

Encounter

The Pastor's Pen

A few weeks ago, on the first Sunday of Advent, we heard in our worship services this reassuring promise of Jesus: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." (Mark 13:31)



"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." As we enter a new year, that's not a bad promise to hold onto. We don't know, of course, all that the new year will bring. We don't know all the challenges and opportunities that will be set before us. We can't predict the ways in which our lives and our world will be changed. But no matter what the coming year has in store for us, we have the promise that Jesus is with us. And we have the promise that his words – his Word – can be trusted. In the midst of an ever-changing world, the truth of God's Word is a constant that we can rely on.

During this coming year, I invite us to enter more deeply into a personal understanding of God's Word. Beginning the first week of January, I will be leading a Bible overview course called "Reading Biblical Literature – Genesis to Revelation." The course consists of 36 DVD presentations by Dr. Craig Koester, a professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. As we watch and discuss each of Dr. Koester's engaging presentations, we will encounter the epic stories, inspiring characters, and major themes of the Bible in a fresh way. As we do, I trust that our reliance on God's Word will be deepened.

Here's what the course schedule will look like: Each lesson will be offered twice a week, on Thursday evening from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., and again on Sunday morning during the Adult Forum from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. (Because the Thursday evening and Sunday morning presentations will be the same, participants only need to attend one.)

Lessons 1 through 6 will be offered from the first week of January until just before Lent. We will take a break during Lent, and then continue after Easter with lessons 7 through 12. After being off for the summer, we will cover lessons 13 through 24 in the fall. We won't meet during Advent and Christmas. The last 12 lessons will be presented in the winter and spring of 2019, again taking a break during Lent. The course textbook will be the Bible itself.

To give you a sense of what the content of the course is like,

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St. Andrew Annual Meeting

Jan. 28th at 12:15 p.m.

*Please Be a Part
by Taking Part*

Our very important Annual Meeting will be held January 28th, 2018. A light lunch will be served following the 2nd service.

We must have a Quorum present, which is 50 members, before we can begin the meeting and officially vote on budgets and other business.

If you are completing an end-of-year report for your committee or activity, please send it as soon as possible to dehamm@comcast.net so that it can be included in the annual report. Also, see suggestions to your report content in the article on page 3.

Please plan on attending!

A Typical Annual Meeting Agenda

1. Devotions
2. Establishment of the Quorum
3. Call to Order
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Minutes of Last Meeting
6. President's Report
7. Pastor's Report
8. Ministry Team Highlights
9. Treasurer's Report
10. 2017 Budget Discussion
11. Nominating Committee
12. Old Business
13. New Business
14. Benediction & Adjournment

Quilters' Crossing

“Cold December flies away.....” now that the hustle and bustle of the holidays are winding down, we are ready to begin quilting in earnest. The fun, fellowship and working together will keep us warm as we prepare warm quilts for LWR. We meet every Thursday from 9 - 12 to help each other (so, no special skills needed!) We will also begin meeting on Saturday, January 27 from 9 - 12.



The winner of the Christmas raffle was Lucille Hersted. Congratulations! Thank you all for the support for the raffle and craft items. The donations will fund sewing machine repairs, quilting and baby kit supplies, and shipping to Lutheran World Relief.



Questions about Quilters?
Call Judy 847-986-4465 or
Diane 847-548-3954.

Lucille Hersted is the winner of the drawing for the Beautiful Christmas Quilt Raffle ! She is just delighted. Here she is with some of the Quilters; Chris Ihlenberg, Judy Hernquist and Judy Parriott.



Thanks to all, from Lucille & Carol Clouser

The Pastor's Pen continued

here are the titles of the first six lessons – the ones we will cover from now until the beginning of Lent:

- “The Bible as Dialogue” (Jan. 4 and 7)
- “Creation and Chaos in Genesis” (Jan. 11 and 14)
- “Abraham, Sarah, and the Promise” (Jan. 18 and 21)
- “Jacob, Joseph, and Reconciliation” (Jan. 25 and 28)
- “Moses and the Drama of the Exodus” (Feb. 1 and 4)
- “Freedom and Law at Mount Sinai” (Feb. 8 and 11)

There's no need to sign up in advance. Simply come to the church on Thursday evenings or Sunday mornings with a desire to learn.

