



St. Andrew

Connections

WORSHIPING, GROWING, SERVING TOGETHER

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Slow Down!

Many years ago, I read a book called **Mudhouse Sabbath** (Lauren Winner, 2003), and each year, as we enter into the season of Lent, I think about some of the wisdom the author shares.

Winner, who converted from Judaism to Christianity, suggests that Christians learn and practice some of the rituals of Judaism, like keeping things simple and doing something different on the Sabbath. Winner writes about preparing meals ahead of Sabbath so she is not burdened to cook and also about reading aloud to her friend's children on Sabbath afternoons.

Much as I appreciate what Winner suggests, I haven't been able to consistently practice it, especially on Sundays. But I do endeavor to keep things simple during Lent. Having a simple Wednesday dinner of soup and bread can certainly be part of that. Some of us could benefit from putting our phones away (or silencing them) for just 30 minutes each morning as we walk in creation or read the Bible. I challenge myself to see if I can plan my weeks differently so that on Fridays (which is the day I usually take as Sabbath), I'm not grocery shopping, doing laundry, dusting, mopping, and vacuuming from dawn to dusk.

This Lent, I invite you to take the advice I give myself: Slow Down! Rest, listen for God.

Moses said, "This is what God was talking about: Tomorrow is a day of rest, a holy Sabbath to God. Whatever you plan to bake, bake today; and whatever you plan to boil, boil today. Then set aside the leftovers until morning." Exodus 16:23-24a The Message Bible

Pr. Mari

Mission Statement

St. Andrew Lutheran Church is called to create opportunities for all people to become devoted followers of Christ. We do this by welcoming all to our ministry; by serving our members, the community, and the world; and by encouraging people to continue their growth in faith.

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship

8:30 & 10:00AM

Livestream on YouTube at
10:00AM

Office Hours

8:00AM to 12:00PM

Monday through Thursday

A Congregation of the



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COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



Every Sunday after 8:30 and 10:00 worship.
More people have been coming.
If you haven't yet, come check it out.

Mark your calendars for March 15th coffee fellowship following each worship service. The Inclusivity Team will again be hosting a deluxe table of sweet and savory treats. Please join us and find out what we've been up to.



Here's the "score"

Gold medal goes to the Refs

Silver medal - Bad Bunny

Bronze medal - Patriots

**The Lombardi Trophy goes to
the Seattle Seahawks!**

**Local Hunger Ministries received
\$930.07 and our Crisis Fund
received \$1703**

Thank you for your generosity!

Treasurer's Report *This information is through January 31, 2026 submitted by Alan Yearke*

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>
January		
General Revenue + Revenues to Funds	\$30,517	
General Expenses + Expenses from Funds		\$26,227
Year to Date		
General Revenue + Revenues to Funds	\$30,517	
Other Expenses + Expenses from Funds		\$26,227
General Fund Balance =	\$22,698.42	

Convenient Giving

In addition to the basket for our weekly offerings, and the Vanco payment link on the home page of our website at standrewlv.org, we now have a QR code. Just scan the QR code using your cell phone or iPad camera and tap the link to easier giving.



Have you noticed?

Our Sunday morning coffee fellowship is growing! That is fantastic, but it means we're regularly running low on treats. If you would like to donate homemade or store-bought cookies, rolls, or bars, please bring them with you on Sunday or drop them off in the church office M-TH. Thank you!

TAX SEASON HAS BEGUN

Many people pay a lot of money to have someone else do their taxes. There are a few places around the valley that offer FREE Tax Service. I have been doing this for 20 years and run a site in North Las Vegas. I look at it as giving up my Fridays and Saturdays for Lent. I also get to meet some interesting people. This year I will make myself available to do some extra time for the members of St Andrew. I have done some for a few in the past. There are some normal IRS restrictions, but I am very good at working around them. I can schedule you to meet me at St Andrew so you don't have to drive to my site which is near the VA Hospital. For more information you can call or email me. Again, the service is totally FREE.

Jerry Mathre

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March Greeters

	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>10:00am</u>
3/01	Teresa B	Derrick
3/08	Helen D	JoAnn& Briella
3/15	Sherry	Lu D
3/22	LoAn	Barb B
3/29	Anastasia & Jack	Stephanie

Thank you to everyone that volunteers their time to create a welcoming and worshipful environment.

