

The Parish Voice

St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Speedway Indiana

JANUARY 2012

Welcome to the year of our Lord 2012!

As we enter this new year we usually make resolutions that unfortunately get broken all too quickly.

As the community of God's Baptized here at St. Andrew's, my hope and prayer is that we will not just make resolutions that we so quickly break. Rather, let us focus on what bring us together as a Christian Family. We come together because we are connected as members of the Body of Christ in our Baptism. Every member of the body needs the other member. Each of us as members of Christ's body, the church, is nourished as we weekly come to worship on the Lord's day! His day is Sunday since our Lord Jesus was raised from the dead on Easter Sunday! We gather around Word and Sacrament, the Means of Grace! I encourage you to keep worship as a weekly priority in your life. Your daily lives will certainly be blessed if Christ is permitted to be number ONE! That begins with living by the 3rd commandment: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Luther guides us in the meaning of this commandment: "We should fear and love God, and so we should not despise his Word and the preaching of the same, but deem it holy and gladly hear and learn it."

Sundays at St. Andrew's also include weekly Christian Education for all ages beginning at 3-10! We hope that parents will live out the promises they made when their child was baptized into the Christian Faith! We also have an adult class which meets in the lounge. Jim Patton and Phil Tingle would like to welcome you to their time of study and conversation!

See you in Church,

The Rev. Daniel M. Strobel,

Pastor

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1/8 *Holly Kalk*
1/11 *Rudy Mueller*
1/12 *Adam Fer*
Kassidy Shelby
1/13 *Mark Hollman*
1/15 *Mary Ellen White*
1/16 *Robert Meyer*
1/17 *Lisa McKibban*
1/20 *Joseph Cardoza*
1/21 *Shelby Johnson*
1/22 *Kelsey Joseph*
1/23 *Lynn Carter*
Karen Wood
Thomas LaPierre
1/24 *Ella Ingersoll*
1/25 *Phillip Tingle*
1/27 *Suzy Henschen*
Jeannie Hermerding
1/28 *Nicholas Bertsch*
1/31 *Doug Tibbs*



JANUARY





EPIPHANY


Winter



ATTENTION!



 Don't forget, get your scissors,
clip these out and tape into your Directory.
That way you'll stay up-to-date! 

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ST. ANDREW'S YOUTH GROUP
EARNS MONEY FOR PAPER DROPPED OFF AT OUR
GREEN AND YELLOW PAPER RETRIEVER BIN.

**WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT BOOKS IN ONE
RECEPTACLE AND PAPERS IN THE OTHER
RECEPTACLE IN OUR EAST PARKING LOT!**
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and fill it up out there! Appropriate books will be
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Youth Group Ministry!
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WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS

If you are ill at home or shut in for any reason, a Lutheran worship opportunity is available for you on the television. Lutheran Ministries Media comes to us from Fort Wayne, Indiana. You will discover traditional worship, grace based, faith-filled worship filled with familiar hymns and choir music. I truly believe it is the next best thing to being right here with us at St.

Andrew's. Check your TV listings. You may watch the 10:00 am worship service on cable, WHMB-TV 40. On Comcast Cable turn to channel 9.

Lutheran Ministries Media, Inc.
"Worship for Shut-Ins"
5 Martin Luther Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46825-4935
(888) 286-8002
(260) 471-5683
www.worshipforshutins.org

January 1, 2012 - Galatians 4:4 "Timing Is Everything" by Rev. Thomas R. Ahlersmeyer, Holy Cross Lutheran Church~Fort Wayne, IN

January 8, 2012 - Matthew 2:1-12 "Seeing with True Wisdom" by Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier III, Concordia Theological Seminary~Fort Wayne, IN

January 15, 2012 - John 1:43-51 "Come and See!" by Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church~New Haven, IN

January 22, 2012 - Mark 1:14-20 "Follow Him Where?" by Rev. Herbert C. Mueller, Jr., 1st Vice President of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

January 29, 2012 - Mark 1:21-28 "Astonishing Amazing Authority" by Rev. Thomas R. Ahlersmeyer, Holy Cross Lutheran Church~Fort Wayne, IN

*...and he will be called
Wonderful Counselor...*

Isaiah 9:6



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church will meet for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 29th following worship and lunch.

All Active Confirmed Members are asked to attend as we tend to the business of God's mission.

Please sign the sheet in the narthex so that we can make sure we have sufficient food and drink.

In His Service,
Pastor Strobel

**DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY
OFFERED AT ST. ANDREW'S BEGINNING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12.**

Ryan Willman will offer and facilitate a 13 week opportunity, by leading us through this well received biblically based program. Dave Ramsey's wisdom and experience are being shared across our country in a variety of congregations.

