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WELCOME — We are so glad that you have joined us for this worship service! Please let us know if there is any way we can be of service to you at this time.

OUR MISSION — The mission of St. Andrew Lutheran Church is to guide people to know Jesus as their Savior, to grow in their faith, and to show Jesus to others.

OUR BELIEF — We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and the only source of all Christian doctrine and teaching. We believe that the only true God is the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that we are saved not by anything we do, but only through faith in Jesus Christ, who gave his life for our sins. We will be happy to tell you more about what we believe!

OUR HISTORY — St. Andrew Lutheran Church was established in 1888 and is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), a confessional Lutheran church body with over 1,200 congregations in North America and with more than 30 sister church bodies worldwide.

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INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Lent has to last a while and come around every year if for no other reason than this: that it is so hard for us to get the points made so strikingly in Lent. This Sunday we see God's seriousness in Lent in this: Salvation and suffering go hand in hand, for Jesus and for us too!

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What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul! What won - drous love is this, O my soul!
 down, When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down,
 sing; To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
 on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.



What won - drous love is this That caused the Lord of
 When I was sink - ing down Be - neath God's right - eous
 To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for



bliss To bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 Am, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
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 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: *A General Selection of . . . Spiritual Songs*, Lynchburg, 1811, alt.
 Tune: WONDROUS LOVE (12 9 66 12 9) *Southern Harmony*, New Haven, 1835.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

- M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C:** **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

PASSION HISTORY READING, PART 2: Mark 14:27-42 (EHV)

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

²⁷Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me. For it is written: 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'¹

²⁸But after I am raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

²⁹But Peter said to him, "Even if all fall away, I will not."

³⁰Jesus said to him, "Amen I tell you: Today—this very night—before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times."

³¹But Peter kept saying emphatically, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you." And they all said the same thing.

Gethsemane

¹27 Zechariah 13:7

³²They went to a place named Gethsemane. Jesus told his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³Then he took Peter, James, and John along with him and began to be troubled and distressed. ³⁴He said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow, even to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch.”

³⁵Going forward a little, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶He also said, “*Abba*, Father, everything is possible for you. Take this cup away from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

³⁷When he returned to the disciples, he found them sleeping. He said to Peter, “Simon, are you sleeping? Were you not strong enough to keep watch for one hour? ³⁸Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

³⁹Again he went away and prayed, saying the same thing. ⁴⁰When he returned, he found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. They did not know what they should answer him. ⁴¹He returned the third time and said to them, “Are you going to continue sleeping and resting? It is enough. The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Rise, let us go. Look, my betrayer is near.”

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 73 – CW93 p. 94 (text NIV84)

Refrain

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Psalm tone

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Refrain

I am always with you, O LORD;*
you hold me by my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel,*
and afterward you will take me into glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you?*

And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,*
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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FIRST READING – Job 1:13-22 (EHV)

¹³One day when Job’s sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their oldest brother, ¹⁴a messenger came to Job and said, “The oxen were plowing and the female donkeys were grazing nearby, ¹⁵when the Sabceans^a swooped down and took them away. They put the servants to death with the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

¹⁶While he was still speaking, another servant came and said, “The fire of God fell from the sky and burned up the flocks and the servants and consumed them, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

¹⁷While he was still speaking, another servant came and said, “The Chaldeans^b formed three raiding parties and plundered the camels and

^a People from Arabia, south of Uz

^b People from Syria, north of Uz

took them away. They put the servants to death with the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

¹⁸While he was still speaking, another servant came and said, “Your sons and daughters were eating and were drinking wine in the house of their oldest brother. ¹⁹Suddenly a powerful wind swept in from the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it collapsed on the young people, and they died, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

²⁰Then Job stood up, tore his robe, and shaved his head. He fell to the ground and worshipped. ²¹Then he said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will return. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. May the name of the LORD be blessed.”

²²In all this, Job did not sin or blame God.^c

SECOND READING – Romans 5:1-11 (EHV)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace^e with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we also have obtained access by faith^f into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory^g of God.

³Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, ⁴and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. ⁵And hope will not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.

⁶For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. ⁸But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, it is even more certain that we will be saved from God’s wrath through him. ¹⁰For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, it is even more certain that, since we have been reconciled, we will be saved by his life. ¹¹And not only is this so, but we also go on

^c Or *attribute any impropriety to God*

^e Some witnesses to the text read *let us have peace*.

^f Some witnesses to the text omit *by faith*.

^g Or *approval*

rejoicing confidently in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received this reconciliation.

GOSPEL – Mark 8:31-38 (EHV)

³¹Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things; be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the experts in the law; be killed; and after three days rise again. ³²He was speaking plainly to them. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But after turning around and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! You do not have your mind set on the things of God, but the things of men.”

³⁴He called the crowd and his disciples together and said to them, “If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. ³⁵For whoever wants to save his life will lose it. But whoever loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶After all, what good is it for a man to gain the whole world and yet forfeit his soul? ³⁷Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸In fact, whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

After the reading of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY – *Lord, You I Love with All My Heart* – CW93 #434 – printed on the following page



1 Lord, you I love with all my heart; I pray you ne'er from
 2 Lord God, 'twas your rich boun-ty gave My bod-y, soul, and
 3 Lord, let at last your an-gels come; To A-bram's bos-om



me de-part; With ten-der mer-cies cheer me. Earth has no
 all I have In this poor life of la-bor. Lord, grant that
 bear me home That I may die un-fear- ing. And in its



plea-sure I would share; Heav-en it-self were void and bare
 I in ev-'ry place May glo-ri-fy your lav-ish grace
 nar-row cham-ber keep My bod-y safe in peace-ful sleep



If you, Lord, were not near me. And should my heart for
 And serve and help my neigh-bor. Let no false doc-trine
 Un-til your re-ap-pear-ing. And then from death a-



sor-row break, My trust in you no one could shake.
 me be-guile; Let Sa-tan not my soul de-file.
 wak-en me That my own eyes with joy may see,



You are the trea-sure I have sought; Your pre-cious blood my
 Give strength and pa-tience un-to me To bear my cross-es
 O Son of God, your glo-rious face, My Sav-ior and my



soul has bought. Lord Je-sus Christ, My God and Lord,
 will-ing-ly. Lord Je-sus Christ, My God and Lord,
 Fount of grace. Lord Je-sus Christ, My prayer at-tend,



my God and Lord, For-sake me not! I trust your Word.
 my God and Lord, For-sake me not! I trust your Word.
 my prayer at-tend, And I will praise you with-out end.

SERMON – Mark 8:31-38 – Dying and Rising with Jesus

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

Members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church use this time to respond to God's goodness with gifts of thanks and love. Our giving is guided by God's Word: "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits from your entire harvest" (Proverbs 3:9); "Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver. God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:7-8, EHV).

Feel free also to make use of online giving options: 1) via our website: go to <http://standrewchicago.org/>, then click on the "Giving" tab; or just click on [this link](#); or scan this QR code with your mobile device; or 2) via the Vanco Mobile app: use our invite code: GEVWA7, or search for our church name and address (links to the app & more info on p. 22).



HYMN – Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me – CW93 #428 – printed on the following page

428 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me?
 2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me,
 3 God gives me my days of glad - ness,
 4 Since I know God nev - er fails me,



Christ is near With his cheer; Nev - er
 Though their weight May be great, They will
 And I will Trust him still When he
 In his voice I'll re - joice When grim



will he leave me. Who can rob me
 not de - feat me. God, my lov - ing
 sends me sad - ness. God is good; his
 death as - sails me. Trust - ing in my



of the heav - en That God's Son For
 Sav - ior, sees them; He who knows All
 love at - tends me Day by day, Come
 Sav - ior's mer - it, Safe at last, Trou -



me won When his life was giv - en?
 my woes Knows how best to end them.
 what may, Guides me and de - fends me.
 bles past, I shall heav'n in - her - it.