The choir meets on Wednesdays at 5:00pm. All are welcome!



R.O.M.E.O.s

Retired **O**ld **M**en **E**ating **O**ut

Tuesday, March 3rd
11:30 am at Famous Dave's
1951 N Rainbow Blvd

Please sign up on the clipboard
by the office and join us!

J.U.L.I.E.T.s

Just **U**nusual **L**adies
Intentionally **E**ating **T**ogether

Tuesday, March 3rd
11:30am at Famous Dave's
1951 N Rainbow Blvd

Please sign up on the clipboard
by the office and join us!

From the Council President

As I look at the upcoming month of March, here are some important dates to remember.

March 4 – On this date in 1918, the first case of the “Spanish flu” was recorded at Fort Riley, Kansas, eventually leading to a global pandemic that killed roughly 22 million people by 1920.

March 5 – On this date in 1953, Joseph Stalin died of a massive cerebral hemorrhage (stroke) at the age of 74. He held office as General Secretary of the Communist Party from 1922 to 1952 and as premier from 1941 until his death.

March 6 – In 1836, the battle of the Alamo concluded after a 13-day siege, with Mexican troops killing the last of the fort’s defenders.

March 7 – On this date in 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his invention of the telephone. He made the first successful phone call to his assistant, Mr. Watson, on March 10.

March 8 – Daylight saving time begins. Be sure to set your clocks forward 1 hour before going to bed on March 7. This year, it will last until Sunday, November 1. This day is also International Women’s Day, a day celebrated annually to promote women’s rights and accomplishments.

March 15 – In 44 B.C., Julius Caesar was assassinated in the Roman Senate by Brutus and fellow conspirators, famously known as the Ides of March.

March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day, commemorating the patron saint of Ireland. This is a widely observed celebration of Irish heritage and culture, often marked by parades, wearing green, and festive gatherings.

March 24 - In 1989, the Exxon Valdez oil tanker ran aground in Alaska’s Prince William Sound, leaking 11 million gallons of oil and causing an environmental catastrophe.

March 29 – Palm Sunday. Many Christians in the United States remember Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem on this day, which marks the beginning of Holy Week.

Best wishes to each of you for the month!

Stuart Moen

Prayer Requests

St. Andrew has two ways to request prayer from the congregation: first is this prayer list, which will change monthly (for continuing needs, call the church office or the pastor to request that prayers continue) and the other is our Prayer Circle (see below). Because of privacy concerns (it is published on our website), most last names are omitted:



Edna Wi, June Wo, Harold, Ron W, Arnold S,
Connie K, Tricia M, Gerri S., Veronica, Sienna,
Linda D, Mahogany, Kayla, Frances, Desiree,
Patricia M, Susan M, Phil S
Linda & Dom D. Zachary, Erin & David,
Allison, Joan, Beth S, Barb P, Linda P
Families of: Anita M, Mary Ann K, Kali, Nancy B,
Birdie G, Clay E

The St. Andrew Prayer Circle is a group of special people standing ready to pray for all who are in need. It doesn't matter if the need is yours or for someone in your family or a friend. Whether prayers are needed for illness, surgery, death or a difficult situation, we are here for you. Please let us know when you, or a loved one needs our prayers and then let us know when those prayers are answered so we can thank and praise our Lord.

Each prayer request and updates are sent to the Prayer Circle members via e-mail. If you have a prayer request, or would like to join our Prayer Circle, please send an e-mail to Linda Fraass at Lfraass@aol.com or to the church office at angelad@standrewlv.org. You may also call Linda at 702/485-4892 or the church office at 702/255-1990.

Happy Birthday

3/02 Kole We
3/04 James Sc
3/05 Julian Wa
3/07 Ted Bi
3/08 Elizabeth Ga
3/08 Sarah La
9/09 William Du
3/10 Anastasia Cr
3/11 John Me
3/11 Bob Mo
3/12 Roger An
3.12 Sharon Ca
3/12 Kathy Sc
3/13 Ron Fra
3/14 Beverly Ka
3/14 Ruuda Pe
3/17 Bonnie Mo
3/18 Michiko St
3/21 Linda An
3/22 Jean Ak
3/23 Susan Ne
3/25 Charles Ma
3/26 Nico Jo
3/26 Linda Ri
3/26 Nox So
3/29 Mary Jo Je
3/30 Ed Jo

Happy Anniversary

3/14 Alan & Carol Ye
3/21 Carolle & Chris Le
3/30 Dave & Cloydine Th

If your birthday or anniversary are missing from these lists, please let us know. Our database and its users are imperfect but are able to do better with your help.



Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is an ancient practice of meditation on a short passage of Scripture. We read a passage 4 times, reflecting on the reading and what God is telling us through the reading.



New members are always welcome.

We meet on Mondays at 6:00PM on Zoom (contact Pastor Mari for the Zoom link).

Youth!

First Sundays

Children and youth are welcome

Friends are welcome, too!

March 1st

Following the 10am worship

“Let the Games Begin!”

FRIENDS



Coffee with the Pastor

You are welcome to join us on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth & Young Adult room for this informal time of conversation. Pastor Mari will enjoy meeting up with you to discuss whatever is on your mind. No sign up necessary.



Barnabas Ministry

If you are interested in being part of this ministry of bringing Communion to the homebound, please contact Pastor Mari.

We know that some of our church information is sometimes out-of-date, so if you would like to be a recipient of Communion visits, please contact Pastor Mari or Beth in the church office.

Book Group

We are reading *The Road Less Traveled* by M. Scott Peck. If you would like to join us, please contact Pastor Mari for additional information. This group is “hybrid” meaning you can join in person or by Zoom.



Wednesday Zoom Study Will resume 4/8/26

Join us on Zoom on Wednesdays at 9:00am as we study the assigned Sunday Bible readings (aka “pericope”) or some other fun topic. Because it’s on Zoom, you can stay in your pajamas and enjoy your coffee as we “unpack” some of the incredible wonders of the Bible.

Outreach Report

Easter Basket Donations Needed

Easter Baskets are in high demand this season. SafeNest has requested a total of 20 Easter Baskets for the residents at their shelter. These baskets are scheduled to be delivered to SafeNest on March 27th. Please note that there may be an increased need for baskets, and more information will be provided as it becomes available.

St. Andrew and ILAG Partnership

Were you here when St. Andrew became a companion congregation with ILAG? If so, please contact Jeff Jacobson to share any information or memories you may have. There is growing interest among several members in becoming more active with El Divino Salvador del Mundo and Maya Itza (San Marcos). Now that St. Andrew is recognized as an AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation, we are eligible to apply for grants that could help offset some travel costs to Guatemala.

Ongoing Food and Clothing Donations

Please continue your generous food and clothing donations by placing items in the designated box. If you prefer to make a monetary contribution, kindly note "Community Outreach" on your check. Several non-profit organizations are benefiting from your continued support.

Thank You for Your Support

And a big **Thank You** to everyone for your donations, which continually support our less fortunate neighbors!

Outreach Opportunities...

In case you haven't noticed St. Andrew has its hands and hearts all over Clark County:

- * Donating food for local food pantries,
- * Donating newspapers for pets,
- * Donating shredded paper for egg packing at The Farm,
- * Donating glasses,
- * Donating soda tabs for Ronald McDonald House,
- * We participate in outreach events (Gods Work, Our Hands; Soup & Socks. Etc.),
- * We have quilters, knitters and those who crochet plastic bags for sleeping mats.

Plastic bags. Please place them in the purple box in the education wing.

We are no longer collecting calendars - We no longer have a recipient for them.

If you have questions regarding donations please contact the church office.



The Season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 18.

Beginning on February 25 and each week following (ending on March 25), we will have Wednesday Noon Worship, soup suppers at 5:45pm, and Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30pm. Please sign up to bring soup and/or bread. And please come to this holy meal!

Pastoral Acts

*Blessing of the marriage of Warren Lee & Santi Ellis
Memorial Services of Anita MacDonald, Mary Ann Kirschman,
Nancy Bye, and Clayton Ehrenreich
Wedding of Scott Bebber and Donna LaVoice*

Welcome New Members:

Linda Pitrowski
Eddie & Allison Gulbenkian, Brynn, and Stefan (Steel)

The Rygh Room water heater malfunctioned in mid-December and flooded the room and the hallway (cabinets, walls, flooring). The \$3500 water heater has been replaced, and we are in process of replacing everything that was damaged. Because our insurance deductible for this type of damage is \$10,000, most of the cost will come from our building reserve funds. Of course, you are welcome to make a donation to the cost (just write "water heater" on your offering envelope). Thanks to donations already received the actual water heater (which is not covered by insurance) has been fully funded. **Work began February 13th to bring the Rygh Room and education hall back to life.**

Inclusivity Team Update



The Inclusivity Team met Sunday, February 15 at 11:15am following coffee fellowship. On Sunday, March 15th we will be offering an expanded coffee fellowship (charcutier board, quiche, sweets and more). Our guests will be Jensen Lee and Aime Dorsey. We hope you will join us!

