



# The Messenger

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Thank you to everyone who donated soup and crackers during our **Souper Bowl Sunday** collection! And, how great was it that the Kansas City Chiefs won another Super Bowl!! We know that a can of soup can be a meal or two, and your generous donations helped stock our pantry, and provide meals for your neighbors in need!

Doorstep is trying to find our new normal since the pandemic began three years ago! We are working on a plan for returning to all in-person services instead of phone intakes and appointments.

We are planning to have our first **Annual Banquet and Quilt Drawing** in four (4) years, and we are excited! Our Annual Banquet celebrates Doorstep, our volunteers and member congregations, and we have a lot to be grateful for and celebrate! We have several quilts for the drawing this year, so you don't want to miss out on the chance to win one!! We don't have a date set yet, but it will be in April, 2023!

With the HVAC system installed, we will also be having a **55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund Wrap-Up** reception thanking the businesses, individuals, member congregations, and foundations who donated the funds making this project possible. Once the date is set, likely in June, we will get the word out!

Each member congregation should have volunteers from their congregation serving as their Doorstep board member, and coordinator. Some of our congregations have openings in those positions right now, and our Congregation & Volunteer Development Committee has started making contact with those members. If you are interested in filling one of these positions for your congregation, contact Doorstep (785-357-5341), and ask for Jim or Lisa.

### **FCCLA At St. Andrews**



Family, Career and Community Leaders of America have utilized St. Andrews Presbyterian Church several times this year. This picture is from February when they met here to compete in STAR Events. STAR stands for Students Taking Action with Recognition. From here, the top qualifiers will go to state competition in Wichita and then on to nationals in Denver.

There were over 200 students and adults roaming the building that day.



***Set your clocks, Daylight Saving Time begins on March 12th!***

***Move your clock forward one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, March 11th!***

## Per Capita

Per Capita is the amount assessed each church to support the work of the church at Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. The amount per member for St. Andrews this year is \$35.75 Thank you for considering to pay this to reduce the expense to St. Andrews.



## Lectionary for March 2023



**Second Sunday in Lent—March 5** Genesis 12:1–4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1–5, 13–17; John 3:1–17 or Matthew 17:1–9

**Third Sunday in Lent—March 12** Exodus 17:1–7;; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1–11; John 4:5–42

**Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 19** 1 Samuel 16:1–13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8–14; John 9:1–41

**Fifth Sunday in Lent—March 26** Ezekiel 37:1–14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6–11; John 11:1–45

Communion will be celebrated on March 5th.



### **March Birthdays**

Norm Schiesser, March 27th

Betty DeShazer, March 29th

### **March Anniversaries**

Dave and Sue Aschenbrenner, March 10, 1989





Linda Ozaki, Suzie Marker, Karen Beckley, Marlene Watson, Kaylin McDaniels, Jo Ann Miller's aunt, Sue Aschenbrenner

Keeping in our prayers: Kathy Fuller, Dolores Wilmers, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly, AJ Jones

Remember all service men and women -both active duty and veterans, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and medical personnel.

Prayers for the hungry and the homeless.

Prayers for those suffering from the severe weather conditions, snow and ice storms, tornadoes, and floods sweeping parts of the country; the victims of wars and violence. Pray for God's peace in the midst of so much turmoil in this country and around the world.

Prayers for the victims of the earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Pray that there may somehow be a way to stop the mass killings that just seem to happen continually.

Pray for our government officials and world leaders that they may promote unity, peace and justice for all.

# SESSION

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FEBRUARY 11, 2023



[P] '25 Dean Robinson      [ P ] '24 Sharon McDaniels      [P] '23 Betty DeShazer  
[P] '25 Larry William      [ A ] '24 Linda Ozaki      [P] '23 Bill DeShazer  
[P] '25 Jan Rice      [ P ] '24 Stephanie Reynolds      [P] '23 Charles Franks

[P] Session Moderator- Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones  
[P] Clerk of Session-Bill DeShazer  
[P] Treasurer-Stephanie Reynolds

Balance in checking as of 01/31/23 - \$20,576.57

Memorial Fund - \$1,641.05

Pledge income for January- \$3,892.48

Non pledge income for January- \$920.00

Loose offering for January- \$2,188.00

Total Income for January - \$; 7,241.23; Total January Expenses- \$5,472.38

Provided cookies and brownies for Corinne Robinson's service.

Hosted the FCCLA Star event on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Fellowship Committee provided walking tacos for the group. Income from this not known at this time.

Ash Wednesday Service, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30

Souper Bowl Luncheon on February 12<sup>th</sup> following worship. Soup and crackers for Doorstep will be collected that day.

Communion will be observed on March 5, 2023.

Special budget meeting was held following the regular meeting. We ended 2022 with a net income of \$2,810.11 which was fairly normal for the past several years. However, because of deaths and members moving, St. Andrews will experience a large income shortfall for 2023. Discussion was held to discuss options, including looking at ways to increase income. Session will meet again on March 4<sup>th</sup> to continue exploring this situation.

◀ February		March 2023					April ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2	3	4 10:30 Session Mtg.	
5 Communion	6	7	8	9	10 Dave & Sue Aschenbrenner Anniv.	11	
12 Daylight Saving Time Begins	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19 Session	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27 Norm Schiesser B'day	28	29 Betty DeShazer B'day	30	31		

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**WELCOME TO  
SAINT ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Bible Study, Sunday, 10:15 AM**

**Sunday Services 11:00 AM**

