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Weekly Newsletter February 8, 2024

Report to the Bishop

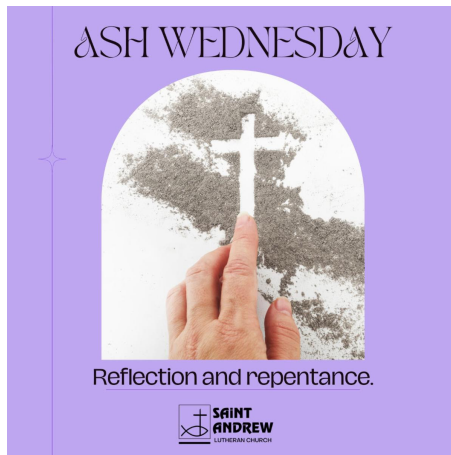
One of the requirements of interim ministry is to complete a quarterly report to the Bishop which I have now completed. I believe it to be a comprehensive review of our ministry together since November. Copies are available at the Welcome Desk and are also available [here](#). As with any aspect of this ministry, I welcome your comments or concerns. Thank you for your many expressions of support.

Because of the exceptional effort of the entire staff, week-by-week we are expanding this ministry. Best of all, you are responding to those efforts. Even though we have developed a plan for adding worship services (see the report to the Bishop), it will take time and our worship space may get crowded during the next 10-12 weeks. I ask your indulgence. Don't stop coming because the room is full. We have added chairs and ushers will help you find a place to sit. It is because of your regular attendance that we will be able to work toward adding a second Sunday morning service in mid-September.

We are trying to be careful that each step be done well. Saint Andrew people have shown a desire for expanded ministry which motivates me in this work. I will be on vacation for the next two weeks. Please reach out to Joy in the church office for any pastoral needs while I am away.

Oh, and by the way, Pr. Jenn Pockat will be preaching here on Sunday, April 14. She will lead a forum on the work of the synod following worship. How nice it will be to have her back at Saint Andrew!

Pastor Gary



Invitation to Lent and Midweek Worship Services

Lenten Theme: Witness and 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.



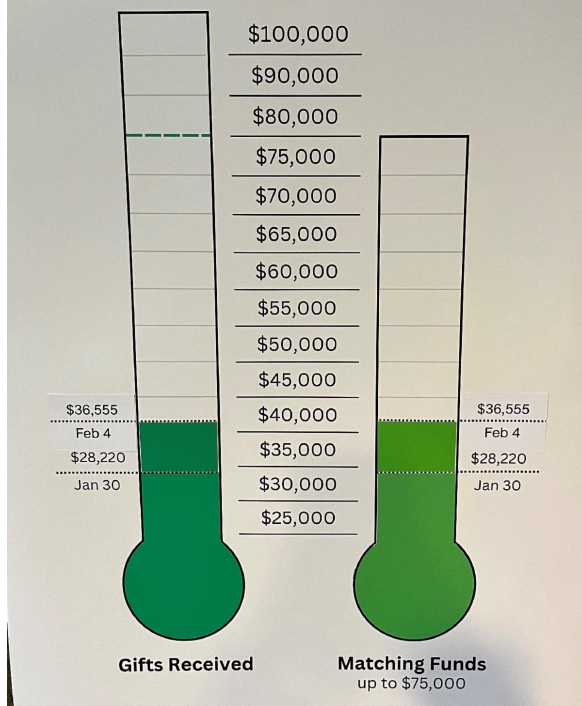
During Saint Andrew's midweek Lenten services, we will hear faith stories from members of Saint Andrew. These stories will share how they have witnessed God working in their lives, as well as stories about how that witness has led them to service.

Mortgage Reduction Appeal

Saint Andrew has an incredible opportunity to make a lasting impact on the future of our church and mission. We are blessed that two Saint Andrew families have offered to contribute up to a combined \$75,000 toward paying down our mortgage if the congregation will match those offers.

Saint Andrew has a mortgage of \$388,865 as of December 31. The loan must be renegotiated this summer and it is likely that our interest rate will increase. It feels

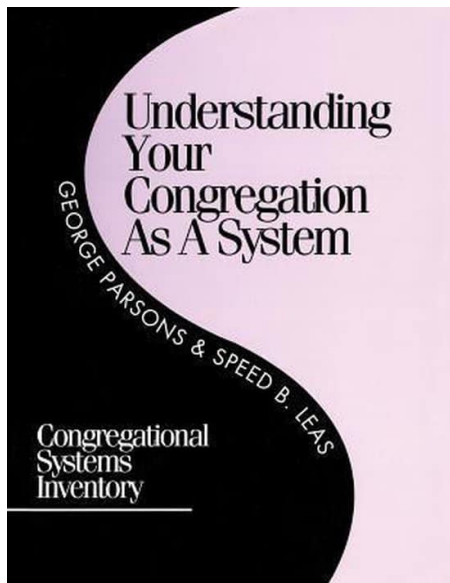
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like a very good time to substantially reduce the amount we will need to refinance. By paying down our mortgage balance now our mortgage will be paid off sooner allowing for more funds for ministry and mission.

If you would like to help with this appeal with a contribution, you can mail a check to the church and mark your gift “mortgage reduction.” Or, you can go to the “Giving” tab on the Saint Andrew website, select the online giving button and make an electronic payment for Mortgage Debt Reduction.

Any gift that will help us to attain the \$75,000 match will be greatly appreciated.



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 [attached here](#). 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 Skare
- 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 Wiederhoeft
- 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 11 at 10:15 am in the Activity Room.*** The theme and scripture for that day is: “Delivered from the Flames”, Daniel 3:19-28a.

New Member Orientation

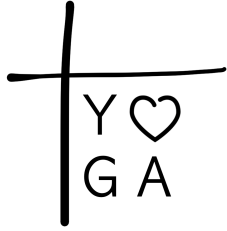
Sundays, March 3 & 10; 10:15 am

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.

Art Devotions

Wednesday, February 28; 1:00 - 8:00 pm - Activity Room

Art Devotions begins with a reading from Sara Young's 365-day devotional called "Jesus Calling" which helps us slow down and focus our thoughts on the present moment. From there we are free to create that which brings us joy for the day. Some people bring their own projects; others experiment with the variety of tools, paper and paints available in the Activity Room. Artful play in a non-judgmental and safe zone is a gift you give to yourself as well as others.



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"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!

*February donations received will be given to
"Layla's Beauty Shop LLC,"
a Black owned local business,
in honor of Black History Month.*





The Magic Paper Box

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

Worship

Sundays
9:00 am

*(The Sanctuary is
T-Coil Hearing Loop Enabled)*



Office Hours

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

Recorded Worship on Spectrum

Sunday worship is livestreamed on the 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

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