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Tune: WARUM SOLLT ICH MICH DENN GRÄMEN (8 33 6 D) Johann G. Ebeling, 1637-76.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: **We confess that without your love we are lost.**

M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: **By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

M: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C: **Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow, including the following special prayer:

for the WELS Congregational Counseling program:

Heavenly Father, bless all who are part of the WELS Congregational Counseling program. Encourage more congregations and individuals to use the resources available to them to help others know Jesus. Bless the congregations that have used Congregational Counseling to strategically plan their gospel ministry efforts. Give them the lay leaders and resources necessary to implement those plans. Remind us all that, whether we are part of a big congregation or a small one, it is

fitting to regularly evaluate our gospel ministry plans. Provide us with needed resources that will make and keep us faithful to proclaiming the good news of Christ. Instill in us the desire to work while it is day before the night of judgment comes. Amen.

Additional special prayers may be included.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER and BLESSING

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me



Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.
 Strength to serve and wis - dom to o - bey;
 When my bur - dens grow too great to bear;



Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
 I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
 O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
 When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,
 I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row;
 Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me,



Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;
 I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace.
 You will hold me ev - er in your hand.



Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure,
 Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row;
 Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me,



Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 Till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

ST. ANDREW'S MINISTRY THIS WEEK
February 25 – March 3, 2024

Today	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
Monday	7:00 PM	中文聚会 (Chinese Ministry)
Tuesday	6:30-8:00 PM	Youth Confirmation Class
Sunday (3/3)	9:30 AM	Worship Service w. Lord's Supper
	11:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

The paraments are purple for the season of Lent. Purple, like black, is a penitential color. Purple dye was also very expensive in the ancient world and was therefore worn mostly by royalty; the Bible records that, as the Roman soldiers mocked and tortured Jesus on Good Friday, they put a purple robe on him to ridicule him and belittle the claim that he was a king. Therefore, purple is used during this penitential season of Lent as a vivid reminder of the contempt and scorn Jesus endured, and the sacrifice he made for our eternal salvation.

WELCOME, GUESTS! – We are glad to have you worship with us today! Please sign the guest book in the center church entryway so that we have a record of your visit. Our pastor, Adam Gawel, would be happy to speak with you if you would like; please contact him (see page 2 for contact information). Please join us for worship or Bible study again!

FUNDRAISER FOR BIBLES FOR THE NATIVE AMERICAN APACHE MISSION

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) will be raising funds for Native American Missions, specifically the Apache mission in Arizona served by WELS Apache pastor Kirk Massey, for its spring rally Befriend-a-Mission (BAM) offering. The BAM offering will raise funds for Bibles which will cost \$5/ Bible. What we at St. Andrew's have chosen to do is to put hearts with candy inside on a Christmas tree; to make your

contribution, simply put a \$5 bill for each Bible you would like to contribute... take the candy out of the heart and put the \$5 bill into it. If you prefer to write a check, please make your check out to "LWMS" and in the memo line write "Native American Missions." The tree is on the back table in church.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR CHICAGO – Mar. 4 (Mon.), 6pm, in front of church

Our friends at the McKinley Park News (<https://mckinleypark.news/>) are planning a "birthday party" for Chicago on March 4 (Mon.) at 6:00pm at the center-of-the-city sign out in front of our church building. Plans are still developing, but a number of community organizations have been invited. If you're able to attend, it would be great to have some of our members there to interact with our other members of our community on St. Andrew's behalf!

LENT DEVOTIONS & ARTICLES FROM *FORWARD IN CHRIST*

Forward in Christ, the monthly magazine of our church body, has a number of Lent-related articles and devotions in written, audio, and video formats available on its website: <https://forwardinchrist.net/lent/>. May God bless your meditation on his Word this Lenten season!

EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SIGNUP

On Easter Sunday (March 31) after the worship service we'll be having a continental breakfast. If you plan to attend and if you're able to bring anything to share, please sign up on the signup sheet on the Bible study table in the back of the worship space. All are welcome!

