



# Good News from St. Andrew's

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## April 2024

### FROM PASTOR DAVE...

The third of the five daily themes of the upcoming ELCA Youth Gathering is Created to be Free. As the Gathering is in New Orleans, the metaphor for freedom is that of jazz music. Jazz musicians don't always use sheet music with notes. They are free to add their own sound and story to the song as they improvise with the melody or harmony. (Just this past week local jazz musician, Sam Miltich, was explaining to me how he is learning more about improvising on the harmonies rather than the melodies, which is what most musicians do. A whole different approach!) Though they are free to do as they will, they nevertheless do so within the limitations or guidelines of the music. There is still a key signature; still so many beats per measure; still a tempo; still a chord progression. But within that structure they are free to improvise.

Freedom is something we here in the United States of America know something about and are proud about. We say that our country is the home of the free and the brave. We say we are free to pursue life, liberty and happiness. We sing "I'm proud to be an American, for at least I know I'm free." Youngsters, having heard about this freedom, often say "I can do or say anything I want. It's a free country."

And yet . . . . Because we live in relationship with others – be it family, neighbors, people in our towns or even in our state and nation – we know (or should know) that freedom does not mean I get to do whatever I want whenever I want. There are laws, regulations and statutes to follow. I'm not free to drive on whatever side of the road I feel like driving on. I'm not free to drive without a license. Collectively as a society we have put in place structure and expectations. It's not just about me, myself and I.

The same is true when it comes to the Christian faith. For example, take this passage from Galatians *For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . . For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* Galatians 5:1, 13-5

Yes – Christ has set us free. But again, because we live in relationship with others, that freedom is not about doing what we want when we want. It is not about self-indulgence. Rather, we are free to love one another. We are free to serve one another. I am free from dead-end living, and freed for loving and serving others. A very different notion of freedom. But one that allows us – and all – to experience a safe, fruitful, and meaningful life.

In one of our "Getting Ready" meetings the group going to the ELCA Youth Gathering looked at some words by two theologians who have shaped our Lutheran understanding of freedom.

The first was our namesake – Martin Luther - who described the paradox of Christian freedom.

“A Christian is lord of all, completely free of everything. A Christian is a servant, completely attentive to the needs of all. ... It is the very nature of love to be attentive to others and to serve the one who is loved.”

—*Martin Luther, The Freedom of a Christian*

We are completely free. We have been given the free gift of abundant life and we didn't have to earn it or deserve it. And yet embracing that gift changes and transforms us, so that we become servants of all. So that we love and serve all.

The second theologian was Dietrich Bonhoeffer – a German Lutheran pastor, professor and activist who was martyred at the end of World War II for being outspoken against the Nazis. He wrote

“To say that in humankind God creates God's own image on earth means that humankind is like the Creator in that it is free. ... To be more precise, freedom is a relation between two persons. Being free means 'being-free-for-the-other,' because I am bound to the other. Only by being in relation with the other am I free.” —*Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Creation and Fall, 62-63*

Freedom has something to do with being in relationship with others and how we live in those relationships – or in the language of jazz again, how we “improvise” adding to the story and song, so that all experience and are able to enjoy abundant life.

We were challenged in the materials to think not only of living in relationship with other people, but also living in relationship with all of creation. The case was made that God is inviting us to use our freedom to care for creation. One thing that defines our relationship with creation is plastic – and our ubiquitous use of it, or even dependence on it. We watched a video on YouTube called “The Story of Plastic”, and talked about how we are complicit in degrading the earth through our use of plastic – and not even really thinking about it. The question was asked How does this conversation inspire you to use your freedom for care of creation? And what is your action item? Might you rise to the challenged to live one day without plastic?

“For freedom Christ has set you free”. “Only do not use that freedom your freedom as an opportunity for self indulgence.” Rather love and serve one another, and the whole of creation. A lesson and challenge not only for the youth, but for all of us.

