

# ST. ANDREW CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER



**February 2016**

*Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.<sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

Isaiah 53:4-6

*<sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,<sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:14-16.

February 10<sup>th</sup> marks the beginning of Lent. The season of Lent leads the Church on a forty-day journey of repentance and prayer. God calls to mankind: Return to the Lord! The journey begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with Good Friday. The season of Lent omits the "Alleluia" and many of the Songs of Praise in our services to reflect the somber nature of the season and focus on repentance. Many may recognize the picture above. It is called "Agnus Dei" the Latin term for Lamb of God. It is depicted on the front of the altar in our church. The season of Lent reminds us that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world; your sins and mine. Jesus went to the cross on Calvary and gave his life for us.

### **Upcoming Events**

Lenten services will begin on February 10<sup>th</sup> with our Ash Wednesday Communion Service and continue until March 16. The service time is 7:00 PM. We will serve beverages and snacks after each service. The Theme for our services this year is: IRONIES OF THE PASSION. Our focus will be on words spoken that on the surface seem ironic, but our filled with so much truth. Please join us.

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## **WILLIAM H. G. TOMS AWARD**

The McKinley Park Civic Association has named Pastor Semenske as the recipient of the William H. G. Toms Award for Community Service for his 36 years of service here at St. Andrew. The award will be presented at a banquet March 13, 2016 at Palonia Banquets 4604 S. Archer. If you would like to purchase tickets to the banquet you can purchase them through our office. Please contact our Secretary Margie Hendricks at 773-376-5370. The deadline for ticket purchases is February 16.

## **Boiler Update**

As mention in our last newsletter, we had to have a new boiler installed in the church. The final cost of the project was \$42,500. Our Ministry Council has established a boiler fund to help cover the cost of this unexpected expense. To date we have received \$5,200. We are hoping and praying that some of our former members, alumni and friends of St. Andrew will help us with this project. We have received a few donations from that group of friends totaling about \$300. If you are willing to contribute towards the new boiler, please mail your offering to St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 3650 S. Honore, Chicago, IL 60609 and designate it for the Boiler Fund. Any donations will be appreciated.

## **FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

The final figures are in for our 2015 budget. Our budget was \$128,700. We were able to keep expenses well below that figure spending \$113,000 or \$14,700 below budget. Unfortunately our offerings were also below budget projections by about the same amount. Because of the lower income and expenses, we cut our budget back to \$120,000. We also lowered income projections to \$118,000 which gives us a projected deficit of \$2,000. We will address that by presenting a financial stewardship program this month encouraging our members to increase their gifts to the Lord and his church.

## **OTHER NEWS**

Our Ministry Council has begun the process for calling a new pastor to serve our congregation after Pastor's retirement on June 30. Information forms have been filled out and a meeting with District President Rutchow will be scheduled soon. We will keep you informed of the progress.

## **Our Pastor:**

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## **Our Secretary:**

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**Our Worship:**  
Sunday at 9:30am

Wednesday Lent  
starting February 10  
7:00 pm

**Our Bible Study:**  
Sunday at 10:45am  
Friday at 10:00 am

**Our Sunday School:**  
Sunday at 10:30 am

## **Sermons**

Listen to Sunday sermons on our web page. Go to standrewchicago.org Click on Church at the top then click on sermons to see a list of available sermons.

Sermons are also available on our Facebook page and iTunes

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