I am looking forward to this opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Bible. I hope you will join me as we explore the fascinating the story of God and God's people as revealed in the pages of scripture.

God's peace be with you in the coming year.

Pastor Selbo

Scriptures for January

January 7 --

Baptism of Our Lord

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

January 14 --

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

January 21 --

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

January 28 --

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

Worship Attendance for November

Date	8:30	10:45	Total
11/5	88	74	162
11/12	83	66	149
11/19	79	90	169
11/26	82	90	172

11/5 All Saints & Bible Presentation

11/12 Veterans

11/19 Pledge Sunday

11/26 Christ the King

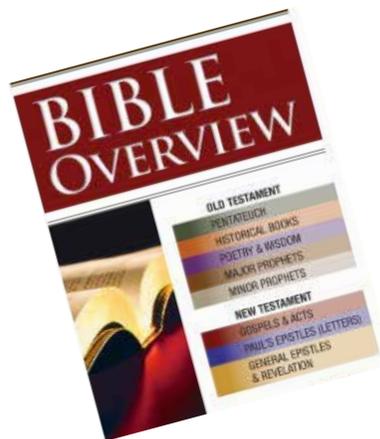
Total 8:30 – 332

Total 10:45 – 320

Total for November: 652

Bible Overview Course

Beginning the first week of January, and continuing off and on for much of the next year and a half, Pastor Selbo will lead a weekly study of the Bible called "Reading Biblical Literature – Genesis to Revelation." Each of the 36 lessons in the study focuses on a particular book or theme from the Bible, and includes an engaging DVD presentation by Dr. Craig Koester, professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary. The lessons will be offered two times each week: during the Sunday morning Adult Forum and on Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m.



St. Andrew Fellowship/ Movie Night

*Saturday,
January 20*

Come join us for our monthly fellowship/movie night.

Food will be served from 5:00 to 6:15, with movie starting at 6:30 p.m.

This month's movie will be

A Question of Faith

A QUESTION OF FAITH follows three Christian families whose lives converge in tragedy. David Newman (Richard T. Jones) is about to succeed his father as senior pastor to a large, prosperous, and predominantly African-American church. John Danielson (C. Thomas Howell) hopes to get out of considerable debt thanks to his talented daughter Michelle's prospects at snagging a record-label contract. Kate Hernandez (Jaci Velasquez) owns a restaurant where her daughter, Maria (Karen Valero), works as a driver delivering food. When Maria goes on a delivery and starts texting, she accidentally strikes Pastor Newman's younger son, 12-year-old Eric, who had been waiting for his father to pick him up. Meanwhile, Michelle faints after singing for the record label and is rushed to the hospital, where she's diagnosed with a life-threatening condition. The horrific accident connects all three families, who overcome their challenges through the power of prayer.



Editor's Notes:

Information to share; thank-yous, articles, notes, stories or pictures, please email to:

dehamm@comcast.net.

Please put **ENCOUNTER** in the subject header.

*Next Due Date will Be
Monday, January 15th*

*Thank you again,
Donn Hamm*

Gift/Memorial Fund

The church gift/memorial fund is established for the purpose of receiving and holding money given to the church in memory or honor of someone or to honor a special occasion.

**GIFTS CAN BE GIVEN
IN MEMORY, IN HONOR,
AND WITH THANKS TO, GOD
FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED.**

Coffee Makers Needed

Our weekly coffee makers for Sunday morning fellowship will be unavailable for January, February and March.

Will you sign-up to make coffee?

There is detailed information on how, when and where to make the coffee. All supplies are supplied. See the sign-up sheet near the coffee table.

It is only a 10 minute task.

Thank you from all the coffee drinkers!

In Remembrance of Matthew Boldt

August 4, 1926 to
December 9, 2017



We extend our sympathy to the family of Matthew Boldt, especially his wife Lolita, as they mourn the death of their husband, father and grandfather. Matthew and Lolita, along with their children, Matt,

Raymond, and Donna, joined St. Andrew in 1965, shortly after moving to Mundelein from Chicago. As one of the owners and operators of the family's True Value hardware store, Matthew has been a valued member of the community for many years. We give thanks for Matthew's life, and for the gift of eternal life that has been given him in Christ. We pray that God's peace would be with all who are mourning his death.