Peace,  
Pastor Dave

## March was FOOD SHARE MONTH

Through March 28th, St. Andrew's “Noisy Offering” & St. Andrew's Thrivent \$\$\$'s had collected \$740.68 in “Noisy Offering” going to Second Harvest Northland, and 570 lbs. of non-perishables with Thrivent \$\$\$'s, going to Second Harvest Food Shelf.



**A BIG  
THANKYOU**

**to all who gave  
generously in  
\$\$'s and Time.**



## EARTH DAY SUNDAY

### Planet vs. Plastics



Our worship service on April 21st will again center on our call to be stewards of the earth for all of creation. Music, liturgy, and the sermon will focus our attention on God's creation and what we can do to live out our mission both as individuals and as a congregation committed to creation care.

The theme of Earth Day 2024 is "*Planet vs. Plastics*".

There's a great display of the Planet vs Plastics on the EcoFaith Bulletin Board in the Education hallway.

Check it out...then think about your use of plastics. Has plastic use affected activities you have enjoyed but have changed or are no longer an option due to changes in the environment? What can you do to reduce plastic use?

**PHOTO OP:** We invite you to submit a nature photo where you see God's handiwork. No recognizable people (i.e. a silhouette or distant shot is OK). Photos will be projected during offering and/or communion.

Submit to: [office@standrewsgrandrapidsmn.org](mailto:office@standrewsgrandrapidsmn.org) Deadline: April 17, Noon.

## Spring Clean-Up Day

Sunday

May 5, 2024

after Worship

Please bring yard tools, leaf blowers, Wheelbarrows, etc. to help "ReFresh" our beautiful surroundings!

Hey Everyone at  
St. Andrew's— sing  
with me....



## The Return of the "Rascals" group:

This is a group for 55+ that meet for a dinner(potluck) and a program on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. Please join us for the "return" of the Rascals group. If you would like more info. Please contact Myrna Peterson (218)326-2226 or email [myrnakay67@gmail.com](mailto:myrnakay67@gmail.com)



Rascal \ˈras-kel\ a noble person of playful disposition.



**Women's Coffee and Conversation Group:** We meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month during the school year. All ages of women are welcome. Our discussions are based on the gospel lesson for the following Sunday and we use the Daily Discipleship Bible study series. These discussions enlighten us and strengthen our faith as we apply them to our daily lives.

Questions? please call Eileen Grosland 218-244-4787. Plan to join us; all women are welcome!

## 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans!

Traditionally the ELCA Youth Gathering happens every three years – but COVID threw a wrench in that pattern. The last Gathering was in 2018 in Houston. In 2024 the Gathering is in New Orleans. There are four youth and two adults going to the Gathering from St. Andrew's. The youth are Kayla Jenkins, Allie Kennedy, Connor Swanson and Greta Zelenak. The Primary Adult Leader is Kim Allen. Pastor Dave is the other adult.

The Gathering is a once in a lifetime experience for our youth! To be together with up to 30,000 other young people from across the ELCA and across the country is awe inspiring. It is so good to know that there are other youth who are also Lutheran Christians growing in faith – growing as followers of Jesus, like we are. We will be worshipping, learning, and serving together. We'll be inspired by worship and speakers and music and dancing in the Superdome.



Our group from St. Andrew's will join with groups from other congregations in our Northeastern MN Synod for team building and orientation at Camp Onomia on Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup>. So our group of 6 becomes a group of about 300 while still in MN, before it becoming a "group" of tens of thousands!

The journey to the Gathering is already beginning. Starting this month our group of 6 will be meeting for two hours twice every month for our "Getting Ready Meetings". Each month we will focus on one of the 5 daily themes we will be exploring in New Orleans: We are created to be:

**Brave – Authentic – Free – Disruptive - Disciples**

Thank you for your prayer and financial support of all our youth and adult leaders. And thank your prayer and financial support of those going to the ELCA Youth Gathering!

