



Attention Sunday School Children!

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

Men's Ministry

Twins Broadcaster John Gordon to headline January Breakfast
Saturday, Jan. 30, 8-9:30 a.m.

Join us for the next Men's Ministry Breakfast in the Great Hall featuring popular Minnesota Twins radio broadcaster John Gordon.

Gordon will describe how faith in God has guided his personal and professional life. He will also highlight his memories of broadcasting almost a quarter century of Twins games (including two World Series championships) and give his predictions for the Twins 2010 campaign.

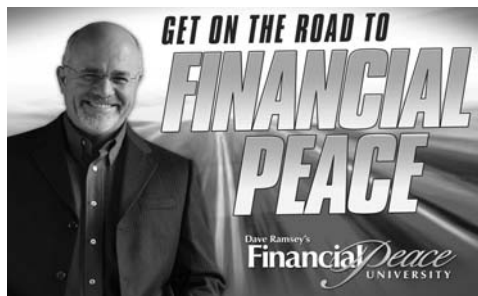


Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy delicious (home-cooked) food, music, fellowship and an inspirational message. Share the invitation with sons, fathers, grandfathers and neighbors. Child-care is available during the event in the Great Hall. Breakfast cost: free-will offering at the door.

Young Men/Fathers Task Force

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

Financial Peace University



FPU is a biblically-based, video-driven small group study that teaches families to beat debt, build wealth and live in financial peace! We will hold previews on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 3, 9:45 and 11 a.m. in Sanctuary Room 201. Classes are held:

**Sundays, 9:45-11:45 a.m. beginning Jan. 10 OR
Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 7**

Child care is available. Contact Paul Maeyaert at 651-762-9142 or go to daveramsey.com for information.

Stock Up!

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

St. Andrew's Foundation

Give a perpetual Christmas gift. Support our Church's ministry and missions by naming The Foundation of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in your will. Merry Christmas!

Blood Pressure Screening

Blood Pressure Screenings, Sunday, Jan. 10, Atrium Lounge, between services; no screenings following 11:30 service; in the Great Hall following The Current service. Screenings also in Great Hall on Saturday, Jan. 9, following The Gathering. Volunteers needed on a regular basis; contact Dianne Nash at 651-762-9141 if interested.

Mahtomedi Community Breakfast Monday, Jan. 18, 7 a.m.

Hosted by the Saint Paul Area Council of Churches in celebration of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. The breakfast will be held at White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church, 328 Maple St., Mahtomedi. Cost is \$5. Register By Jan. 8 at www.spacc.org/mlk or 651-789-3877.

YourIdeas@saintandrews.org

Do you have an idea or suggestion about ministry? We want to hear from you! We have an e-mail address that makes it easy for you to share your ideas with us: yourideas@saintandrews.org. While we cannot promise that we will implement every idea, we do promise that every e-mail will be read – those that are felt to have potential to make a positive impact in our community of faith will be forwarded to the appropriate party.

New He Qi Art on Display

A new Advent and Christmas exhibit by Chinese artist, He Qi, is on exhibit in the Atrium Lounge. He Qi has the marvelous ability to express the story of Jesus in his visual portrayals. On the wall to your right as you enter the Atrium Lounge is the story of Jesus' birth from the annunciation to Mary to the visits of the shepherds and wise men, and concluding with the Savior of the world. The art on the wall to your left is the story of Jesus' passion from the Garden of Gethsemane to the visit of the women at the tomb and Jesus walking with two disciples on the road to Emmaus following his resurrection. Framing the fire place is the crucified and risen Christ and Jesus calming the sea of Galilee. Stop and enjoy the story of Jesus in vibrant colors during this Advent and Christmas season.

Twelve Baskets Full: Dinner and Auction to Feed the Hungry

Our kickoff to hunger awareness month includes a dinner, silent and live auctions and entertainment to help fight hunger, homelessness, loneliness and poverty around the corner and around the world. Mark your calendars for Friday, March 5, 2010 from 6 - 9pm in the Great Hall. Child care is possible, with advanced registration by February 15. Join us for an evening of fun, while we work together to raise funds for our local missions and outreach ministries.

The silent auction will feature themed baskets, bowls, household items, electronics, toys, books, music, sporting goods, collectibles, gift cards to restaurants & events, gift certificates for travel, services, artwork and much more!

