



Church School Christmas Program Sunday, 12/18 2pm in the Sanctuary

How easy it is in the busyness of everyday life to overlook the evidence of God among us. In *The Wonder*, Ben, the dreamy son of a Bethlehem innkeeper, helps his mother – and us as well – see the wonder of the baby born in a manger.

FYI - Song CD's have been sent home with students already. If you didn't get one, they are available at the info desk. Pick one up to listen during the holidays!

WANTED – We are also looking to borrow; Rustic Table, Wood Manger, and 3-5 Hay Bales. Thank You!

New! Family Gathering to Decorate the Sanctuary. Bring the whole family as we hang the garlands, tie the bows, drape the lights and create ornaments for the trees at St. Andrew. Tuesday, November 29 at 7pm Watch the worship bulletin for more details.

FYI - Church School at SAW has a new format: Worship begins with children at 9:30am, Children leave the Sanctuary at 9:45am to begin lessons. Families collect their children at 10:45am. Any questions, please call KZ at church.

SPARKS: Igniting Faith in Families

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SPARKS News
3rd & 4th Grades

**St. Andrew Lutheran Church
November & December 2011**

HOPE

It's my middle name! True, my mother's maiden name was Marilyn Louise Hope and it then became mine. With the birth of our first daughter it was bestowed upon her as well.

I've always found it ironic that such a healing word could be used at times of crisis, celebration, trial, or dedication. Ever reminding us to look to God for our strength.

This Advent season we find ourselves hoping for the future of our church. I believe that St. Andrew can move forward confident in the legacy of our first 34 years. My personal hope is for a revived and refreshed congregation which remembers our past and is relishing the present. Ours is a strong, resourceful, respected family of believers who know that together we can raise each other up to our highest potential.

Come to church this season and hope for good things to come.

**Tracy Goodwin (aka Mrs. G)
Children & Youth Minister
Grades 3-6**

Christmas Caroling at Clare Bridge



Join us for our annual outing to share singing with the residents of the Clare Bridge Care Center. Meet at 6:30pm at St. Andrew, on Monday, December 5th. We will carpool across the bridge or you can meet us there at 6:45pm. We'll jingle our bells and sing Christmas songs for approx 45 minutes. Return to SA for a Warm Beverage & Candy Canes. Contact Mrs. G for more information and to sign up.

SPARKS Group is for YOU!

It's when you get to **brag** about yourself, **eat** an extra dessert, **play** a game, maybe **do** a project or a skit, and generally **laugh** and have fun!!



We meet from 5:30-6:15pm eating dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Prayers will be shared and birthdays will be celebrated.

Dates for Winter are December 14 and then January 11, and February 8, 2012. Always the second Wednesday of the month. Invite a friend to come and see what it's about.

SPARKS Calendar - Advent 2011

NOVEMBER

- 12 Church School grades 3 & 4 at 5pm at SAEP
- 13 Church School grades 3 & 4 at 9am & 10:30am
- 19 Church School grades 3 & 4 at 5pm at SAEP
- 20 Church School grades 3 & 4 at 9am & 10:30am
- 23 Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7pm with all Choirs plus Pie Fellowship after in Fellowship Hall. **YUM!!**
- 26/27 **Thanksgiving Weekend**, Enjoy Advent 1
Worship with your family & friends. It's also Liz Baugh Appreciation weekend so please say THANKS for the beautiful piano playing!!
- 29 Decorating the Sanctuary – Family Event



DECEMBER

- 3 Church School grades 3 & 4 at 5pm at SAEP
- 4 Church School grades 3 & 4 at 9am and 10:30am
- 5 **Christmas Caroling**, 6:30pm Fa-la-la-la-la!
- 10 Church School grades 3 & 4 at 5pm at SAEP
- 11 Church School grades 3 & 4 at 9am and 10:30am
- 14 **SPARKS Group**, 5:30-6:15pm in Fellowship Hall
- 17 Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal, 9am Sanct.
- 17 Church School grades 3 & 4 at 5pm at SAEP
- 18 Church School grades 3 & 4 at 9am and 10:30am
- 18 **Christmas Program**, 2pm, Sanctuary
- 24/25 **CHRISTMAS WEEKEND** – Welcome the Holy Baby Jesus in Worship with your entire family.
- 31 Family Worship before celebrating the New Year.



JANUARY

- 1 Welcome the New Year with Family Worship
- 7 Church School grades 3 & 4 at 5pm at SAEP
- 8 Church School grades 3 & 4 at 9am & 10:30am
- 11 **SPARKS group**, 5:30-6:15pm, Fellowship Hall

Fun Fact!

Mrs. G has two different colored eyes! One is green and the other is brown. See for yourself next time you are at church ☺