A black and gold fundraiser poster. At the top, it says "SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH | 4-7PM" in white. Below that, "NEW ORLEANS" is written in large yellow letters, followed by "NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING" in smaller yellow letters. To the right, "FUNDRAISER!" is written in large yellow letters, followed by "FOR ZION &amp; ST. ANDREW'S YOUTH" in smaller yellow letters. Below this, "ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH" and "2901 S. HWY 169, GRAND RAPIDS" are written in white. In the bottom left, "5 PM GRHS JAZZ BAND CONCERT" is written in large white letters, with "BAKE SALE &amp; SILENT AUCTION TOO!" below it. In the bottom right, "NEW ORLEANS STYLE MEAL SERVED AT 4PM &amp; 6PM" is written in white, with "(JAMBALAYA, PULLED PORK, CORN BREAD, VEGGIE TRAY, FRUIT TRAY, ICE CREAM)" below it. At the bottom center, "TICKETS - \$15" is written in large white letters, with "CHILDREN UNDER 5 FREE" below it. At the very bottom, "(LIMITED SPACE - ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE ENCOURAGED)" is written in white.

Tickets available at St. Andrews in the Church Office & the Fellowship Hall  
before/after Worship

# St. Andrew's Youth News

April 2024

**April 5-6 High School Lock in 9th-12th grade** - Join us for a fun all-nighter with your friends!! Sign up on the form on the credenza and remember to fill out a permission form!! If you're interested in chaperoning this event please contact Betsy. No need to stay overnight, chaperone shifts are available, hang out for the nerf gun fight, make the late night snack in the kitchen, or come in early to serve breakfast. Thank you all for your continued support for our youth ministries. These events create lasting memories for our young members.

**Family Fun afternoon Sunday, April 21st** - Come join after Worship for decorating plant pots, eating lunch (build your own lunchable: lunch meat, crackers, cheese, veggies, fruit and chips), playing BINGO to win your plant and potting your plant before you leave. Everyone is a winner in this game of BINGO! Please sign up on the credenza so we know how many to expect.

**Spring Cleaning Rummage Sale!** - Clear out those closets, garages and game rooms! Help us set tables up on April 24th after service. Drop off your donations Thursday, April 25th 9am-7pm, or Friday, April 26th 9am-2pm. Come shop Friday, April 25th 4pm-7pm or Saturday, April 27th 9am-2pm. Sign up to help on the credenza, Youth 5th grade and up eligible to help. As always Adult help is appreciated!!



**Stella Oberstar**, a member of St. Andrew's, passed away on March 15th at 97 years "YOUNG". Stella knew the value and importance of young people. She had various collections of dolls, stuffed bears & animals, and other collectables that she wanted to sell, the profits to go to the youth projects here at St. Andrews. Members of the St. Andrew's Church Family generously gave \$317 to the youth in Stella's memory and in her honor.

*We offer to you, Loving God, the gifts and needs of youth. Bless them with your guiding grace as they face the challenges and opportunities in their lives. Touch their hearts with the gentleness of your love, that they may know they are valued and valuable beings. They carry in their hearts a great hope: make them strong and pure, so that they can build their tomorrow with confidence. Let them receive freely the gift of the faith, accept it with gratitude, and develop it with generosity. Amen*

## **CHA-CHING ON A STRING** -

Have you seen the stand in the Fellowship Hall with a bunch of envelopes hanging from string? This is **Cha-Ching on a String**. A fund-raiser for those who don't want to buy anything! A dollar amount is written on each envelope. Support the youth going to the ELCA Youth Gathering by taking as many envelopes as you want to, filling them with the dollar amount listed and putting them in the offering plate or leaving them in the church office.