A memorial service will be held at the church on Saturday, January 13.

Weekly Saturday Morning Bible Study

Have you wondered what the 'other' Saturday morning Bible might be about? You probably know that we meet at 9 AM every Saturday for an hour at church, but what is the subject? It would be either a book of the Bible, or a topic in which Bible verses are used to present the subject. Our current subject is Faith as a topic and the previous one was Romans, the Bible book. We use study guides for the subject by Bible experts to keep grounded.

Does this make a difference in my life? I find this group to be warm and welcoming, and supporting of each member. We all participate, sharing our views and beliefs without judgment by the others. The conversation weaves a contrasting and reinforcing pattern that helps our understanding. It helps my knowledge and understanding of the Bible, and adds to fellowship with others in our congregation.

We hope you would join us.
Bob Hernquist

Is China On Your Bucket List?

Join former Taiwan missionaries Rev. Clifford and Lois Winter for a 16 day tour, April 17 – May 2, 2018. Includes the Great Wall, Xian's terracotta armies, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, Three Gorges Dam, 4-day Yangtze River cruise, and more. All meals included. Final 2 nights in Hong Kong. Includes round trip airfare from San Francisco, first-class hotels, all taxes/fees/admissions, bus and air travel in China, and an English-speaking Professional Guide. Lively fellowship; daily devotions. Email: loiswinter@yahoo.com or call: 316-461-2593.

The Winter's son, Joel, and his family are members of St. Andrew.



PADS News

This is St. Andrew's 8th year volunteering with the PADS ministry, serving at the Messiah Lutheran homeless shelter in Wauconda. **The goal of this ministry, along with PADS Lake County is to provide temporary shelter, food, and hospitality to those in need in the Lake County area.**

Our ministry serves on the fourth Saturday evening and Sunday morning of the month from October through April.

We are always in need of volunteers to staff the site and there are many opportunities available.

Please find the sign-up sheet on the Social Ministry table or contact Laurie Turner at turnerlaurie24@gmail.com or Anita for more info.

If you would like to contribute in other ways, we are in need of monetary donations for food and supplies. Donations should be marked "Messiah PADS Ministry" and dropped in Sunday offering plate.

We will also be posting a wish list of items needed in

newsletters and on the table in the Narthex.



Food and Supply coordinator: Vern Pottillo at salrman@hotmail.com
Volunteer Coordinator: Laurie Turner at turnerlaurie24@gmail.com

Site Manager: Tom Girmscheid at tgirm58@gmail.com

Upcoming service dates:

- January 27th/28th
- February 24th/25th
- March 24th/25th
- April 28th/29th

PEOPLE POWER – 8:30 JANUARY 2018

Sunday, January 7	8:30 a.m.	
Assisting Minister:	Stan Sanderson	
Lay Reader:	Lyn Hayes	
Acolytes:	Emma Kalmus & Keith Erickson	
Welcomer:	Laurel Caldara	
Greeter:	Tom Girmscheid	
Ushers:	Roger Bacci, Lew Boyd, Steve Jacobson, Bob Burchard	
Sound Tech:	Tom Girmscheid	
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman	
Altar Guild:	Janet Shanahan & Ann Burchardt	
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Carol Clark	
Sunday, January 14	8:30 a.m.	
Assisting Minister:	Dave Bender	
Lay Reader:	Teresa Maki	
Acolytes:	Megan Nickl & Angelina Rizzo	
Greeters:	Laurie & Bill Turner	
Ushers:	Jean Fagerstrom, Marion Collins, Gary Schuessler, Lew Boyd	
Sound Tech:	Carl Schoenfield	
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman	
Altar Guild:	Janet Shanahan & Ann Burchardt	
Counters:	Bob Hernquist & Andrea Ammons	
Sunday, January 21	8:30 a.m.	Souper Bowl of Caring
Assisting Minister:	Judy Boyd	
Lay Reader:	Merv Beyersdorf	
Acolytes:	Riley Routledge & Jasper Winter	
Welcomer:	Laurel Caldara	
Greeters:	Kris & Roger Bacci	
Ushers:	Dave Bender, Tom Girmscheid, Donn Hamm, Vern Potillo	
Sound Tech:	John Bestler	
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman	
Altar Guild:	Janet Shanahan & Ann Burchardt	
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Carol Bertrand	
Sunday, January 28	8:30 a.m.	Souper Bowl of Caring
Assisting Minister:	Leslie Parriott	
Lay Reader:	Tana Hamm	
Acolytes:	Olivia Zavorski & Tyler Mann	
Greeters:	Diane Sanderson & Marion Collins	
Ushers:	Laurel Caldara, Lois Laedtke, Debbie Jacobson, Chris Binversie	
Sound Tech:	Tom Girmscheid	
Altar Guild:	Barb Binversie	
Phone Receptionist:	Janet Shanahan & Ann Burchardt	
Counters:	Kathi MacDougall & Andrea Ammons	

