



November 8, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

As the Fall unfolds at St. Andrew, it seems there is never a pause in the action!

In September worshipped at two services each week and welcomed another wonderful intern into the community. Together we packed 10,000 meals for local food pantries and participated in a range of faith in action weekend projects—from quilting for refugees and sewing for seafarers, to cleaning out the Jonnycake garden and a slate of projects for Gloria Dei member, Ludavini.

In October a team of youth and adults made a meal for the folks at the WARM center and Hope Circle stuffed 100 backpacks with school supplies for kids.

This month we'll fill 200 jars with cookie ingredients for Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets and start our annual Advent food and personal needs offering project. And of course, bible study, the book study, preschool, the grief group, children's church and so many other programs meet the needs of many each month.

Love in action takes a host of happy forms in this community! It is a great joy to be part of this with you and to use our varied gifts to respond to Christ's call to honor God by loving our neighbors.

Thank you for your part in our vibrant mission of putting faith and love into action! And thank you for your financial support of the ministry—because *giving....is also an action.*

Our theme verse for giving season this year is I John 3:18: "Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." Will you join me in taking yet another action and making a financial commitment to the ongoing mission and ministry of St. Andrew? Enclosed is a giving pledge form for your consideration. Pledge forms may be returned during worship on **Giving Sunday, November 17th** or by mail to the church office.

Love is a verb for the people of God.....it is not just a noun. So...“lights.....camera...ACTION!” Let's keep responding in love to God's call!

In Christ,

Evie Martin

Evie Martin, Congregation President

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