**Thank you for investing in the faith-formation of our youth!**



**Let's do a Ministry Fair in September! What is a Ministry Fair?** This idea of a Ministry Fair is to have every group possible St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, who does something at, or provides service, (for example: choirs, fiber arts groups, library group, bible study groups, Eco Faith Team, WELCA, Social Justice, Building and grounds, Alter Guild, CYFM, the list goes on and on....) create a simple booth with information of what you do, when you meet, and the contact info of people in the group so someone who is interested in learning more, trying it out, or joining your group, might know who to contact. Each of these groups would also create a simple carnival type game for youth/ children to play. This would be an event fun for all ages!! Kids get to play games, adults get to learn more about the different groups in their church family and might find an activity they would like to try. Prizes for the games would be provided by the Children's Ministry. This would take place of the usual carnival at Rally Sunday in September, and create more fun and interaction for the adults as well. If your group would be interested and willing to create a booth please let Betsy know the group, contact person for the group and any questions you may have, via email [children@standrewsgrandrapidsmn.org](mailto:children@standrewsgrandrapidsmn.org). Organization for an event like this will be key so the sooner I can make our list of ministry booths the better.

## **LINKING WOMEN TOGETHER**

**Women's Group News**

Lois Bendix, Co-Chair  
Diane Mangseth, Co-Chair

***"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." Mark 12:30***

**Jesus is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!!! Hallelujah!! Such a glorious time of year to celebrate life and all the gifts we have been given**

**Thank you to those who helped clean and reorganize the kitchen! Scrubbed and scoured and ready to use!**

**Our women's retreat was a success!** We learned that we are "Too Blessed to Be Stressed", made Prayer Hankies, did Water Color Painting, enjoyed conversation and a time of fellowship together. A huge shoutout to Kim Jamtgaard and Wildwood Resort for providing us such a beautiful, spiritual place to gather!

### ***Upcoming Events Reminders***

#### **Wednesday, April 17: Bible study after ReCharge.**

**APRIL STUDY-Food** Focus Verse: *"Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God" (Romans 14:6, NRSV Updated version).*

Copies of the *Gather* magazine and Bible study are on the W/ELCA table in Fellowship Hall.

#### **Saturday, April 20: LIVING WATERS CONFERENCE SPRING GATHERING** at

Bethel Lutheran in Warba. "We are One in the Spirit" is the theme. Brenda Wagner will be speaking on her trips to Honduras and India. Registration is \$10.00. A sign up sheet will be on the WELCA table.

Please bring or donate items for us to have at the "Silent Auction" and "Buy it Now" tables.

#### **Thursday, May 9: WOMEN'S SPRING EVENT**— Our featured guest will be storyteller Pati Kachel.

Pati's stories are humorous, meaningful and Christ-focused. She will be sharing the story of the "Glad Hatter".

Start looking for your hat to wear. Look for more information at the WELCA table in the fellowship hall.

#### **June 10-11: NE MN Synod Women of the ELCA Summer Gathering at Zion Lutheran**

**Church** in Grand Rapids. "Until All Are Fed" is the theme. Registration is now open.

The In-Kind Focus is School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Anyone that wants to help contribute to helping make these kits, info will be at the WELCA table.

## Summer Concert Series



Area musicians gift us with their talents each Tuesday from June through August at area churches. The concerts are from 12-12:45pm and there is a lunch to follow. Freewill donations are accepted for the concert. (Luncheon cost to be determined by the Church Group that is hosting).

**St. Andrew's is scheduled to host an area Musician group on Tuesday, June 25th & Tuesday, July 30th, 2024**

If your St. Andrew's group is interested in hosting/sponsoring this event, please contact Doreen in the Office. (*proceeds/funds collected stay within the group hosting*).



# Children First!

**Monday, April 8th: Solar Eclipse Viewing party** (Coleraine Public Library) 12:30 pm—3:30 pm

Join in for activities & snack during the 2024 Solar Eclipse! Solar eclipse glasses available to safely view the progress of the eclipse! Questions call 218-245-2315.

**Saturday, April 27th: Children's Fair** (IRA Civic Center) 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Fun activities highlighting available services for families in Itasca County. Questions call 218-327-5730.