If you have a schedule problem, or can volunteer, please contact the following:

Acolytes:	Nancee Erickson	847-533-0965
Assisting Ministers/Lay Reader/Greeters/Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman	847-566-8081
Nursery Attendants (Both Services)	Jessica Beyer	847-566-0474
Ushers:	Lois Laedtke	847-336-0505
Sound Tech:	Tom Girmscheid	847-814-5401
Counters:	Andrea Ammons	847-548-8092

PEOPLE POWER – 10:45 A.M. JANUARY 2018

Sunday, January 7 **10:45 a.m.**
Worship Leader: Jenny Prescia
Welcome Team: Mivelaz Family
Greeters: Jackie Schmidt and Elissa Towle & Family
Ushers: Tom Beyer, Tim Mivelaz, Elissa Towle
Nursery Attendants:
Phone Receptionist: Anita Pahlman
Altar Guild: Janet Shanahan & Ann Burchardt
Counters: Andrea Ammons & Carol Clark

Sunday, January 14 **10:45 a.m.**
Worship Leader: Jenny Prescia
Greeters: Mivelaz Family
Phone Receptionist: Anita Pahlman
Nursery Attendants:
Ushers: Tom Beyer, Kari Payne, Tim Mivelaz
Altar Guild: Janet Shanahan & Ann Burchardt
Counters: Bob Hernquist & Andrea Ammons

Sunday, January 21 **10:45 a.m.** **Souper Bowl of Caring**
Worship Leader: Bill List
Greeters: Green Family
Welcome Team: Mivelaz Family
Phone Receptionist: Anita Pahlman
Nursery Attendants:
Ushers: Tom Beyer, Tim Mivelaz
Altar Guild: Janet Shanahan & Ann Burchardt
Counters: Andrea Ammons & Carol Bertrand

Sunday, January 28 **10:45 a.m.** **Souper Bowl of Caring**
Worship Leader: Bill List
Welcome Team: Mivelaz Family
Greeter: Chris Ihlenburg
Phone Receptionist: Anita Pahlman
Nursery Attendants:
Ushers: Tom Beyer, Tim Mivelaz
Altar Guild: Janet Shanahan & Ann Burchardt
Counters: Kathi MacDougall & Andrea Ammons

If you have a schedule problem or can volunteer please contact the following:

Worship Leaders/Lay Reader/Greeters/Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman	566-8081
Nursery Attendants:	Jessica Beyer	566-0474
Ushers:	Tom Beyer	566-0474
Counters:	Andrea Ammons	548-8092