We will have great live auction items, like autographed memorabilia, dinner with the pastors, great vacations and more! Check the listings on the website beginning Feb 1st. Check back often to see the new items!

You can also help those in need by donating new items for the silent auction, tickets, trips, time shares, or a fun and creative "experience" for our live auction! Our goal for this year's auction is \$40,000. You can help us make this happen! Please contact Kellie Cardinal at 651-762-9124 or kcardinal@saintandrews.org to make your tax deductible donation!

This is a free will offering event, however, due to limited seating, please register early to secure your seat by online registration (www.saintandrews.org), via email (kcardinal@saintandrews.org) or by calling 651-762-9124. You won't want to miss this event! The first 50 people to register by Feb. 15 for the auction will receive a special gift upon arrival on auction night. See you there!

Serve! – Within Our Walls

Holes in Hospitality

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

Communion Preparation

We are in need of people to fill communion cups before the 8:30 service in the Sanctuary, or to serve communion at any of the services both in the Sanctuary and the Great Hall. If you are interested in this important ministry, please let us know at 651-762-9132 or at worshipcoordinator@saintandrews.com.

Reset Sunday School Rooms

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

Volunteers at Hospitality Desk

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

College / Young Adults

Facebook Group

If you are a young adult, please join the Facebook group "Astern." This group will let you know about upcoming events and connect you to other young adults of the St. Andrew's community even while you are away at college!

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

Middle School / Confirmation

Confirmation resumes Tonight

Jan. 3, 2010 & this Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010

Summer Camps

Summer Camp Brochure is now available. Early Bird price deadline is Jan. 17, 2010. Register today!

Confirmation Leader Training

6th Grade. Today, Sunday, Jan. 3, 11 a.m. to noon in Sanctuary, Room 202 (note room change).

Sunday Night Family Blast

Jan. 10, 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall
Agape will be here for an evening of Hip Hop family outreach. You won't want to miss this one!

6th Grade Prayer Retreat

Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp. This week, Friday Jan. 8 – Saturday Jan. 9. Departs 6pm (Fri.) and returns 8pm (Sat) to Youth & Sports Center. Cost: \$ 110. Join your friends for a weekend of broomball, sledding, snowboarding, worships, games and more! Please have dinner before you arrive.

Middle School Leadership Team

Sunday, Jan. 10, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Youth & Sports Center. Kick off the New Year with a new commitment to leading your ministry by being on the MS Leadership Team. Any youth in 6th thru 8th grade are welcome to attend. Please RSVP because lunch is provided.

Summer Camp Leaders

Aug. 8-13, 2010- Wood Lake Bible Camp. Are you interested in serving as a cabin leader with our middle school Confirmation camp? We would love to have you! Please fill out an application in the Y&SC. Leaders will be selected in early February and training will begin soon thereafter! Preference will be given to upperclassmen and Peer Ministers. Both youth and adult leaders are needed!

Children, Youth & Family Ministry

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Parenting Connection

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

Thursdays, Jan. 14-Feb. 18, 9:30-11 a.m.

YS&C Youth Room

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

Register: event registration envelope, available in all buildings

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

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

Spark Bible for Kids

Follow along and read the Bible Stories at home with your Children in the same Bible that they are using in Sunday School! All classes Preschool - 3rd Grade are using the amazing Spark story Bible. This is a beautifully illustrated Bible that will captivate kids of all ages. If you wish to purchase a copy for home use, they are available at the Sunday School registration desk in the Great Hall on Sunday mornings, information desk in the sanctuary or available in the Youth and Sports Center throughout the week. These Bibles are keepsake quality for only \$12.

Sacrament Classes

Celebrating Baptism at St. Andrew's

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

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

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

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

Communion Instruction

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday School

Preschool through 3rd grade

Children's Sunday school is offered at 8:30, 9:45 and 11 a.m. The pre-school children meet in the Great Hall for the entire hour of worship service. Kindergarten through 3rd grade begins in the worship service with their family, and are dismissed to the Great Hall for Children's Sunday School. Parents pick up their child after worship service in the Great Hall. Saturday service offers a multi-age class during the 5pm Gathering Service.

