



ST. ANDREW'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH



BLUE CHRISTMAS Wednesday, December 18 7:00pm

Blue Christmas, also known as the Longest Night, takes place on or near the longest night of the year, which is typically December 21 (the Winter Solstice). This is NOT only a service to honor people who are experiencing grief, but also a worship for EVERYONE to celebrate the glory of the incarnation while acknowledging feelings of sadness or loss during the holiday season. JOIN US!



The Care Committee will be selling Lights of Love angels in the narthex on December 15th. An opportunity to remember, thank, honor or celebrate a loved one or special person/s. The dedication ceremony will be on December 22nd after the 10am service. One angel is \$15, two for \$25.



Poinsettia **20.00 each**
Plant Sale **Deadline Dec**
to beautify our altar for **18th**
Christmas



St. Andrew's Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

***RIC Meeting To Be Determined**

We joyfully welcome all of God's people to worship with us regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ability, or socio-economic circumstances



Donate online to the dedicated Altar Flowers Fund or contact the church office (631) 265-2288 or

email admin@standrewsofsmithtown.org

One week: \$49, One month: \$199.

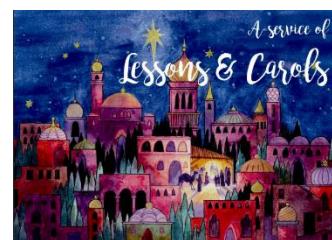


BELL CHOIR is looking for new members! Contact Laura Gustavsen at 631-258-3191 for more information



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve 4:30pm & 10:00pm
Christmas Day 10:00am

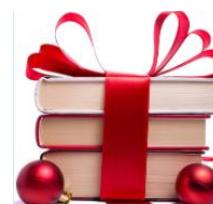


Dec 29th 10:00am
Lessons and Carols at St
Thomas of Canterbury
No worship at St Andrew's



Bible Study

All are welcome to join us on Monday, December 16 at 7:00pm in the main church.
Join us as we learn about body prayer and brainstorm ways to practice it individually or in worship.



St. Andrew's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00 Pm on Zoom for our Virtual Christmas Party and Book Review.

We will snack and toast each other on screen as we talk about the books we have read in 2024 and books we plan to read in 2025.
Looking for recommendations of our favorite reads in the January newsletter.



VACATION BIBLE CAMP NEEDS TREES!!!

We are looking for used Christmas trees that you no longer need. We will be using them for VBC in July. Please contact the office if you are willing to part with your old Christmas tree!
631.265.2288





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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER
THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:**

The friends & family of Ralph Sturchio
Lydia Moser
Charlie Macaluso, Michelle Brasile [requested by Jane DeRosa]
Elena Quandt [requested by Sturchio Family]
Lyla Suffis [requested by Jen & Brett Suffis]
Karen Crimi, Jeffrey Gilmore, Rev. Wayne Gollenberg,
Barbara McCanlis [requested by Jill Breimann]
Carmen Walsh [requested by Malissa Nelson]
Pastor Rebecca Pollicino
Micelle Dozier-Morgan [requested by Mary Fjellstad]
Carolyn Martin [requested by Linda Overton]
James Riley [requested by Lita Riley]
Lauren Cravotta, Mary Serigano, Pam Provetto
[requested by Joe & Margie Costello]
Belinda Busaca Zeitlin, Margo Naranjo [requested by Barbara English]
Rev. Margaret Casses, Jeff Taylor [requested by Fred Swanson]
Victoria Hintze [requested by Angelina Hintze]
The family of Robert Grisafi [requested by Colleen Donohue]
Elizabeth Flaherty [requested by Amanda Flaherty]
Mary Ellen Tiffany, Richard Klouda [requested by the Klouda Family]
Bobby Hazen, James Pallazzo, Don Spagna, Rose Marie Peragine, Amy Jane McGlynn, Richard Lewis, Rocky Cinque [requested by Marianne Spagna]
Jennifer Meisenkothen, Rachel Boccio, John Sullivan [requested by Dorothy & Jim Clavell]
Carolyn Bennett [requested Jill Spage]
Arthur Schaeffler [requested by the Poulos Family]
Judy Zimmerman, Brett D, Bill Michalski Sr, [requested by Cindy Davis]
Gavin Lahann [requested by Grandmother Violet Lahann]
Emilie Diehl [requested by daughters Cyndie & Kathy]
Betsy Johnsrud, Laura Hicks, Andrew Madarasz, Gerard Tuohy [requested by Leslee & Steve Mathieson]
Alex Hegarty, Bob Widmer, Carmine Colasanto, Richard & George Mengert [requested by Carolyn Gabelman]
Marilyn Havighorst [requested by Martha Hahn]
Kerri Swanson [requested by Linda & Jud Taylor]
Andy Hazin & the Hazin family, Ilse Gunther [requested by the Hoffman family]
David Travis [requested by Richard Travis]
THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE: Sgt Eric Hodosky, Major Lenore Livingston née Fortin, Corporal August Detting, LT Col William Fortin, Sgt Jack Dougherty, Sgt Jasmine Dougherty

****** EARLY SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION at 8:00 am.**
Our early morning Sunday liturgy of Holy Communion will be a more intimate service, featuring confession, the gospel, a sermon, prayer and communion. This 30-minute service will not be webcast or livestreamed. Principal Sunday Worship will remain at 10:00 am.

Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 5th immediately following the 10 AM service in the church sanctuary.

The sole purpose of the meeting is to vote on a recommendation by the Congregation Council to amend a by-law of our Constitution regarding the date of the Annual Congregational Meeting. The proposal would move the meeting from the 2nd Sunday in February to the 1st Sunday in February each year effective with the next meeting in 2025. You are eligible to vote at this meeting and future Congregational Meetings only if you are a Voting Member. Our constitution defines a Voting Member this way: You are at least 18 years of age and a baptized person who is a confirmed member of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, which is defined as having been received into membership either by confirmation at this church, or by transfer as a confirmed member of another Lutheran congregation or received into membership by affirmation of faith. In addition, you have communed at St. Andrew's during the current or previous calendar year and have contributed in some way to the work of this congregation. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend the Congregational Meeting to participate in the life of St. Andrew's.

***Join the Congregation Council and Executive Committee!**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
We are excited to announce that there are open positions available on both the Congregation Council and the Executive Committee! These vital groups help guide our church's mission, growth, and community outreach, and we invite you to consider serving. Currently, the Secretary position on the Executive Committee is open (also serves as a Council member), and we have one vacant Council position. The Secretary position is elected by the Congregation and the Council position is elected by the Congregation Council for the period up to the next annual meeting. The President, Vice President and Secretary positions, and eight Council positions, will be open to church Members and subject to the vote of the Congregation at the next annual meeting. Their terms begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

For more information or to express your interest, please contact Tom Pernice, our congregation president at (516) 524-9549 or at tompernlice@gmail.com.

Let's continue to grow together in faith and purpose!
Blessings, St. Andrew's Congregation Council