UPCOMING SACRED MUSIC CONCERTS

- The **College Choir of Martin Luther College** in New Ulm, MN (our church-body's college of ministry [for pastors, teachers, and staff ministers]), will be presenting a concert of sacred music at Trinity Lutheran Church in Crete, IL, on March 1 (Fri.) at 7:00pm.
- The **Prep Singers, the concert choir of Luther Preparatory School** in Watertown, WI (one of our church-body's preparatory high schools, which provides a general college-prep education and encourages students to consider studying for ministry at Martin Luther College), will be presenting a concert of sacred music at St. John Lutheran Church in Libertyville, IL, on March 16 (Sat.) at 7:00pm.

- **Hymns for Him concert and spaghetti dinner** – Some of the creators of the popular “Hymns for Him” (under “Camp Phillip” on Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/artist/5pEY9I72MNib2XvsvE3ZXU>) will be presenting a concert at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Aurora, IL, on March 24 (Sun.) at 4:00pm. A spaghetti dinner will be held afterward for \$5 per person, with opportunity for a free-will offering to benefit music development at Camp Phillip and to offset costs for those attending the WELS Youth Rally in Colorado in June. Youth who plan to attend the youth rally with Resurrection’s group are welcome to help with serving the dinner and share in the funds raised to help defray the cost of their trip to the youth rally. If you plan to attend the dinner (either as just an attendee or a youth helper), please let Pastor Gawel know by March 21.
- Music of the Baroque is presenting **Johann Sebastian Bach’s St. John Passion** on March 11 (Mon.) at 7:30pm at the Harris Theater (205 E. Randolph St., Chicago), and offering our members a 20% discount on tickets. “An intimate and deeply human account of Christ’s betrayal, suffering, and death, Bach’s *Passion According to St. John* sets Scripture and poetry in emotionally moving, expressively beautiful music. Dame Jane Glover leads the chorus, orchestra, and a roster of internationally renowned soloists in one of the greatest sacred works of all time.” **Use code SJP20 at checkout to receive 20% off all available tickets at the Harris Theater.** Tickets and concert information: baroque.org/stjohn .

Reviving Relationships Through Biblical Hospitality webinar recording
 WELS Women’s Ministry hosted a webinar on *Reviving Relationships Through Biblical Hospitality* on Thursday, January 18, 2024. Did you miss it?! Want to learn about using hospitality to reconnect with others at your church and also as an evangelism tool? This webinar will inspire you to rethink your relationships and get you thinking about your own church culture with new eyes. Learn more and watch here: <https://wels.net/reviving-relationships-through-biblical-hospitality-webinar/> .

LWMS CIRCUIT RALLY – Apr. 20 (Sat.), Zion Lutheran Church, Crete, IL
 You are invited to the **2024 Spring Rally** of the Chicago Area Circuit of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society on **Saturday, April 20**, beginning at 9 a.m., at Zion Lutheran Church, 1610 Main St, Crete, IL

60417. Our theme for the day centers around Colossians 2:6-8 and our speaker is Pastor Daniel Lindner on Campus Ministry. The theme is “Beware and Stand Firm!” In this day and age, our young people need encouragement and lots of it as they venture into their college years. It’s a time where faith can be challenged, and so Campus Ministry is so important. Pastor Lindner will share details on how Campus Ministry supports our youth. All women in an LWMS member congregation (confirmation age and older) are members of LWMS and are encouraged to attend. Guests are also welcome. **Child care will be provided. Participants planning on bringing children along are asked to register by sending the number of children attending and their ages to Circuit Secretary Elise Loduha elise.rosenbaum@gsdg.org by April 2.**

Rally schedule:

9:00 a.m. Registration and Coffee Hour

9:30 a.m. Opening Devotion – Host Pastor Michael Schneider

9:45 a.m. Business meeting and elections in church

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Presentation by Pastor Dan Lindner

12:00 p.m. Closing devotion, installation, prayer – Pastor Paul Spaude

12:15 p.m. Lunch

2024 WELS International Youth Rally – June 25-28, Fort Collins, CO

The 2024 WELS International Youth Rally will be held June 25-28, 2024, at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO. Teens from across the country will gather at the foot of the Rocky Mountains to explore the many messages God delivers “From the Mountaintops” of Scripture. Find out more at www.welsyouthrally.net . St. Andrew’s teens (those currently in grades 8-12) have been invited to join with our sister church, Resurrection, in Aurora, IL, that has a group of teens and chaperones going. A fundraising opportunity is available at Resurrection on Mar. 24 in connection with the Hymns for Him concert (see info above). Please speak to Pastor Gawel or Sherry for more info.

