

the Voice  
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### Mission Statement

As a community of faith which celebrates diversity,  
St. Andrew welcomes all people who seek to understand  
and follow the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Our mission is to:

- † proclaim the Good News
- † strengthen the spiritual life of our faith community
- † minister to the needs of our local community and the world
- † seek a more just society

Worship with us at 10:30 am  
Child care provided

# The voice

FEBRUARY 2012

**Friends,**

**In the blink of an eye, Advent and Christmas have been packed up and we are now preparing to enter into the season of Lent. We begin by worshipping on Wednesday, February 22 at 7:30pm to receive the imposition of ashes. We do this for a couple of reasons, we confront our mortality and we confess our sins in the community of faith. The use of ashes has a rich history within both Christianity and Judaism---they represent a call to repentance and reconciliation.**

**The season of Lent is 40 days; not including Sundays where we spiritually prepare ourselves through study, self-examination, prayer, fasting, self denial and repentance. It is in this time in the wilderness that we examine our relationship with Jesus---are we/have we been faithful, do we love our neighbor as ourselves, have we feed the hungry, clothed the naked and visited the sick and imprisoned. This is a time of seriously evaluating all of our relationships. Are we hanging on to fear, prejudice, self-righteousness, anger, hatred, self loathing, etc?**

**I pray we will each be faithful as we face our sins.....**

**Shalom  
Pastor Lora**

# From the Pastor's Desk...

## LAITY CONVOCATION.....

There is still time to join Pastor Lora and Jessie Cunningham on Feb. 4 and attend this Convocation. Need more details? See Pastor Lora or Jessie.

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## FEBRUARY 11---

### Dinner with a Loved One at 6:00pm.....

Come and celebrate Valentine's Day at St. Andrew! This dinner is open to everyone---there will be music, prizes and games galore! RSVP to the "Heart Box" in the lobby. Sponsored by our new Family Ministry Committee. A Free Will offering will be taken to defer the cost of dinner.

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## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 7:30pm. This service marks the beginning of Lent. Plan to attend.

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## NEED A HOME VISIT?

If you want a Pastoral or Lay Ministry team to visit, please notify the Church Office, 708-798-8904.

## February 24-25—"Speaking Out, Stepping Up, Risking All." .....

A worship lead by Rev. Amy DeLong. This event will be held at Downers Grove UMC, Downers Grove. Cost is \$25. Let Pastor Lora know if you are interested and need a ride.

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## PRAYER BOOKMARKS

Mary Lee Hoganson is coordinating this ministry. You can call her or send your request to her email: [maryleeruss@Aol.com](mailto:maryleeruss@Aol.com).

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## NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS.....

Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 29 at either 10:00am or 7:00pm we will be studying, "24 Hours That Changed the World". This study is aimed at helping us understand the events that occurred the last hours of Jesus' life. Adam Hamilton is the author. If you have always wondered why Jesus was crucified, this study is for you! Please let Pastor Lora know if you plan to attend so that a book can be reserved for you!

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## COMING IN MARCH.....

The Spiritual Formation Committee of the NIC is sponsoring a workshop on, "Creativity and Divine Surprise" on Saturday, March 24 from 9-3:00pm in Skokie. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Lora for more information.

# February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9:00 AM Sr. Bells 10:30 AM Worship 4:00 PM Jr. Bells	30 7:00 PM Fin. Plan Mtg. 7:30 PM Church Council	31 7:00 PM Fin. Plan Mtg. 7:30 PM Church Council	1 9:00 AM Men's Coffee 6:00 PM PADS	2 6:30 PM Celebr. Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	3 VOICE DEADLINE	4
5 9:00 AM Jr. Bells 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM Sr. Bells	6 7:00 PM Missions/SC Mtg.	7 7:00 PM Fin. Plan Mtg.	8 6:00 PM PADS	9 1:00 PM Finance mtg. 6:30 PM Celebr. Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	10 11:00 AM UMW Brunch Potluck 6:00 PM Valentine Dinner	11
12 10:30 AM Worship 4:00 PM Jr. Bells 5:00 PM Sr. Bells	13 7:00 PM Staff Parish Mtg.	14 7:00 PM Fin. Plan Mtg.	15 9:00 AM Men's Coffee 6:00 PM PADS	16 6:30 PM Celebr. Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	17	18
19 9:30 AM Celebr. Rgs. 10:30 AM Worship 1:00 PM Scouts 4:00 PM Jr. Bells 5:00 PM Sr. Bells	20 10:00 AM Esther Circle 7:00 PM Trustees	21 7:00 PM Fin. Plan Mtg. 7:30 PM Deborah Circle	22 6:00 PM PADS 7:30 PM Ash Wed. Service	23 6:30 PM Celebr. Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	24	25
26 9:00 AM Sr. Bells 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Jr. Bells 3:00 PM CHOIR FEST.-St. Paul	27 7:00 PM Fin. Plan Mtg. 7:30 PM Church Council	28 7:00 PM Fin. Plan Mtg. 7:30 PM Church Council	29 6:00 PM PADS	3 6:30 PM Celebr. Ringers 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	21	31