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	6:30 pm <i>Early Bird AA</i>	7pm Finance 7 pm Evangelism 7:30 pm Troop 198 8:30 pm <i>Mund. AA</i>	10 am Bible Study 7 Choir Rehearsal	9 am Quilters	5:30 pm <i>Early Bird AA</i> 6:00 pm <i>Scout Jrs. Trp #40310</i> 7 E.C.O.H. Rehearsal	9 am Bible Study 10 am Power of Praise Rehearsal (POP) 3 pm <i>Scout Eagle Court of Honor</i>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:30 Traditional 9:30 Coffee Hour 9:40 Sunday School 9:45 Adult Forum 10:45 Contemporary 5:15 H2H M/up #5 6:00 H2H #6	6:30 pm <i>Webelos II Dens 1 & 2</i> 6:30 pm Grief Share 6:30 pm <i>Early Bird AA</i> 7:30 Bells	8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Hillside) 7 pm Council 7 Kirk Players Reh 7:30 pm Troop 198 8:30 pm <i>Mund. AA</i>	10 am Bible Study 1 pm H.O.U.S.E. 7 pm <i>Lucky Ducks 4-H Club</i> 7 Kirk Players Reh 7 Choir Rehearsal	9 am Quilters 6 pm <i>Daisies #45730</i> 6:30 pm <i>Webelos I</i> 6:30 <i>Cub - Bears</i> 7 Kirk Players Reh 7 pm Women's Fellowship	5:30 pm <i>Early Bird AA</i> 7:30 Kirk Meeting	8:30 Women's Bible 9 am Bible Study 10 am POP Rehearsal 4 pm <i>Trp 198 Holiday Party</i>
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PRAYER VENTURES

January 2018

1 *Name of Jesus* Baptized into Christ, we bear the name of Jesus and are prepared for serving our neighbor and spreading the good news of what God has done. Give thanks for the gift of new life we have in Jesus Christ, and pray that we are bold, eager witnesses in the world – never shrinking from the work to which God calls us.

2 A new year often brings new hopes, resolutions, goals and beginnings. Ask God for strength and perseverance to meet the challenges of new and unfamiliar endeavors, and shout praise for God’s forgiveness and love that renews us and frees us to get up, learn and begin again when we stumble or fail.

3 Give thanks for the bishops of the ELCA, and pray they find mutual support, grow in wisdom and skill for their ministry, and that their faith is strengthened through time together at the Bishops’ Academy.

4 Seasonal workers in our communities often go unnoticed during the busyness of the holidays. Pray that workers now searching for new jobs find steady, fair employment to sustain their families and that our faith communities embrace them with support, concern and welcome.

5 During Human Trafficking Prevention Month, we lift up prayers for victims and survivors of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation around the world and ask God to stir our resolve and actions to care for survivors, end these crimes and address the causes of trafficking, such as poverty, hunger and sexism.

6 *Epiphany of Our Lord* God’s purpose and redemptive work are revealed in the light of Jesus Christ to all humankind. Pray our hearts and minds are receptive to better understanding – through faith in Christ – the mystery of God’s boundless grace, wisdom and power.

7 *Baptism of our Lord* We remember our baptism and pray for the Spirit to remind us daily that we are children of God, forgiven and called to lives of service and witness in the world.

8 Ask God to help us recognize, confess, confront and correct sexist attitudes, behaviors and systems in ourselves, our workplaces, the church and society, knowing that the injustice and pain inflicted on women and girls hurts everyone. Pray that our Christian witness in the world is marked by respect for all people and the courage to learn and change as the spirit of God works in us.

9 We remember in our prayers those who continue to recover and rebuild after the devastation left in the wake of storms and fires, that individuals, families and communities will find new ways forward with the support and encouragement of the church, relief agencies and one another.

10 Sometimes God’s word and voice can be loud and majestic and shake all of creation. Pray we recognize God’s voice in daily life and give thanks for how it strengthens us and gives us peace.

11 We remember in our prayers companion-synod relationships with global-church partners, and ask God to bless and nourish these partnerships for mutual learning and encouragement, sharing our gifts and resources, building up the church and serving our neighbor.

12 Give thanks and praise to God for the comfort, order and hope God brings to our lives, especially in times of uncertainty, conflict, discouragement and what may seem like chaos.

13 Pray for those who have responded to God’s call to serve as ELCA Missionaries and in the Young Adults in Global Mission program that their faith and service are a bright and lively witness to the good news of Jesus Christ and to God’s presence and work in the world.

14 We pray that when Jesus invites us to “Come and see,” we are moved by faith to follow and invite our neighbors – friends and strangers alike – to hear the good news of Jesus Christ, believe and also follow.

15 *Martin Luther King Jr. Day* We remember in our prayers saints who have gone before us, like Martin Luther King Jr., and courageous people in our midst today who endure criticism and suffering for the sake of standing with, advocating for and serving God’s *children who suffer injustice, neglect or oppression*.