**Friday, May 3rd: Astronomy Night in Marcell** (Marcell Town Hall) 8:00 pm—11:00 pm

View the sky through giant telescopes as Range Astronomy Club members share information about stars and space. Bring lawn chairs & binoculars. Free snacks available. (Back-up date May 10). Registration required online or call 218-743-3444 ext. 42503.



Eric Olson

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church of Grand Rapids, MN  
hosting  
**a Duo Recital:**  
***Dr. Eric Olson, violin and Dr. Stephen Carlson, piano***  
Saturday, April 6, 2024  
3 pm



Stephan Carlson

*This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.*

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church  
February 20, 2024  
Congregational Council Minutes

Present: Ron Guck, Linda Flom, Betsy Trevena, Dan Thureen, Pastor Dave Anderson, Conley Janssen, Steve LeBoutillier, Keith Young

Absent: Brian Jenkins, Chris Kottke, Brent Perreault

Call to order – 6:02

Devotions – Ron (Sarah Young – Jesus Calling)

Additions to the Agenda:

Review & Accept December Meeting Minutes – Motion by Linda Flom, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Guck MSC.

President's comments - Stops in and checks in with Invest Early typically once a month to see how things are going.

Teachers and admin are happy with everything. Expressed appreciation for the Worship Service Groups program, and those who organized/implemented it.

Pastor and CYFM Reports :

Pastor – New Member class, and reception of new members. – Seven family units for a total of 25 people. Went to mandatory Boundaries Training; Pizza Fundraising for the ELCA Youth Gathering has been a focus. We now have an account with Upper Lakes Foods, with a \$3,000 credit limit. Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent, was this past week. We just held a Christmas Eve Debrief, with many who participated. That generated good discussion and ideas. We will begin using *Bless this Night* Evening Prayer, for our mid-week Lenten worship services.

CYFM – Feb 4 the CYFM team met; Sunday School going well, Religious Release going well too! So many great questions and discussion last week on Ash Wednesday. Betsy is creating a Google calendar for children and youth ministries/ events. There will be a link for it on our website. Lock ins for both High and Middle school are scheduled in March; Plans are being made for an April Family Fun Night; there will be a “Spring Cleaning” Garage sale in April; starting to think about an overnight local summer camping trip, - we would need volunteers for that.

Treasurer report:

Income is up by \$3000, over budget for the month; expenses are down. Year to date income in line with our budget.

We have received a few donations recently from “Required Minimum Distributions”. People with investments who are over 70 ½ years old, need to draw down a certain amount each year. If they have that sent directly to a non-profit like their church, they do not pay taxes on that, but get to support the organization(s) of their choice – and the contribution also gets reported on their Record of Giving. Good to get the word out about this.

Council Team Reports :

Financial Planning and Giving – Quarterly review meeting was held last month.

Site Care and Planning – lack of snow has limited need to get volunteers to keep the roof cleared. As far as the repair of the roof and youth and storage rooms (roof first!) we are still trying to get another bid from an additional contractor. We have a lead from a member of the congregation. Currently have an estimate from Geisler. Chris Kottke recently went through the facility with a representative of our insurance company. The council discussed smoke and CO2 detectors. We will follow up with Fire Chief.

Faith Formation and Journey – next meeting 2/28 at 5 during dinner.

Faith and Action – Rascals is starting up and plan on meeting every other month for a potluck. They will alternate between having a speaker and having a social night. At least one of the Worship Service groups are going to try to get together throughout the year to get to know each other.

Old Business:

Office Manager update – Doreen is doing well!

Update on VLM Annual Meeting (Camps Vermilion and Hiawatha) –Ron Guck, one of our delegates, updated the council. Also attending as delegates were Brenda Larson and Kayla Jenkins.