## Helpful Hints For Winter

**Keep your headlights clear with car wax!** Just wipe ordinary car wax on your headlights. It contains special water repellents that will prevent that messy mixture from accumulating on your lights - lasts 6 weeks.

**Squeak-proof your wipers with rubbing alcohol!** Wipe the wipers with a cloth saturated with rubbing alcohol or ammonia. This one trick can make badly streaking & squeaking wipers change to near perfect silence & clarity.

**Ice-proof your windows with vinegar!** Frost on it's way? Just fill a spray bottle with three parts vinegar to one part water & spritz it on all your windows at night. In the morning, they'll be clear of icy mess. Vinegar contains acetic acid, which raises the melting point of water - preventing water from freezing!

**Prevent car doors from freezing shut with cooking spray!** Spritz cooking oil on the rubber seals around car doors & rub it in with a paper towel. The cooking spray prevents water from melting into the rubber. Fog-proof your windshield with shaving cream. Spray some shaving cream on the inside of your windshield & wipe it off with paper towels. Shaving cream has many of the same ingredients found in commercial defoggers.

**De-ice your lock in seconds with hand sanitizer!** Just put some hand sanitizer gel on the key & the lock & the problems solved!

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb. 5	9:00AM	Sunday School NO CONFIRMATION CLASS
	10:30AM	Worship "Healings" Mark 1:29-39 Sacrament of Holy Communion Food Wagon Collection
Sunday, Feb. 12	9:00am	Sunday School Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship "On God's Terms" 2 Kings 5:1-14 Mark 1:40-45 B/P's taken after worship
Sunday, Feb. 19	9:00am	Sunday School Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship "Worship Wars" Mark 9:2-9 Loose Change Offering
Wednesday, Feb. 22	7:30PM	Ash Wednesday Services
Sunday, Feb. 26	9:00am	Sunday School Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship "Alone in the Wilderness" Mark 1:9-15
	3:00pm	CHOIR CONCERT at St. Paul UCC
Sunday, March 4	9:00am	Sunday School NO CONFIRMATION
	10:30AM	Worship "What is God Like?" Mark 8:31-38 Sacrament of Holy Communion Food Wagon Collection

## MUSIC FOR WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

Feb. 5	Chatter with the Angels Precious Lord, Take My Hand	Junior Ringers Chancel Choir
Feb. 12	Wade in the Water	Chancel Choir
Feb. 19	Sing, Amen, Sing Angels Carry Me Home	Celebration Ringers Chancel Choir
Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday I Want Jesus to Walk With Me	Chancel Choir
Feb. 26	Keep Your Lamps This Lonesome Valley	Senior Ringers Chancel Choir

The annual Choir Festival of seven local church choirs will be held on **Sunday, Feb. 26 at St. Paul Community Church** on Dixie Highway in Homewood. The event is at 3:00 PM. The congregation is invited to attend the event where our own Chancel Choir will be performing two numbers.

## A Valentine is Nothing Like

*A Valentine is nothing like  
A chocolate or a rose.  
For in a week these shall be gone,  
But Valentines remain.*

*If love were always sweet to tongue  
Or fragrant to the nose,  
Each day would be like Valentine's,  
And we would go insane.*

*A Valentine just hangs around  
Waiting to be kissed  
Long after special days have passed  
And every days are here.*

*So one is wise to choose one well  
And chocolates to resist.  
For in the midst of mania  
It's nice to have one near.*