16 Recalling how God spoke through the boy Samuel, we pray we are attentive to the presence of God's spirit and word in children and youth and that we help young people grow as faithful followers, leaders and servants in the body of Christ.

17 Give thanks to God for people who mentor us in our faith, daily life and work and have helped us grow and mature through the sharing of their gifts, wisdom, life experiences and faith.

18 *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* We are one in the body of Christ. Pray for our ecumenical partners, global church partners and our brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere, that God will bless and further our work together for the purpose of building up Christ's church in the world.

19 The spirit of God is always at work in the church. We pray God will renew the church and our faith communities, especially when we grow weary, have questions about serving in changing communities, find ourselves in conflict or need to refresh our sense of mission.

20 We remember in prayer people of all ages and stages of life who are discovering and preparing for new vocations or studying for new professions and pray they and their families find the faith, strength and encouragement needed to move through times of anticipation, uncertainty and personal change.

21 The ELCA and The Episcopal Church are committed to prayer, fasting and advocacy addressing cuts to public programs that are vital to hungry people living in poverty. Pray for these concerns, our leaders and people in need on the 21st of each month through December 2018.

22 We ask God to bless the ongoing work of reconciliation and healing among Christians and other faiths and to stay focused in our striving for unity for the sake of the world.

23 With humility and awe, we praise God for knowing our innermost thoughts and ways and for always seeking us out and embracing us like a loving parent.

24 We pray that everyone in need of warmth and shelter through the winter months has safe, dependable housing, especially elders and those who are homeless, and that we are unceasing in our work to care for and respect the dignity of people in need.

25 *Conversion of Paul* Praise God for the miraculous ways our faith and lives are changed as the Spirit works in us and among us.

26 Just as the disciples put down their fishing nets in response to Jesus' invitation to follow, we pray we are alert and receptive to God's calling us to service and witness in the world and that we are willing to reorder our priorities, tasks and lives to follow Jesus.

27 We remember in our prayers pastors and seminary students serving in Federal Chaplaincy Ministries in unique settings of the U.S. military, Veterans Affairs hospitals and federal correctional institutions.

28 Ask God to open our eyes to the ways – intentional and unintentional – in which we isolate our neighbor, cause others to stumble in their faith or stir division and conflict; ask for forgiveness and for the Spirit to redirect and inform our thoughts, words and actions for the well-being of our neighbor and the church.

29 Give thanks for the impact of the International Women Leaders initiative in partnership between ELCA Global Mission, global companion churches and the colleges and universities of the ELCA, launched as part of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*.

30 Pray God continues to influence our lives and guide us through the teaching and example of prophets, teachers, leaders and Scripture and that we have the wisdom to discern what is true and flows from the word of God.

31 Give thanks for leaders who help us understand stewardship and how to use what God has entrusted to each of us and our communities – gifts from God to be used with generosity, compassion and responsibility in service to our neighbor and for the growth of the church.

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship: All meetings begin at 7 pm in Nelson Hall. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month. Mark your calendars for an excellent line up! Hope to see you at all the upcoming events!

January 11 - Annual Bunco party - Fun dice game. Reminder that our annual amusing Bunco evening is on Thursday, @ 7 pm. Please bring a few wrapped "white elephant" gifts and join in the fun and laughter. Hope you can join this fun evening.

February 8 - Dr. Sean Walker: Learning appropriate movements to keep a strong body, chiropractor presentation

March 8 - Spring craft making: Looking forward to decorating your home with springy flowers, Debbie's Floral Shoppe

April 12 - Dave Ekstrom: What are your old coins and jewelry worth? Coin collecting and values presentation, local coin collector and retired teacher

April 28 - 12th annual LADIES' TEA @ 2 pm - Magic is in the Air!!!



Women's Fellowship...Oh Come All Ye Faithful...the carolers, (youth, men, women and two pastors) sang Christmas carols to a few elderly members at their home and at Brookdale and Manor Care. We are not sure who enjoyed the evening more, the carolers or those being caroled to.