We received a grant from the Grand Canyon Synod in the amount of \$3250, and are looking forward to offering educational opportunities to our members and neighbors.



40 Days

Lenten Devotional Readings

Some of our members have written devotions for our Lenten journey. These will be posted on our Facebook page. If you haven't "liked" or "followed" us yet, look for our blue sailboat logo.

Haiku

Roger's Haikus defined:

Tiny Novels

Title: Set Scene

Line #1 Observation

Line #2 Conflict/Interaction

Line #3 Resolution

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PRONOUN SUBTLETIES

Me, myself and I

Me is not my truest self

I is who I am



RE-REFLECTION

Night sky speaks to pools
Her message becomes reversed
And often improved.



March health awareness

March is a busy month for health awareness, focusing heavily on Nutrition (National Nutrition Month), Colorectal Cancer, and conditions affecting the brain like Multiple Sclerosis and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), alongside kidney health, endometriosis, and HIV/AIDS awareness, promoting healthy eating, early screening, and support for various conditions.

- ⇒ Stay in tune with your body.
- ⇒ Eat a healthy diet.
- ⇒ Get adequate sleep.
- ⇒ Early awareness is key.



Las Ventanas

We lead worship at Las Ventanas in the Tuscany Room on Sunday, March 22 and Sunday, March 29, at 1:30pm. Non-residents (like you!) are welcome to attend. Thanks to Margaret Marsh for accompanying worship on the piano and Merideth Parker for serving as our reader.

Red Rock Pointe

Our next Communion Worship at Red Rock Pointe on will be on Good Friday, April 3, at 1:00pm. Non-residents (like you!) are encouraged to attend.



Would you like to know more about our denomination (the ELCA) and our work across the country and around the globe? You are invited to subscribe to Living Lutheran (formerly The Lutheran magazine). A free internet subscription will bring stories to your inbox. Subscriptions to the print magazine are also available. Go to LivingLutheran.org for more information.

Are you looking for a great read?

There are free Bibles of various translations available in the Narthex. Some are well used and others are brand new. You are welcome to take one for yourself or a friend.

Our Daily Bread and **Christ in Our Home** devotionals are available in the Narthex in the basket on the lost and found cabinet next to the water fountain. Please feel free to pick one up. These devotionals are funded in our budget and are offered to anyone free-of-charge. If you prefer, you can subscribe to the devotionals and receive them at home. Information about subscriptions is included in the booklets.

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 8:30am - Worship 9:20am - Fellowship 10:00am - Worship 10:50am - Fellowship 11:00am - First Sunday Youth 3:30pm - Women's AA 5:00pm/7:00pm - AA Mtgs.</p>	<p>2 11:30am - Meditation Room 12:30pm - Living Sober 6:00pm - Zoom Lectio Divina 6:30pm - Adult Trauma Group 7:00pm - Women's AA</p>	<p>3 10:00am - Coffee w/ the Pastor 11:30am - ROWE/O and JULIET Lunch at Famous Dave's 1:30p - Conference Pastors 7:00pm - Men's AA Mtg. 7:30pm - OA Mtg</p>	<p>4 10:30am - Recovery Group Noon - Lenten Worship Noon - Al-Anon 5:30pm - Choir 5:45pm - Soup Supper 6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer</p>	<p>5 9:30am - Recovery Bible Study Noon - AA Mtg 6:00pm - Book Group 7:30pm - AA Mtg</p>	<p>6 7:00pm Camera Club</p>	<p>7 2:00pm Camera Club</p>
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8:30 & 10:00AM

Livestream on YouTube at 10:00AM

All are welcome!

Please place address label here

CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

March 2026



3/01 - First Sunday Youth

Lenten Wednesdays

Worship at Noon, Soup at 5:45pm, Holden Worship at 6:30pm

3/08 - Daylight Savings Time begins

3/17 - Saint Patrick's Day

3/29 - Palm Sunday