MISSION STATEMENT: "We provide biblically based, common-sense education and empowerment which gives HOPE to everyone from the financially secure to the financially distressed."

Each week is a two hour session. We will watch an entertaining lesson on DVD and then engage in an active small-group discussion.

We will use a workbook.

Participating includes a lifetime membership. That means members can attend any class, anywhere, any time-as often as you like! Each family must purchase a membership. Another words, a single adult or a married couple would pay a one time \$100.00 fee to join. That includes all materials.

Ryan has worked through the material and lessons. He highly recommends this for everyone. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Indianapolis has been doing this program. Pastor's brother's congregation in NJ has used it and recommends it use. "FPU has given us awareness and confidence, plus a new outlook on spending, saving and giving!" Christopher

"FPU has given me the steps to start taking my life back. I now have a plan and see a light at the end of the tunnel!" Joan

**PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET IN THE NARTHEX
TODAY SO WE MAY PREPARE FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.
TALK TO RYAN IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS!**



The Indianapolis Youth Coalition is coordinating pre-gathering events for folks who have registered for the Gathering through the Coalition. Our first pre-gathering huddle was in October an over 100 folks were present.

The next pre-gathering huddle will be SUNDAY, JAN 29th from 5-7:00 at Christ in Zionsville. This event will include Lost & Found and dinner (pizza!) Please RSVP to Julie@rcindy.org or 317-696-6634 so we have enough pizza! If everyone could bring a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the local food pantry! We are requesting \$5 to help cover the cost of dinner.

All St. Andrew's High School Youth, along ;with Erin and Justin are attending.

Thank you to all members who supported our youth by purchasing their 2012n calendars. The proceeds will be used towards the Youth trip to New Orleans in July!

HARK THE HERALDS ANGELS SING...



GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING!

Many thanks to all of you who came to the FBS pageant on December 13th. It was a very special evening for our "friends" and having such a large crowd, who applauded and took lots of pictures made them feel very special.

Thank you for sharing **A Very Special Christmas Gift**

The FBS Volunteers



*Empowering, Equipping and Encouraging the
People of God to make Christ Known*

Jan.
2012

I-K Lutheran

Where mission meets the road

From Bishop Bill Gafkjen



New Vision for a New Day

For more than a year now we have been living with this amazing word from God, spoken through the prophet Isaiah to God's people in exile in Babylon, and echoing down through the centuries to those of us who abide in the Indiana-Kentucky Mission Territory:

*I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.*



Bishop William O. Gafkjen

We have begun to engage this startling, life-changing promise in congregations, other local ministries, and among clusters of congregations. The guiding question has been, and continues to be: What new thing is God doing and what do we need to do to align our lives with it? We still have a long way to go in this missional moment of our life together. But, already I have been encouraged and my own faith deepened as I have seen how God's people in this mission territory are welcoming God's new thing in our midst and in the world.

This spring we will embark on a yearlong journey of exploring God's emerging newness in our synod and conference structures, practices, and relationships. We hope to discover more effective, efficient, and faithful ways for synod and conference ministries to empower, equip and encourage the congregations and other local and global ministries of this synod to make Christ known in this new day.

A team of rostered and lay people, in partnership with me, will lead this exciting endeavor called "New Vision for a New Day: Listen Deeply. Think Creatively. Act Boldly." The details of the "New Vision" process are still developing as I write this note, but we know that:

- We will **listen deeply** to God, to one another and to the world at this spring's conference assemblies and in other gatherings and other ways;
- We will **think creatively** with one another under the inspiration of God's Spirit at the 2012 Synod Assembly;
- In the fall and winter of 2012-2013, culminating at the 2013 Synod Assembly, we will consider proposals that will call us to **act boldly** to embrace and embody significant changes in our synod and conference structures, practices and relationships for the sake of God's mission in and beyond the Indiana-Kentucky Mission Territory.

Around the I-K Synod: *from Bishop Gafkjen, cont.*

Welcoming God's new thing can be both exciting and frightening, not unlike the newness that was born in Bethlehem and welcomed by the magi. Along the way, many of us will want to go back to Egypt, to what was familiar or comfortable. Others of us will resist or reject what will feel like radical change. Still others will readily embrace and embody new structures, roles, and ways of relating. Most importantly, we will journey together and, as with the early disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24), the crucified and risen Christ will accompany us, lead us, and go ahead of us to make a way in the wilderness and gush rivers of grace into the desert of our oft troubled world.

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bishop Bill Gafkjen

About Your Synod: *ELCA is deeply rooted in God's mission*

ELCA New Service - Chicago

ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson cited the actions of the 2011 Churchwide Assembly to support the DREAM Act (the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act), legislation that would provide a path for citizenship for undocumented high school graduates.

