

Week of Dec. 20, 2009



8:30 & 9:45 A.M.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT GRADE K-5 PICKUP LOCATION:

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| Pre-school: | Sanctuary | Room 204 |
| Kindergarten: | Sanctuary | Room 202 |
| Grade 1: | Sanctuary | Room 203 |
| Grade 2: | Sanctuary | Room 201 |
| Grade 3: | Sanctuary | Room 205 |
| Grade 4: | Youth and | Sports Center, Youth Room |
| Grade 5: | Sanctuary | Room B01 |

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

Worship on Christmas Eve

Thursday, Dec. 24

Family Worship

3, 4 & 5 p.m. • In the Sanctuary

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

Contemporary Worship

6 p.m. • In the Great Hall

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

Festive Candlelight Service

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

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

Christmas Day

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

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

TODAY!

**Redpath Christmas Concert
Sunday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m. In the Sanctuary**



Redpath is a dynamic trio of sisters from St. Andrew's. Lauren, Torie, and Ali, long-time members of St. Andrew's and contemporary Christian artists, are expressive vocalists who draw on their Christian beliefs and family influences to create a unique style and sound. Their annual Christmas concert will be presented in the St. Andrew's Sanctuary. Free-will offering.

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.

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.

Financial Peace University

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

College / Young Adults

Welcome Home College

Christmas Party TONIGHT

Sunday, Dec. 20, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

3296 Samuel Ct., Vadnais Heights, MN 55127

Saint Andrew's would like to welcome home students who have been away at college this fall. Hosting this fabulously fun event at their home are Robert and Karen Veninga. This will be an event of fellowship and gathering for those who have been away to reconnect over dinner, desserts, and games. Saint Andrew's has not forgotten about you! Welcome Home! Pre-registration required.

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.

Got College Aged Kids?

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

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

Serve! Local Missions

More Coats and Blankets

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

Feed the Hungry On Wednesdays!

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

Middle School / Confirmation

No confirmation classes this week. Confirmation resumes Jan. 3, 2010 & Jan. 6, 2010

6th gr. Prayer Retreat

Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp

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.

Want to get confirmation updates on facebook? Join the group! "St. Andrew's Lutheran Journey to the Cross Confirmation Program"

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

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 mpmourtrie@saintandrews.org.

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.

High School

The Dock

Tonight, Sunday, Dec. 20, 6-6:30 p.m. 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, Dec. 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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.

Lock-In

Monday, Dec. 28, thru Tuesday, Dec. 29, 6 p.m.-8 a.m. Youth & sports Center and off campus

Cost: \$40. Registration deadline is December 23. and off campus. We will play games then go swimming indoors, bowling, and then stay up late playing sardines, watching movies, talking about life, love and faith. At some point we will get some sleep and be up and ready to go home at 8 a.m. the next morning. Drivers and chaperones needed.

Boys & Girls Club

Tuesdays, 3:15-5:45 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.

Men's Ministry

We Are Hosting Christmas Dinner

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

Young Men/Fathers Task Force

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

Bible Study & Prayer Group

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

Vision Slovakia

Christmas and Greeting Cards

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

Children, Youth & Family Ministry

Winter Shine!

Current kindergarten through 5th grade

Wednesday, Dec. 30. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Come join the fun and heat up your chilly day with a trip to Water Park of America. Must be able to swim independently. Drop off and pick up at St. Andrew's Youth and Sports Center. Cost: \$40 per person. Registration: envelope must complete Water Park of America waiver to participate. Waiver located in YS&C, or online @www.saintandrews.org

Parenting Connection

Pastor Sarah Breckenridge will lead you through the parenting book, "The Blessings of a Skinned Knee" by Wendy Mogel, Ph.D. 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.

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.

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.

PROCLAIM JESUS CHRIST, LIVE IN CHRIST, SERVE!

Event Sign-Up Dec. 19 & 20, 2009

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

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

Given by [your name(s)]:

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

Sunday Date:

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)

If you would like to donate **Altar Flowers or Cookies** for worship to honor or memorialize people or events, please call the church office at 651-426-3261 or fill out the Cookie Signup on this page. Donations are \$50 for each.

By the Numbers

Attendance

Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 12 & 13.....1,730
 Sunday School and Nursery.....273
 Total.....2,003

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.
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.

Open Adult Basketball

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

Grand Adults

GRAND Forum

**Tuesday, Jan. 12, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Great Hall
Ruth Hogenson, Speaker; cost \$7**

Pre-registration required. Please complete an
in-house registration envelope or contact Dianne
Nash at 651-762-9141. Deadline: Thursday, Jan. 7

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.