WELS & ELS Singles Retreat: Living in Our Season

April 26-28, Camp Shiloh Lutheran Retreat Center, Pittsburg, Texas

We invite all single adult members of the WELS and ELS to join us this spring on April 26-28 for the 2024 WELS/ELS Singles Retreat at Camp Shiloh in Pittsburg, Texas, for a weekend of fun and fellowship. Register by April 8, 2024 at wels-els-singles.com/2024-texas-retreat . If you have single friends who are members of the WELS or ELS and would like to

receive information about group events, they can sign up at wels-els-singles.com/subscribe .

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 10:45 / after worship

Sunday school is held after the worship service, either in the church basement or in the ministry center next-door to church. Sunday school is open to children from age 3 through 8th grade. (High-schoolers are welcome to join adult Bible study in church during the same time.) All are welcome!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: “10 Lies About God” – Sundays after worship

On Sundays in adult Bible study, we’re going through a series entitled "10 Lies about God," in which we use the Bible to evaluate some popular statements about God and religion that sound good but that actually contain serious errors. Feel free to join us whenever you’re able. All are welcome!

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS – Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00pm

Youth confirmation class is open to youth in grades 5 through 8, and to high-schoolers who have not yet been confirmed. If you have a potential student in mind, please speak with Pastor Gawel or St. Andrew’s elder for Christian education, George Lawson. All are welcome! The class is currently held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00, but we can adjust the class day or time if needed, to accommodate the schedules of everyone who is interested.

MONDAY EVENING CHINESE MINISTRY

On Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the ministry center (the house next-door to church), we have Chinese ministry, which includes elements of a worship service, Bible study, and prayer. New friends are always welcome to join! Please invite any Chinese friends or neighbors. You may share with them the following invitation:

每周一晚上 7:00, 圣安得烈基督教路德宗教会 有成人中文圣经学习。欢迎您参加! 我们在教会的事工中心 (教堂隔壁的房子) 现场聚会; 地址是 3650 S. Honore St., Chicago。如果你了解更多, 请联系高乐仁牧师: 手机: 773-217-8132。欢迎!

BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS

This class is open to anyone who is interested in learning more – or who would like a review – about what the Bible teaches and what Lutheran Christians believe. At the conclusion of the class, those who are in agreement in faith are invited to join our church, though this is not a requirement for taking the class. Pastor Gawel is able to teach the class in English and Mandarin Chinese, and we have class materials in Spanish available as well. If you or someone you know are interested in starting Bible information class, please contact Pastor Gawel.

ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION

There are a number of ways to give to St. Andrew online: 1) via our website: go to <http://standrewchicago.org/>, then click on the “Giving” tab; or just click on [this link](#); or scan this QR code with your mobile device; or 2) via the Vanco Mobile app: use our church’s invite code: GEVWA7, or search for our church name and address. You can download the Vanco Mobile app from the [Apple App Store](#) for iOS devices or the [Google Play Store](#) for Android devices. Please contact St. Andrew’s elder for stewardship, Sam DeLaurentis delarentis.sam@gmail.com with any questions.



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Budgeted need each month	Total offerings received in January
\$14,517.92	\$5,892.08

Offerings received last week & Ash Wednesday: \$1,953.36
(budgeted need each week: \$3,350.29)

Total offerings received so far this month: \$5,888.82

Ministry Attendance Last Week

In-church worship attendance last Sunday: 41 (36 adults, 5 children)

Sunday service live-stream peak concurrent viewing devices: 8

Monday Chinese ministry: 5

Adult Bible study attendance: 9 (Wed.: 2, 5; Fri.: 2)

Sunday School: 6 Youth Confirmation Class: 5