Locksmith - should finish the project tomorrow (Feb 21). After we receive the bill, we will be able to evaluate whether/how to move forward with adding electronic access to the facility through the side door by the Fireside room.



**New Business:**

Potential Council members – We will activate Nominating Committee after Easter.

Phase 3 build – Long term planning, let's not lose site of continuing to have our church grow. A phase 3 would add space for community events and perhaps a youth center.

Invest Early Lease – The Executive Team will be meeting in the next weeks with the Invest Early Director (and her team?) to work out the details for another year's lease, which the council is in favor in continuing – This was voted upon and approved by the council via an email vote last week.

HVAC – We have replaced two furnaces in the sanctuary recently. But as we have 8 furnaces, each with its own thermostat, we still have several that are (probably) getting to life's end. We need to continue to be forward-thinking budget-wise.

Synod assembly Voting Members – The 2024 NE MN Synod Assembly will be online, Saturday April 2. St. Andrew's gets two Voting Members, in addition to Pastor Dave. The cost, being online, is only \$35 per participant.

Two council members volunteered to serve as Voting Members on behalf of St. Andrews: Conley Janssen, Dan Thureen.

Also – the "Living Waters Conference Assembly" is this Sunday, February 25 at 2 pm at Hope Lutheran in Walker.

Rental inquiry – The Seventh Day Adventist Church in Grand Rapids needs to find place to rent every Saturday. 9-1 pm.

After discussion the council decided it was not a good fit – due to our schedule. We tend to use our space many Saturdays.

**Upcoming Calendar Events:**

Lent

Sunday duties

Easter plans...Two worship services on Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am; Easter breakfast in between. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship services both at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment — Motion to adjourn Steve LeBoutillier

Lord's Prayer

Next regular meeting – March 19, 2024 6:00 pm. Fireside Room (Zoom)

Devotions – February – Ron, March – Brent, April - Steve, May – Betsy, June – Keith, July – Brian, August – Chris

**2023-24 Council TEAMS**

Executive: Conley, Linda, Brent, Kim

Financial Planning & Giving: Brent

Property Site Care & Planning: Conley, Ron, Chris

Faith Formation & Journey: Kim Allen, Betsy, Steve

Faith in Action: Linda Flom, Dan



We are pleased to announce that we have additional and convenient ways for you to do the giving you want to do to St. Andrew's using your credit or debit card. Giving online is easy and allows you to either make a one-time contribution or to set up automatic recurring contributions. Simply visit the church website at [www.StAndrewsGrandRapidsMN.org](http://www.StAndrewsGrandRapidsMN.org) and click on the DONATE button.

Or, donate from your smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's camera. Thank you for your donations.



## A LOOK

St Andrews Lutheran Church

### Statement of Activities General Fund Income Statement Summary February 29, 2024

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Current Month Budget vs. Current Month Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>						
Contributions Totals:	32,773.62	29,737.00	3,036.62	222,713.01	218,014.00	332,760.00
Other Income Totals:	1,152.66	1,483.08	(330.42)	9,233.56	11,864.68	26,797.00
Income Totals:	33,926.28	31,220.08	2,706.20	231,946.57	229,878.68	359,557.00
<b>Expense</b>						
Benevolence Totals:	0.00	62.50	62.50	4,000.00	4,500.00	8,750.00
Building, Grounds & Equipment Totals:	6,428.26	4,974.75	(1,453.51)	32,070.64	33,553.00	51,803.00
Mortgage Payment Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Expenses Totals:	2,400.76	2,401.67	0.91	18,417.09	19,213.32	28,820.00
Personnel Expense Totals:	17,269.44	19,730.78	2,461.34	143,135.76	163,277.88	247,634.00
Programming Totals:	1,610.77	1,462.16	(148.61)	7,611.41	10,190.36	15,350.00
Preschool Program Totals:	250.00	250.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00
Other Income/Expense Totals:	266.77	350.00	83.23	2,043.30	2,800.00	4,200.00
Expense Totals:	28,226.00	29,231.86	1,005.86	209,278.20	235,534.56	359,557.00
<b>Income - Expense:</b>	5,700.28	1,988.22	3,712.06	22,668.37	(5,655.88)	0.00