WAVE 4th and 5th Grade Ministry

Children in grades four and five have their own Christian Education program geared for the transition from Sunday School to Confirmation. This program allows for flexibility in both day and time: Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 9:45, Wednesday evenings at 6:30. This program includes Bible study, fellowship and service components.

High School

The Dock

Tonight, Sunday, Jan. 3, from 6 to 6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. Come with your friends and family to hear moving music by a live youth band and meaningful messages from powerful speakers during this Sunday night worship. All are welcome to attend, participate and plan!

High School Youth Group

Tonight, Sunday, Jan. 3, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Youth & Sports Center

Take some time to connect and check-in with your friends at St. A's by playing games, munching on snacks, and having fun hanging out after The Dock. You can come anytime during the night and do not have to attend worship beforehand.

Peer Ministry Retreat

January 22 thru 24. Cost: \$125.00

Peer Ministry is a national recognized training for High School students and teaches them skills in listening, handling conflict, confidence in leading and walking into a group and introducing themselves. This training is good for a multiple of reasons, and is being utilized here for youth who what to be camp counselors, small group leaders, be in leadership in the church and in their schools. Numbers are limited for this opportunity to keep the training personal, interactive and transformational. Register as early as possible.

Boys & Girls Club

Tuesdays from 3:15 to 5:45 p.m., meet at the Y&SC. Come and join other high school youth after school to serve younger kids in our greater community. Help the kids at the West Side Boys & Girls Club by reading books with them, playing games, and just having a great time! Contact must be made with Mary Post by Monday noon so we can arrange transportation at 651-762-9131 or mpost@saintandrews.org

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

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

High School and Middle School Snowboard Bums & Bunnies Registration deadline is Jan. 13!

Monday, Jan. 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: \$40 includes lift ticket, lunch and transportation. Gear rental is \$20. Meet at the Youth & Sports Center and then spend the day at Wild Mountain showing off your best tricks or learn how to ride for the first time.

Vision Slovakia

Christmas and Greeting Cards

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

Information Meeting for Vision Slovakia Mission Trips

Come and hear how you can be a part of this significant mission of St. Andrew's in Martin, Slovakia. An information meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Atrium Lounge. The trip for teaching Vacation Bible School leaves on July 1 and returns on July 15, teaching the one week of July 5-9, 2010. The trip for teaching Conversational English leaves on June 24 and returns on July, teaching the two weeks of June 28 to July 2, and July 5-9, 2010. Both groups return together through Edinburgh, Scotland.

Women's Ministry

Wonder Women Book Study

Wednesdays, Jan. 6 – Feb. 10, 7-8 p.m.

Pastor Sarah Breckenridge will facilitate conversation in the Atrium Lounge around the book, "Work in Progress: An Unfinished Woman's Guide to Grace" by Kristin Armstrong. Armstrong (yes, Lance's ex-wife) invites us to discover grace as a way of life as we accept we are all a work in progress. Register by emailing Sarah at sbreckenridge@saintandrews.org and pick up your book at the Sanctuary or Great Hall receptionist desk. Cost is \$13 for the book. Nursery is available with preregistration at 651-762-9150. Contact Pastor Sarah Breckenridge 651-426-3261 or sbreckenridge@saintandrews.org for information.

Kindred Sisters: Fellowship, Dessert, and a Speaker

***New Beginnings, Second Chances* on Thursday,
Jan. 7, 6:30-8 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge**

Merging the need for success in work, the shortage of self-esteem and the energy of creation, *I Love a Parade* was launched to offer alternative work opportunities, through the arts, for those who have been unable to maintain employment. Director Sandra Haff will share her experiences and insights. Artwork will be available for purchase. Register online at saintandrews.org or with a registration envelope available in all St. Andrew's Information Kiosks. \$5 in advance; \$7 at the door. Questions? Contact Joan McCormick at 651-653-1716 or joanmccormick@comcast.net.

NEW CRAFTERS CLUB

Beginning Jan. 8, 5-11 p.m.

Youth & Sports Center

Scrapbookers, knitters, crafty people of all kinds... This is a great time to start or finish a project.... Join us for some fun and fellowship as we all work on our various craft projects. There is no cost or registration required, just join us as often as your schedule allows. Meeting in the Y&SC the first Friday of every month, 5-11 p.m. Childcare will be available in the Nursery from 6:45 to 8:45 free of charge. Feel free to bring snacks and/or something to share. Contact Annette Goeser 651-636-1198 with any questions.