ELCA members are "called to be part of God's reconciling and restoring community" in the world, said Hanson. "That's why no matter what political party is in power in the White House, Congress, state houses, legislatures or in local communities, we will first of all affirm the vocation of political service as being a calling from God," he said, and therefore need to hold public servants accountable.

In recent months ELCA members have held public servants responsible, "so that the balancing of budgets and the reducing of debts is not done on the backs of those who live in poverty. That's why we advocate that there must be a circle of protection around those programs that historically have been untouched when deficits arise and budgets must be reduced. And we believe it's a moral issue ... it's a matter of faith," Hanson told the council.

Hanson attended a White House meeting Nov. 8 to hold "this current administration accountable, as we have the Bush administration, on behalf of our companions in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, to work tirelessly to exert our power and influence to bring Israelis and Palestinians back to the negotiating table and challenge this administration and the government of Israel to quit settlement expansion that becomes a deterrent to that peace."

He told the council that not only with the ELCA's congregations, synods, churchwide organization, partner agencies and institutions, "but together with ecumenical partners and global companions, we are called to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and engage in God's work of restoring community."

2012 I-K Synod Events & Opportunities

Order the new 2012 Global Mission Map Brochure now!

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- Learn how your gifts and offerings are turned into effective ministry around the world.

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ONE MILLION FOR JILLIAN

Many of you bring in your pop tabs from soda cans which we donate to Riley Children's Hospital towards The Ronald McDonald House. We thank you for doing that. The RM House at Riley is such a blessing to parents.

Here's what Pr. Heather Apel, Assistant to our Bishop writes:

"The RMH at Riley's has been such a blessing to us during the many months we spent at our daughter Jillian's bedside."

The pop tabs can turn into money to fund RMD Houses, which helps keep the cost very low for families to stay or use the facilities at RMD Houses. Pastors Heather and Wade Apel came up with a goal of 'one million for Jillian.' They hope their friends and family (and anyone else who hears about this goal) will help bring in 1,000,000 pop tabs in Jillian's honor by her second birthday on June 10, 2012.

Our Council has now designated all our donated tabs to go in honor of Jillian Apel, daughter of Pastors Wade and Heather Apel. Our Secretary, Rose LaPierre has volunteered to count them and to deliver them to our Indiana-Kentucky Synod office on 86th Street!

Thank you all, and thank you ROSE!



WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY – 1-1-2012
10:30 AM New Year's Day Worship
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL



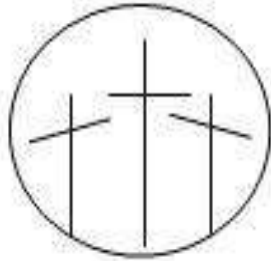
St. Andrew's 70th Anniversary!

In the year 1942 St Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church organized as a congregation! On Sunday, March 18, 2012 our congregational family will gather together to give thanks to almighty God for calling us as His disciples in Holy Baptism to be His witnesses in this part of the mission field!

Our Bishop, The Rev. Dr. William O. Gafkjen will visit our parish on that day and bring the message of God's Word at our 10:30 Service. A celebration meal will follow for all in the Fellowship Hall.

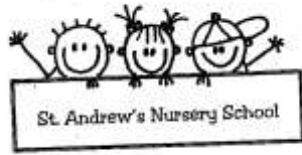
Save that date on you calendar now!

More information to follow!



**ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN
CHURCH
PARTNERS IN MINISTRY**

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Ed Bailey	Organist & Choirmaster	291-3459	SG6	Amanda Hunter	459-6125
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THOUGHTS ON NURSERY SCHOOL MINISTRY

ANONYMOUS

I know, my God, that you search the heart, and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart that I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. I Chronicles 29: 17

There is no whining in the fact that salaries for nursery school teachers are modest at best. Most of the individuals who have taught with me have had the privilege of having marriage partners who provided the lion's share of income. In addition, the hours are not long but the work can be considered to be extremely intense. Working with young children does not allow one to be anything less than keenly focused on the task at hand.

As the director of this small nursery school, I have often felt a sense of frustration that I have been unable to offer greater monetary rewards for work well done. At each opportunity available, the staff is affirmed and reminded that their labors are appreciated. On those rare occasions that monetary funds remain at the end of a school year, the staff is offered a bonus salary.

In the last few years, the staff of our little school has had the honor and blessing of an intermittent financial gift from an anonymous donor. It is amazing to consider that there is an individual who has an awareness of the scarcity of funds and takes action to offer support and encouragement through financial gifts. What is even more remarkable is the desire to remain anonymous. Here is someone who seeks no public credit for this act of love. It is humbling. It is a source of inspiration. It is a rich and dear blessing for which I am profoundly thankful.

Dear Lord, help me see all the beauty of the hearts of your servants in our world. Use these people to be a role model. Amen.