## St Andrews Lutheran Church

## Dedicated Accounts

## General Fund Dedicated Funds

February 29, 2024

Account Shortcut and Description	Beginning Balance	Month Credits	Month Debits	YTD Credits	YTD Debits	Ending Balance
<b>General Fund</b>						
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
8005 Future Capital Proj. Fund	23,382.43	500.00	0.00	38,660.86	10,499.99	51,543.30
8010 Sight & Sound System Fund	1,532.00	0.00	0.00	990.13	2,343.55	178.58
8015 Memorials Unrestricted	4,413.24	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	4,438.24
8020 Good Samaritan	1,941.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,941.25
8035 St. Andrew's Library	394.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	67.98	326.30
8135 Sunday School Ded.	630.54	0.00	0.00	1,396.40	819.45	1,207.49
8140 Sunday School Projects (1/2 giving)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8145 Misc. Projects / Events	1,152.54	0.00	1,000.00	4,230.00	1,037.98	4,344.56
8150 Noisy Offerings	0.00	0.00	0.00	242.15	202.15	40.00
8155 VBS Dedicated Funds	760.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	760.74
8007 Cap. Asset R&M Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8011 Reimbursable Purchases	7,756.48	100.00	0.00	19,387.44	8,824.55	18,319.37
8013 Recharge	2,372.59	383.00	63.29	1,429.00	63.29	3,738.30
8210 Sr. Pastor Cont. Ed - Dedicated	1,924.28	83.33	87.21	666.64	1,627.85	963.07
8220 CYF Cont. Ed - Dedicated	2,580.00	62.50	87.21	500.00	383.43	2,696.57
8225 GF Cash Reserves	114,439.94	0.00	1,271.26	0.00	6,029.00	108,410.94
8230 Sabbatical	2,371.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,982.62	388.95
8235 Preschool Develop. - Dedicated	0.00	250.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
8238 Ded. Savings Interest (Live Oak Bank)	0.00	472.71	0.00	1,930.38	0.00	1,930.38
Unrestricted Funds Totals:	165,651.88	1,851.54	2,508.97	71,458.00	33,881.84	203,228.04
<b>Restricted Accounts</b>						
8025 Health/Wellness Scholarship	3,420.47	0.00	0.00	955.00	0.00	4,375.47
8026 Health/Wellness Acct	64.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	64.23
8030 Mariner's	509.25	0.00	0.00	184.00	609.25	84.00
8040 Handbell Choir	2,968.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,968.69
8100 Confirmation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	135.29	(135.29)
8105 Food Shelf	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8110 Honduras	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
8115 Flowers	594.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	594.44
8125 World Hunger	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8130 Mobility Mania - Entry Doors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8045 VLM Camperships	632.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	632.46
8050 Benevolence	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8055 Capital Appeal	13,979.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,979.17
8065 SA Music School (SAMS)	207.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	207.01
8070 Ecofaith	180.00	1,000.00	300.00	1,000.00	300.00	880.00
8075 Social Justice	402.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	152.00
Restricted Accounts Totals:	23,007.72	1,000.00	300.00	2,139.00	1,294.54	23,852.18
<b>General Fund Totals:</b>						
	188,659.60	2,851.54	2,808.97	73,597.00	35,176.38	227,080.22
<b>Total for selected dedicated accounts:</b>						
	188,659.60	2,851.54	2,808.97	73,597.00	35,176.38	227,080.22

For the most up-to-date information, please see the Calendar on our website: [www.StAndrewsGrandRapidsMN.org](http://www.StAndrewsGrandRapidsMN.org)