The Working Women's Bible Study

Mondays, Jan 11 – April 12, 7- 8 p.m.

Sanctuary Room 201

Bad Girls of the Bible. By Liz Curtis Higgs. From Eve to the Woman at the Well; Delilah to Sapphira, the Bad Girls of the Bible will bring you closer than ever to the women of Scripture, their important lessons, and insight to how we live as women today.

\$10 for workbook Register with a registration envelope or e-mail Lisa Konsti, lkonsti@cpmsp.com

Women in the Word

Every Tuesday Jan. 12 – April 27

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Great Hall, North Link

Join us as we meet and get to know... Women of the Bible, a Devotional Study of Women in Scripture by Ann Spangler & Jean E. Syswerda. New study all the time

No registration required, just show up. Nursery available free of charge, with pre registration at 651-762-9113. For information please contact Deb Henry, debrahenry2002@yahoo.com

Women's Spring Retreat

Save the date! *Creating Sabbath Space*

Friday, April 30, 7 p.m. - Sunday, May 2, 10 a.m.

Learn how to create and use sacred spaces in your heart and home.

BSC (Bible Study Connection)

Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.- Great Hall

Why should you attend? You'll find yourself:

- Digging into the writings of John
- Forming connections
- Experiencing a variety of speakers and information
- Enjoying free Nursery.

Call Carrin Mahmood at 651-762-9119.

PROCLAIM JESUS CHRIST, LIVE IN CHRIST, SERVE!

Event Sign-Up Dec. Jan. 2 & 3, 2010

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

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

Given by [your name(s)]:

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

Sunday Date:

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

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

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

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

Cookies are given this week by

Don, Suzanne & Matthew Anderson in celebration of **Lauren Anderson's** 7th birthday.

By the Numbers

Attendance

Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 19 & 20.....2,584

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Daytime Phone

Evening Phone

Fee/deposit (specify amount)

Event/Program

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

Sports & Recreation

YogaDevotion

Yogadevotion

Seven-week session beginning Monday, Jan. 4; Level I: 6:15-7:15 p.m.; Level II: 7:30-8:30 p.m. Must have 10 pre-registered for Level II to hold class. Cost \$45. Classes held in the Great Hall. Register through in-house registration form, attention Dianne Nash, or call 651-762-9141.

Monday Morning Yoga

Seven-week session beginning Monday, Jan. 4. Multi-level; 9 a.m., Youth & Sports Center Room 7. Cost \$45. Register through in-house registration form, attention Dianne Nash, or call 651-762-9141. Need 10 pre-registered to hold the class.

Gentle Yoga

Seven-week session beginning Monday, Jan. 4 11:15 a.m., Youth & Sports Center Room 7. Cost \$45. Register through in-house registration form, attention Dianne Nash, or call 651-762-9141. Need 10 pre-registered to hold the class.

Adult Floor Hockey

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

ROCK Basketball

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

Soo Bahk Do Karate

Classes run in 12-week sessions.
Tuesday Nights – Beginners 6:30-7:30;
Advanced 7:30 -8:30 p.m.
Training Sessions – Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m.
Y&SC

\$95; 2nd family member is \$55, 3rd \$35. Uniforms required and available through the instructor. Registration required.

Wednesday Family Nights

Will resume on Jan. 6, 2010!

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

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

Grand Adults

GRAND Forum: I Give Because Tuesday, Jan. 12, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Great Hall Ruth Hogenson, Speaker; cost \$7

Ruth Hogenson-Rutford will share her journey in serving in the nonprofit world, including Lakeview Foundation (Lakeview Hospital), TreeHouse and church. In addition, Ruth will answer general “giving” questions and will present a simple format for thoughtfully tying together faith and giving. Lunch is served at 11:30; health screenings, healing touch and fellowship beginning at 11 a.m. in the Narthex. Cost is \$7. Pre-registration and payment required by Thursday, Jan. 7. Complete an in-house registration envelope or contact Dianne Nash at 651-762-9141.

AARP Driver Safety Class

NEXT SESSION: Monday, Jan. 25

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