Treasurer's Report For November 2017

Income	Nov-17	Budget	YTD '17	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
REGULAR GIVING	\$2,549	\$23,100	\$255,346	\$260,550	\$286,450
SEASONAL GIVING	\$20	\$1,000	\$3,352	\$5,700	\$8,800
DESIGNATED GIVING	\$240	\$580	\$4,625	\$5,640	\$6,280
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$40	\$450	\$18,019	\$2,300	\$2,650
BENEVOLENCE INCOME*	\$2,770	\$2,640	\$32,199	\$29,340	\$32,100
* (Must Be Designated on Envelope)					
Total Operating Income	\$28,619	\$27,770	\$313,542	\$303,530	\$336,280
Total Expenses	\$26,367	\$26,243	\$307,966	\$308,381	\$336,261
Building Fund Balance:*			\$45,246		
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H2H & GOD SQUAD NEWS!!

The middle schoolers & High Schoolers were invited to a St. Andrew Youth Christmas Party at Lakeside Lanes on Sunday, Dec 10th. The kids in attendance had fun bowling, playing laser tag, a gift exchange & eating unlimited pizza!

Our H2H youth and God Squad began annual Christmas Tree sales on November 24th in partnership with the Boy Scouts. Our last weekend of sales was Dec 16-17th. Thank you to all families that helped fill needs this year and to those that helped with extra shifts to ensure we had coverage. Proceeds from the sale will be allocated between the youth groups based on service hours worked.

Lastly, thank you to all families that baked, helped to set-up, decorated cookies, sold cookie boxes, bought cookie boxes & donated. Your support is greatly appreciated! We earned \$350 toward our Youth Gathering Trip this summer.



Be on the look-out for details on our next fundraiser as we will begin collecting family recipes to put together a St. Andrew Cookbook! If you have any questions, reach out to Tina Routledge at kmroutle@yahoo.com or 847-561-5340.



Next H2H Meeting (Jan 7): Normal H2H Meeting at church.

Next God Squad Meeting (Jan 14): We will meet at the church and begin planning our summer trip. We will also be collecting \$50 travel arrangement deposit for our charter bus.

KFC NEWS!!!

Thank you to all members who supported our Giving Tree by purchasing diapers and/or baby supplies!! We dropped off all of our donations to the Fremont Township that provides to local families in need. They were very appreciative of our generous donation.

A huge thanks goes out to Jenny Paddock for leading our KFC Christmas Program this year. Also, thank you to Tom Beyer for helping to orchestrate, Paul Cramer for accompanying our music for the kids each week, to Jenny Prescia and Anita Pahlman for, "Mary Did You Know" and, lastly, to Al Hitzke for our Santa. The kids sang well and enjoyed the photos with Santa afterwards.

Lastly, thank you to all that supported the Youth Book Fair! We sold over 75 books, earned 20 + books for our KFC library and the HS youth group earned \$134 from the sale!



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Traditional Service:

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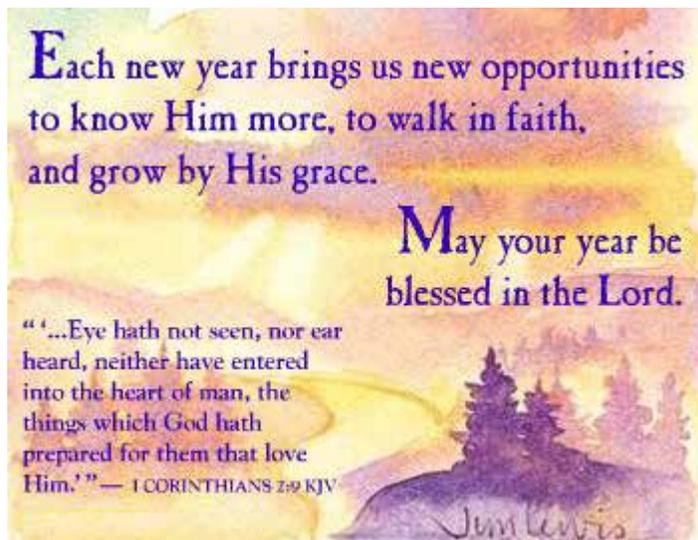
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