifted School by Bruce Holsinger

November 10: The First Ladies by Marie Benedict and Victoria C. Murray

December 8: Small and Mighty: Twelve Unsung Americans Who Changed the Course of History, from the Founding to the Civil Rights Movement by Sharon McMahon

January 12: Fresh Water for Flowers by Valerie Perrin

February 9: A Fever in the Heartland: The Ku Klux Klan's Plot to Take Over America, and the Woman Who Stopped Them by Timothy Egan

March 9: Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery

April 13: Parable of the Sower by Octavia Butler

May 11: Next Year in Havana by Chanel Cleeton

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

Be Still and Know...Yoga & Devotion

Age Range: Mixed adults

Days/Times: 9:30 AM most Wednesdays, June–August and most Thursdays, September–May. 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

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

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)

Untapping Faith

Days/Times: Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11 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.

Geeks & God : Online Discord & Meetups

Days/Times: Everyday and 2nd Sat. of every month from 1:00–5:00 PM

Location: Discord and Room 207

Description: Discord is an online message app that is focused for the hobbyist community (Board games, RPG and Video games). This is a chance for you to get to know the other Gamers of St. Andrew and to have fellowship online playing the games you love to play. The Discord will also have events set up throughout the year introducing members to new games. The meetups are monthly in Room 207. Whether you want to set up a board game night or just find someone to play video games with, this community is for you! Email me to join.

Young Adult Hiking

Days/Times: September 13

Location: TBD (Join our GroupMe to get location Information!)

Description: Join us for hiking adventures led by Turner Gunderson, a passionate hiker who will guide you to the best hiking spots in Minnesota's West Metro area. Stay updated on our hike locations by joining the GroupMe. Hikes will take place on Saturdays and are subject to weather conditions. Let's explore together and enjoy the beauty of his creation.

Shh... A Book Club

Days/Times: 3rd Monday of the Month: Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 from 7:00–8:30 PM

Location: Chapel

Description: Join us for a cozy, no-pressure reading hour with fellow book lovers. No assigned books, no discussion required—just bring whatever you're reading and enjoy quiet time together. Come as you are and let me know if you have any questions.

Young Adult Bible Study and Board Games

Days/Times: Sundays from 7:00–8:30 PM beginning Sept. 21

Location: Youth Room

Description: Come nourish your spirit and spark some friendly competition! Each week we gather to explore Scripture, share reflections, and then unwind with games and laughter. Whether you're new to Bible study or a seasoned reader, and whether you're into strategy games or just rolling dice for fun—there's a seat for you. Let's grow in faith and friendship together!

Online Young Adult Devos

Location: Online

Description: Reach out if you would like to join Virtual Devotions. We meet twice a month. Our scheduling is flexible and we make all of our plans for our devotionals as a group so please reach out if you would like to join. These Devotionals are designed for all young adults wanting to stay connected with each other even though they cannot make it to St. Andrew for whatever reason. Please reach out to join or if you have questions.



Support Groups



Southwest Grief Coalition

Days/Times: Fall session, Mondays, Oct. 13–Nov. 17, 6:00–8:00 PM

Description: Losing someone we love is one of life's most challenging passages. The churches of the Southwest Grief Coalition have bound together to provide support to those who are grieving the death of a family member or friend. This is a caring, supportive, and confidential setting where you can learn 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: Prairie Lutheran, Eden Prairie

Contact: Cheryl Harjes at 612.209.1488

Suicide Bereavement Support Group

Age Range: 18 or older

Days/Times: 1st Tuesday & 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:00–8:30 PM, in Room 207

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

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 effort? 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 to learn how to start a search process, contact Rich Gruenhagen at rgruenhagen@comcast.net

River Valley Alcoholics 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 Kristin Skare at pastorkristin@standrewlu.org

Queer Faith Alliance

Age Range: Teenagers and adults

Days/Times: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM

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 hearing guest speakers. 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

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Friends and Family Support Group

Age Range: Adults

Days/Times: 4th Thursday of the month (exceptions Nov. 20 and Dec. 18) from 6:30–8:00 PM in room 207A (enter through the main church doors).

Description: Do you have a friend or loved one that lives with a mental illness? Gain insight from the challenges and successes of others facing similar experiences, build understanding and awareness, and connect with others. The group is led by trained leaders with lived experience. Join us, this journey is better traveled in community with others.

Contact: Laura Hoffer at lauraehoffer@gmail.com

A More Just World

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 Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM (No meeting January or July)

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 different cultures, race, equity, 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. 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 Kristin Skare at pastorkristin@standrewlu.org

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Days/Times: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM

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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



Service & Outreach



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

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 and register on our website.

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

Red Cross Blood Drive

Age Range: 17+ years old

Days/Times: Tuesday, January 13, 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 redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive using 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

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: Pastor Kristin at pastorkristin@standrewlu.org or Janna Nord at jannanord@gmail.com

Seeds of Support—International Missions

Age Range: All are welcome!

Days/Times: Ongoing mission support and annual mission trip to Belize

Description: Seeds of Support continues to build on decades of international ministry at St. Andrew in Haiti and Belize. This work allows us to share God's love with others and bring hope to those in need. Haiti is a country in crisis, and we rely on congregational giving to help our in-country partners provide food, basic necessities, school supplies and medical supplies where they are most needed. In Belize, annual mission trips allow us to roll-up our sleeves, get involved and see the direct impact of our work and faith in the village of San Antonio. You can learn more at standrewlu.org, search Seeds of Support.

Contacts: Sue Rothfusz at sue.rothfusz@gmail.com or Linnae Stole at lbstole@gmail.com

HOME Leaf Raking

Date/Time: Saturday, November 1 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 Ave in Minneapolis

Days/Times: Food packing will be the week of November 17. Food delivery will be Saturday, November 22. Look for a signup late October.

Description: Collate and distribute food bags to homes containing Thanksgiving meal ingredients through Community Bridge and Messiah Lutheran Church.

Contact: Kathy Olson at kathyolson39@hotmail.com

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 Team

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, Nancy Clemens at ntclemens@live.com, Diane Schimelpfenig at dsschimelpfenig@gmail.com, Janet Riley at bronco5204@mac.com, Kathy Olson at kathyolson39@hotmail.com, or Karen Willyard at karen55346@yahoo.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: Myron Johnson at mjohnson@standrewlu.org for scheduling or go to our website 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: Myron Johnson at mjohnson@standrewlu.org for scheduling or go to our website 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: Myron Johnson at mjohnson@standrewlu.org for scheduling or go to our website 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: Myron Johnson at mjohnson@standrewlu.org for scheduling or go to our website 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, assist with communion, and field questions or concerns making everyone feel welcome!

Contact: Myron Johnson at mjohnson@standrewlu.org if you are interested in joining a quarterly rotation or being available as a substitute.

Funeral Reception Team

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

Property & Admin Support

Fix-it Team

Age Range: Adults

Days/Times: Mondays and Wednesdays 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. Join as often or as little as you like for some comradery and purpose in the church.

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

Church Mailing Assistance

Age Range: Adult

Days/Times: Periodic weekdays throughout the year

Description: Volunteer to help stuff and seal envelopes for periodic church mailings. This is done while seated and with eight people typically takes no more than two hours per mailing. A break with treats is provided. Notification of an upcoming mailing is sent via text to the list of volunteers to see who is available to help. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and service when it's convenient for you.

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