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Official Acts - March

*****NO STATISTICAL DATA FOR MARCH*****

BIRTHDAYS

1	Julia Baraglia	23	Amelie Federer	8	Gary Trapp
2	Friedrich May		Madeline Federer	9	Joyce Hanck
	Ainsley Neve		Cathy Laurich	12	Ryan Lynn
3	Taylor MacHarg	24	Dawn Steffen	14	Justin Trapp
4	Sylvia Centracchio	26	Riley Laurich	15	Henry J. Schmidt
	Betty Weith		Adele Alaspa		Helen Van Alstin
5	Alexis Gianola		Clara Biela	17	Nancy Frank
6	Jennifer Dougherty	27	Matt Bulinski		Donald Hanson
7	Greta Kwon		Katie Jeffrey		Charlene
	Margaret Thomas		Kyle Jeffrey		Schildwachter
	James Trapp		Phil Johnson	18	James Trapp
8	Adam Breunig	28	Ryan Warren	20	Carol Guther
9	Jennifer Barney		Joseph Butcher	21	Al Carter
10	Charlene		Alexander Cech		Augusta Paulik
	Schildwachter		Brigette Demke	22	Salena Jason
11	Trent McNitt	30	Caroline Tully	27	Don Guther
12	Jennifer Lasch		Dale Mirow	28	Lucie Guzik
13	Susan Kloess	31	Mason Par		<u>WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES</u>
	Megan Snow		Carlyle Turk	10	Al and Earlyne Carter
15	Edna Wilson			17	Richard & Karen Michaels
	Bill Heller			18	Jim & Laura Muresan
	Christopher Polmanski			21	Roland & Judy Szkwarek
16	Rachel Hauch			23	Don & Carol Guther
17	Joshua Lendy			28	George & Ruth Harker
18	Donna Lawrence				Herb & Matalynne Wandel
	Matt Tobias			31	Paul and Eleanor Claybaker
19	Jordan Baraglia				Casey & Marianne Polmanski
	Meghan Barney				Bob & Becca Weisheit
	Anabel Bochat				
21	Andrew Weisheit				
	Leisl Laurich-Sanchez				

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS



Jennifer Lasch
Lilly Suwinski

Women Of St. Andrews



Well ... these last few months have certainly been unique, surreal, unprecedented, scary, isolated, and _____ (fill in the blank as you wish). WOSA members have been observing all suggestions to stay safe (and disinfected!!!) ... and so far so good. The telephone, Facebook, and emails have been our only means of earthly communication, and prayer as heavenly communication, and we seem to be "managing". It will, however, be a blessing to come together in person as soon as possible. We are all so grateful to Pastor Matt, Vicar Dan, and Organ Master David for keeping us "connected" during this time of isolation. The church and chapel services, Bible classes, the Hymn Talks, and organ concerts have kept "the flock" close together and we have "endured" thus far. THANK YOU!

God only knows what the future holds, but we look forward to the time when we can once again be together on a regular basis ... for Bible classes and the fellowship we all long for. For now, take comfort in verse 3 of this lovely old hymn ...

God be with you till we meet again,
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put His arms unfailing round you,
God be with you till we meet again.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*To encourage the women of
St. Andrews Lutheran Church of
Park Ridge
to take an active, lively interest in*

DO YOU WANT SOMETHING PUBLICIZED?

If so, don't forget our email "THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREWS", which goes out on Fridays to all members in our database. If you would like a school or church event publicized, please send your article as you would like it to appear to David Christiansen (dchristiansen2@juno.com).

BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY:

In March nineteen members of St. Andrews joined nearly 200 other individuals from the surrounding communities at Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg. The evening event produced 113 boxes containing 24,409 nutritious meals which will ultimately feed 67 children for an entire year. We encourage St. Andrews members and families to join us when we conduct other such field trips to FMSC in the future.

St. Andrews continues to support the St. Paul of the Cross Food Pantry in Park Ridge. On two separate Saturday mornings in April our Board collected four carloads of food from St. Andrews members and delivered it to St. Paul. The Food Pantry is open the last Saturday of every month at St. Paul and serves the food needs of individuals in our immediate area. We thank all of our members that have generously supported this ministry.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic the Sunday Night Suppers sponsored by the Park Ridge Ministerial Association has been discontinued until the fall of this year. St. Andrews has actively participated in this ministry over the years and will continue to do so when it is restarted.

Dear St. Andrews Family,

During these days of Social Isolation, it is easy to let our fears and anxieties get the best of us. Some days I struggle more than others. But in the midst of everything, I have found great comfort in turning to the Psalms. Just yesterday I read through Psalm 90, and I was moved by the opening passages what is called, "The Prayer of Moses."

**Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

I couldn't help but put our current situation in the context of God's activity throughout all of history. While I don't like having to be away from worshipping together, and I am sad for my kids who don't get to go to school to see their buddies every day, I have to take a longer view of things. As we think about what it means that God has been our "dwelling place throughout all generations," our minds can go to the wandering of the people of Israel in the wilderness for 40 years, where Moses first prayed this prayer. The didn't feel they had houses, but they knew they always had a home in the love of God. I thought of a participant in my women's Bible study when I was on my vicarage in Aurora, Illinois so many years ago. She told me how her husband went to fight in World War II and she didn't get to see him for 4 years! These weeks of Social Isolation are so hard, but we realize that God has seen his people through much worse, and his faithfulness continues to us today.

PLANNING

It is so hard to say what our plan is for beginning to worship together in one place because there are so many unknowns. Just know that your church leadership are in communication and constantly monitoring what develops every day. If we are allowed to have smaller groups, we may increase the number of services temporarily, and decrease the service time. As we are allowed, we will open our doors again, and I cannot wait for that day! We will continue to live-cast and record at least one service a week for the foreseeable future, and we have equipment on order to help us do this without a bunch of wires and gear running throughout the sanctuary.

PASTOR (ELECT) SAM AND ATHENA REINHARD

The head of our Call Committee, Jeff Heller, and I were hoping to go to St. Louis for the Call Day service on April 28. However, like so many other things, the service had to be a live-cast. I am so sad we couldn't go, but on the other hand I am glad I was watching in my living room. When it was announced that Sam and Athena were going to be joining us in ministry, I stood up and cheered. I don't think that would have been well received if I had been there in person! I couldn't help myself. The Call Committee is beyond THRILLED that Sam was assigned to us. They will be joining us sometime this Summer, and I will let you know when we have a firm date.

PASTOR (ELECT) DAN, CHRISTINE, TYLER, AND SAMANTHA

I have real mixed feelings about this! I am so happy for the Schuetz family as they are going to be moving to a wonderful area, Maywood, New Jersey, right outside of NYC for the start of their life in ministry at Zion Lutheran. I am also so sad to see them go! It has been a wonderful blessing to have them with us for this year together, I have been so grateful to have Vicar Dan's help this year, even more as we've faced these odd days together. But, he is ready to be a pastor, and ready for the next challenge. His church wants him there earlier than we thought (can you blame them?), so they plan on moving on June 22. We will have a celebration for their family prior to that date. I will keep you posted!

Blessings to you in Christ! I miss you!
Pastor Matt Hoffmann





SCHOOL NEWS
Educating Students to Seek, Serve and Soar
May 2019



Our students are learning in a brand-new way for the rest of the school year through remote learning. Our teachers, students and parents have been amazing and so supportive. We are truly blessed with our St. Andrews Family!!

Here is a video that our teachers made for our students.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25gO_QwOQRk&fbclid=IwAR3bo-jaWjhse91J6FiBD9HNOR_SJBP62AmrdyoZLEJ--heaQsqoYqlJqfc

Honor Roll 3rd Quarter

Congratulations to all our students on their hard work! We are proud of you all. Keep up the great work!

6th Grade High Honor Roll

Grace Brander, Alvey Chambers, Kailyn Gauna, Sarah Ghinea, Emily Hock, Kayla Hreczany, Reese Knieling, Grace Lasch, Sydney Lee, Rachel Takyi, Beatrice Todorova, Bridget Ward, Linnea Warren, Signe Warren

6th Grade Honor Roll

David Chammas, Max Gauna, John Grimm, Kylie Jeffrey, Marjorie Johnson, Eily Nelson

7th Grade High Honor Roll

Jenna Alava, Riley Cholewa, Henry Daniel, Ashley Gaba, Lauren Johnson, Aden Kim, Shae Knieling

7th Grade Honor Roll

Emma Asien, Jackson Butterfield, Avenlee Fehrmann, Hannah Lewis

8th Grade High Honor Roll

Ryder Butterfield, Ava Hreczany, Katarina Milutinovic, Tess Murphy, Makayla Olar, Caitlin Riordan, Marin Rooney, Annah Ward

Job Posting

We are looking to fill two openings in our aftercare for the upcoming school year. The position would begin in August when school opens. The hours are from 3:00-6:00 pm Monday through Friday. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Ms. Laura Boggs at lboggs@standrewslutheranschool.org.

We are praying that all of you are staying healthy and safe. God's Blessings.

Ms. Laura Boggs