



# Weekly Newsletter February 1, 2024

### Saint Andrew Council Commitment

I want you to be aware of the commitment and effort of the Saint Andrew Congregation Council during these next several months. While most congregation councils meet once each month, our council members will be meeting almost weekly for the next three months or more.

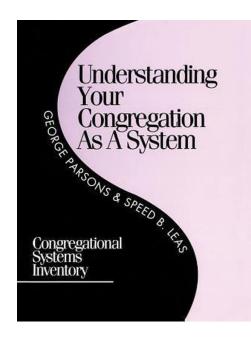
They have divided into four sub-committees in order to audit several aspects of our congregational life to discover which aspects of ministry we do best. Those sub-committees will probably meet 2-3 times before the next council meeting and 2-3 times again in March and in April.

Once the council identifies our strengths, the appropriate Ministry will be asked to engage in a visioning process to further enhance what we already do well.

I will lead another congregational forum on *Sunday, March 17* to keep you upto-date on our progress. The goal is to have a clear sense of vision and mission by early- to mid-summer.

Please keep all of these congregational leaders in your prayers and extend a word of thanks when you have opportunity.

Pr. Gary



# **Congregational Systems Inventory Completed**

I have completed my analysis of the Congregational Systems Inventory that many of you completed. Copies of the analysis can be found on the Information Desk and are also <u>attached here</u>. Thank you to those who participated. We had exactly the number of participants recommended for our size congregation. The survey showed that we mostly avoid the extremes. It was only in the Authority category that you expressed a clear desire for bringing new people into leadership roles and

more "grass roots" decision making. Please see me if you want to discuss the results further.

Pr. Gary

## **Council Communication Points**From Tuesday, January 30, 2024 Council Meeting

#### 1. Election of 2024 Officers

- President Diane Goetsch
- Vice President Kim Hoff
- Secretary Denise
- Treasurer Terri Fronek
- MSP Committee Chair Karen Wegge

#### 2. Liaison Appointments to Ministries

- Leadership Ministry Mark Clark
- Fellowship Ministry Pam Clark
- Property Ministry Phil Bickley
- Finance Ministry Bob W.
- Personnel Ministry Randy Trollop
- Faith Formation Ministry Kim Hoff
- Worship Ministry Juli Antonson
- Social Ministry Karen Wegge

### 3. Established Leadership Selection & Development Ministry

### 4. Continue to Support Our Compassion International Student, Barbara

## 5. Kickoff of "Twelve Keys to an Effective Church" by Kennon L. Callahan

Council was given homework!

### **Adult Bible Study**

Adult bible study will resume this *Sunday, February 4 at 10:15 am in the Activity Room.* The theme and scripture for that day is: "Wait on God, who gives strength" - Isaiah 40:12-13, 25-31.

# Valentine Card Making Project:

Make, Take and Give!
Sunday, February 4; 10 am-12 pm

Create a personal, one-of-a-kind Valentine Card for a loved one and another for someone who is homebound or in a nursing home, someone who is sick or in the hospital or someone who just needs some love and encouragement. All supplies are provided including rubber stamps, stickers, markers, stencils, card stock and envelopes.





### **New Member Orientation**

Sundays, March 3 & 10; 10:15 am

A letter will be mailed out soon to those who have expressed an interest in membership. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, New Member Orientation will be held on Sundays, *March 3 & 10 at 10:15 am*. New members will be received during the 9:00 am worship service on *Sunday, March 17*. Please call the church office by *Monday, February 26* to sign up.



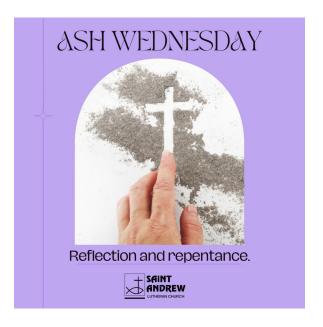
# **Invitation to Lent and Midweek Worship Services**

Lenten Theme: Witness and Service

During Saint Andrew's midweek Lenten services, we will hear faith stories from members of Saint Andrew. These stories will share how they have witnessed God working in their lives, as well as stories about how that witness has led them to service.

Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday on February 14, when we will mark the beginning of the 40 days of Lent together. Pr. Rich Block will preside over these services at 12:15 and 6:15 pm, and the Handbell Choir will play at 6:15 pm.

Soup will be served beginning the Wednesday following Ash Wednesday, February 21 through March 20. Thank you, Social Ministry, for continuing this wonderful opportunity to gather the community and be both spiritually and physically filled.



Let us thank and pray for our neighbors and friends who will share their witness of how God's love and grace has soothed their hearts and helped them through challenging times, and how God's example has inspired them to serve. May we all be inspired to follow Christ's example of how to live with bold confidence of Christ's love and give our time and talents generously to others.

Blessings to all on this journey of Lent!

Jonathan Smith
Director of Worship and Music

### The Magic Paper Box

The blue Magic Paper Box, located in the northeast parking lot, earned \$340 in 2023 which helps fund Saint Andrew



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youth activities. Thank you to all who have brought in your mail, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, and other paper to be recycled. Let's see if we can exceed this amount in 2024.



### "One in Spirit" Yoga

Transforming the mind, body, and

### February is a month of love! TRANSFORMING LOVE!

What might shift within us and within our lives

if we open ourselves to the

transforming love
that lives within us?

You are invited to COME AND SEE!

Mat-based Yoga Flow Practices
Tuesdays @ 8:30 am & 4:30 pm
Chair-based Yoga Practice
Wednesdays @ 8:30 am

All are welcome! Bring a friend!

No mat? No problem. We have extras here!

Looking forward to your presence!

Worship
Sundays
9:00 am
(The Sanctuary is

Recorded Worship on Spectrum

Sunday worship is livestreamed on the

#### T-Coil Hearing Loop Enabled)



### **Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

SALC Facebook page each week. The recorded service can then be found on channel 980 through Charter/Spectrum on the following days and times:

Tuesday - 2:00 pm Thursday - 10:30 am Friday - 6:00 pm Sunday - 7:00 am

#### **SALC Calendar**

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