## April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> Easter Sunday 8:00am Easter Worship in-person & via Facebook Live 9:00am Easter Breakfast served. 10:30am Easter Worship in-person & via Facebook Live 6:00pm ICTV broadcast of St. Andrew's worship	<b>1</b> 3:15pm Homeschool Theatre	<b>2</b> 9:30am Women's Conversation Group 11:00am WELCA Board Meeting 3:15pm Homeschool Theatre	<b>3</b> 9:00am Quilters 4:00pm Handbell rehearsal 5:00pm RECHARGE meal 6:00pm Men's Choir rehearsal 6:00pm RECHARGE Worship 6:45pm FINK Nite 7:00pm Mixed Choir rehearsal 7:45pm Final 15	<b>4</b> 1:00pm Social Justice Team	<b>5</b> 3:00pm High School Lock-In	<b>6</b> 1:01am High School Lock-In 1:00pm Eric Olson & Stephen Carlson- Piano/Violin Recital
<b>7</b> Youth Gathering - "Getting Ready Meeting" 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Worship w/Holy Communion 6:00pm ICTV broadcast of St. Andrew's worship	<b>8</b> 3:15pm Homeschool Theatre	<b>9</b> 3:15pm Homeschool Theatre	<b>10</b> 9:00am Quilters 4:00pm Handbell rehearsal 5:00pm RECHARGE meal 6:00pm Men's Choir rehearsal 6:00pm RECHARGE Worship 7:00pm Mixed Choir rehearsal 7:45pm Final 15	<b>11</b> 11:00am Eco Faith Meeting 4:00pm Rascals - (4pm setup/5pm dinner)	<b>12</b> 3:00pm Grand Rapids NorthStar Women's Club	<b>13</b> 8:00am Grand Rapids North Star Women's Club District Convention
<b>14</b> New Orleans/Fundraising/Zion Church 9:00am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion 9:00am Sunday School 6:00pm ICTV broadcast of St. Andrew's worship	<b>15</b> 3:15pm Homeschool Theatre	<b>16</b> 8:30am Habitat for Humanity Build Day 9:30am Women's Conversation Group 3:15pm Homeschool Theatre 6:00pm Church Council meeting	<b>17</b> 9:00am Quilters 4:00pm Handbell rehearsal 5:00pm RECHARGE meal 6:00pm Men's Choir rehearsal 6:00pm RECHARGE Worship 6:45pm FINK Nite 7:00pm Mixed Choir rehearsal 7:45pm Final 15	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Earth Day Sunday 9:00am Sunday School 9:00am Worship with Holy Communion 10:15am Financial Review Mtg 10:15am Youth Gathering - "Getting Ready Meeting" 6:00pm ICTV broadcast of St. Andrew's worship	<b>22</b> Earth Day 3:15pm Homeschool Theatre	<b>23</b> 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry 3:15pm Homeschool Theatre	<b>24</b> 9:00am Quilters 4:00pm Handbell rehearsal 5:00pm RECHARGE meal 5:00pm Youth Team Meeting 6:00pm Men's Choir rehearsal 6:00pm RECHARGE Worship 7:00pm Mixed Choir rehearsal 7:45pm Final 15	<b>25</b> 9:00am Drop off for Rummage Sale	<b>26</b> 9:00am Drop off for Rummage Sale 4:00pm Youth Rummage Sale	<b>27</b> 9:00am 2024 Synod Assembly 9:00am Youth Rummage Sale

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Worship Service Schedule

Sunday—Worship 9:00 am  
Sunday School classes 9:00 am

Wednesday—Worship 6:00 pm  
Final 15 at 7:45 pm



**ST. ANDREW'S MISSION STATEMENT**

**WELCOME** All people of faith in community in Jesus Christ, inviting and celebrating a rich diversity of members.

**CELEBRATE** God's presence in our lives.

**GROW** In our experience and understanding of God's grace and God's purpose for our lives.

**REACH** Out with compassion to those in need, especially those who have not heard the gospel of Jesus Christ.