*by Rory Dall O' Caghan*

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

*February 3—Katie Roche*

*February 5—Pauline Fredericksen*

*February 7—Delores Calkins*

*February 9—Andrew Gardiner*

*February 10—Kathy Evans*

*February 14—Kelechi Emuchay*

*February 18—Gerald Netherton*

*February 18—Carl Boyens*

*February 18—Chianne Montecki*

*February 19—Richard Campbell*

*February 22—Lisa Martens*

*February 23—Nduta Mbogo*

*February 24—Kathy Boyens*

*February 28—Lynsey Mitchell*

## *A Note from Suburban PADS*

*Save the Date:*

*February 11, 2012*

Two PADS fund raisers have been combined into one this year—the “Fall Gala,” and the “New Awlins’ Nite.” It will be a Gala “New Awlins Nite (from 4 PM to 8 PM) to be held on Saturday, February 11, at a restaurant/banquet called “115 Bourbon Street” (on 115th Street in Marionette Park). This venue will make you feel like you really are in the French Quarter of New Orleans at Mardi Gras time. There will be a grand buffet (including New Orleans-style food), soft drinks, wine and beer, and a sweets table. Also, a variety of entertainment and a silent auction. Ticket price has been kept low (\$45) to make it possible for more people to attend and support this ministry to the homeless in the South Suburbs. Watch for more information later.

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## **Black History “QUOTES”**

“We should emphasize not Negro History, but the Negro in history. What we need is not a history of selected races or nations, but the history of the world void of national bias, race hate, and religious prejudice.” —*Carter Woodson, 1926*

“Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.” —*Booker T. Washington*

“The battles that count aren’t the ones for gold medals. The struggles within yourself—the invisible, inevitable battles inside all of us—that’s where it’s at.”  
—*Jesse Owens, 1970*

“God gives nothing to those who keep their arms crossed.” —*African Proverb*

## **ABOUT BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

### **February is Black History Month**

In 1915, Dr. Carter G. Woodson and Rev. Jesse E. Moorland co-founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH). Their goal was to research and bring awareness to the largely ignored, yet crucial role black people played in American and world history. The following year, Woodson published and distributed his findings in The Journal of Negro History. He founded the publication with the hope that it would dispel popular mistruths. He also hoped to educate black people about their cultural background and instill them with a sense of pride in their race.

The son of former slaves and the second black person to receive a degree from Harvard University, Carter Woodson understood the value of education. He also felt the importance of preserving one's heritage and, upon his urgings, the fraternity Omega Psi Phi created Negro History and Literature Week in 1920. In 1926, Woodson changed the name to Negro History Week. He selected the month of February for the celebration as a way to honor of the birth of two men whose actions drastically altered the future of black Americans. Abraham Lincoln, the U.S. President who issued the Emancipation Proclamation was born on February 12th and Frederick Douglass, one of the nation's leading abolitionists was born on February 14th. Woodson and the ANSLH provided learning materials to teachers, black history clubs and the community at large. They also published photographs that depicted important figures in black culture, plays that dramatized black history, and reading materials.

Some people feel it's unfair to set aside a month celebrating the history of one race. Others say that celebrating black history separately from American History underlines the idea that African Americans are not Americans, and their history is set apart from mainstream culture. But people who think black history is important say that as long as there is racism, unfairness, and a lack of understanding of black culture, there is a place for Black History Month.

The Black Power Movement of the 1970s emphasized racial pride and the significance of collective cultural values. This prompted the ASNLH, now called the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, to change Negro History Week to Black History Month. In 1976, they extended the week to a month-long observance.

Black History Month is now recognized and widely celebrated by the entire nation on both a scholarly and commercial level. The Association for the Study of African American Life and History continues to promote, preserve and research black history and culture year-round.

## **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MAKING SURE ALL OUR FRIENDS AND MEMBERS GET A MONTHLY VISIT?**

**Come and join the Lay Care Givers of St. Andrew! We will meet on Thursday, February 9 at 10:00am at the church. This is a wonderful ministry and we need you! If you have questions, please see Pastor Lora.**

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## **Thank You**

Dear Rev. Zink and St. Andrew United Members,

This is a heartfelt thank you for your support, prayers and the generous donations of your church throughout 2011. We are so very grateful for your continued gifts. It was so busy here at Respond Now in November and December. In fact, on December 7th, we assisted more clients than we have in Respond Now's 42 year history. While we were a bit saddened by this fact, we are hopeful that we are able to help so many and to feed those who are hungry. We are doing our best to expand the rest of our programs in our mission to prevent homelessness. With your help, that will happen! We are so blessed to have donors, staff and volunteers who find joy in our work.

We at Respond Now wish all of you at St. Andrew United Methodist a Happy New Year! Please come visit us—you are welcome.

Warm Regards,  
Amy Weber, Associate Director