

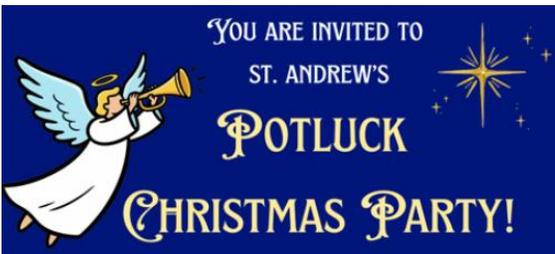


# ST. ANDREW'S

## LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Christmas Story: Told by all of Us  
December 14<sup>th</sup>



You are invited to **St. Andrew's Potluck Christmas Party** on Saturday, **December 6<sup>th</sup>**, 6 to 9pm in the parish hall. Please bring a dish to share (main, appetizer, or dessert). As usual, racks and sternos will be set up for hot items. Sign up in the narthex so we have an idea of how many are coming. If you don't cook or it's last minute, please come anyway—we always have plenty of food! For more info, contact Laura Kostecki 631-848-1762.



**Christmas Eve Worship**  
**4pm and 10pm**  
**Christmas Day Worship**  
**10am**



### Lights of Love

Angels available to order in the Church narthex 11/30 through 12/21 in memory or thanksgiving of a loved one. One angel is \$15, two for \$25. The dedication ceremony will be held on December 21<sup>st</sup> after the 10am service.



### Christmas Blessing Totes for New Hour Women and Children

This Advent, we are sharing Christmas blessings with the children of **New Hour Women and Children of Long Island**, which supports mothers as they rebuild their lives during and after incarceration. These tote bags will be given directly to the moms, so that **they are the ones who get to give their child a Christmas gift**—restoring dignity, connection, and joy.

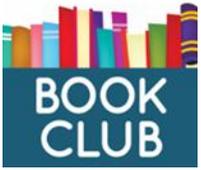
After worship, please pick up a Christmas Blessing Tote in the narthex. Each tote is labeled with a child's age and gender, along with simple instructions and suggested gift ideas. Fill the tote with age-appropriate toys, books, pajamas, and small treats, and return it to the church entry. Thank you for helping us shine Christ's love and restore hope for families this Christmas



**Flowers on the altar are dedicated in loving memory of our Dad, Ralph Sturchio on his first anniversary in heaven. Love his daughters, Carla, Doreen, & Pam**



**Gingerbread House Extravaganza**  
Tuesday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 630-8pm, in the parish hall. Bring your own box of graham crackers & tub of icing per child and 2 bags of candy to share.  
RSVP to Mary 631.513.2001 (headcount is needed)



## **St. Andrew's Book Club**

St. Andrew's Book Club will meet on zoom at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, December 16th, to discuss *The Time of the Child* by

Niall Williams. The story takes place during Advent of 1962 in a small Irish village.

### Knitting Together/Crafting Group

Join us Thursday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 1 to 3pm in the Parish Hall Footprints room. If you would like to craft in a community setting, please drop in to work alongside others for fun and socializing. You may bring your own project (e.g. knitting, crochet, watercolor, or whatever!) All are welcome!



### CONFIRMATION CLASS

**Sunday, December 7th**

**Immediately after worship.**



**We need non-perishable food items.**

**Your generosity helps feed our neighbors in need. Please bring**

**donations with you to worship.**



### **Bible Study**

**Monday, December 8, 7pm  
at the church office or zoom**



### **Changemaker**

**YOUTH IN MISSION**

**Dec 12th at 7:00pm**

This program is for all Youth interested in community service and mission projects. Invite your friends! Jr.

Changemakers: 6th-8th grade

Sr. Changemakers: 9th-12th grade.



### **Poinsettia Plant Sale**

**Beautify our altar for Christmas**

**\$20.00**

**Payment due by Dec 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Order forms are in the narthex.**



### Church Council

We invite all members of our church community to prayerfully consider serving in a leadership role in the coming year. **Several positions on both the Executive Committee and the Church Council are now open and available for nomination.** These roles are essential to the life and mission of our congregation, helping to guide our ministries, support our staff, and strengthen the overall direction of St. Andrew's.

The slate of nominees will be presented and voted on at our Annual Congregational Meeting on February 1st. Serving in one of these positions provides a meaningful opportunity to contribute your gifts, insights, and energy to the continued growth and well-being of our community of faith.

If you feel called to serve, would like to nominate someone, or simply wish to learn more about the responsibilities of these roles, please reach out. Tom Pernice (tompernice@gmail.com) or Pastor Jean (631-332-6026) would be happy to speak with you, answer questions, and provide additional information.

We encourage all congregants to consider how they might participate in this important aspect of our shared ministry. Your involvement truly makes a difference.



### **2026 Stewardship Theme: "Because We Are Thankful..."**

"In all things, give thanks." – 1 Thessalonians 5:18

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, St. Andrew's is beginning our 2026

Stewardship focus: **Because We Are**

**Thankful...** This year's theme invites us to recognize God's blessings and let our gratitude shape how we worship, serve, grow, and give.

**Pledge cards for 2026 have been mailed** and will be available in the narthex. We invite you to prayerfully consider your financial commitment to St. Andrew's for the coming year and return your completed card during the month of December.