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Official Acts - August

***** No Statistical Data for July *****

OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

1 Karen Koenig
2 Kaitlin Butterfield
Anne Hoffmann
4 Madison Zuehls
6 Beth Cutler
7 Carol Mirkin
Janet Reich
8 Eric Bauer
Dave Fredriksen
Corrine Schreiber
10 Kristin Lanum
Jing May
Henry Schmidt
Joseph Vitulli
11 Peter Knapp
14 Elmer Zuehls
15 Julie Clerkin
17 Andrea Bateman
Nancy Reuhs
18 Julia Anderson
Sherry Avila
Erica Hauer
19 Connor Lasch
Violet Ori
20 Jennifer Anderson
Donald C. Hacke

Michael Sebastian
21 Frank Genualdi
Darlene Stahl
22 Nancy Lynn
Marilyn Staerk
23 Theodore Biela
24 Amanda Cech
25 Donald Hacke
Kim Jenrich
29 David Butterfield
Melanie McCarty
30 Calvin Tiberi
Kim Raetzman
31 Sara DeVito

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Violet Koenig
Greta Kwon
Daniel Raetzman
Kathleen Riordan
Bethany Turk
1 Tim Christiansen
3 Jack Rouse
5 Pamela Tomaszewski
11 Ryne Krug
18 Chelsea Petersen
20 Helga Wehking

22 Marianne Polmanski
23 Chase Krug
25 Mary Asien
27 Joel Porterfield
31 Corrine Schreiber

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4 Linda & Ken Rotter
Betty & Len Weith
6 Sue & Gary Kloess
10 Delores & Don
Brandfellner
Michelle & Warren
Johnson
12 Christa & Keith
Grabske
15 Jessica Kwasny & Eric
Bauer
17 Rose & Eric Hauer
18 Michele & Frank
Genualdi
19 Juliana & Matthew
White
20 Kelly & John Snow
27 Cathey & Roger
Laurich



“We need to learn to live with this.” These are some wise words which I have heard often over these last few months. The sentiment isn’t that we need to surrender our hope that we will ever be done with COVID-19, but rather, that as we wait, we wait ACTIVELY for things to change. I have to say, this is exactly what I have witnessed our St. Andrews family do over the last few months. Yes, we have made smart changes, we have tested the boundaries to see what works, we have invested in different ways of communicating. We have done some much, but what we haven’t done is stop being the church. Things I have taken for granted bring me to the brink of tears these days. First Communion was especially meaningful this year for me (not just because my son took his First

Communion... and has a new appreciation for grape juice after tasting wine, lol!) because seeing the church forge ahead through this uncertain darkness is just inspiring and breathtaking. I can say the same for restarting our Confirmation classes (simultaneously on-line and in-person) to welcoming new members on October 4 (our biggest class in the last couple decades at least with two Adult Baptisms!) to the meeting together week after week to praise God and receive His body and blood at the altar, to doing baptisms in the backyards of the faithful. Christ’s Church cannot be stopped, not even the gates of hell will prevail against her!

But one thing I want to point out - the Church is made up of people. You have been such a blessing to me during this time. You have made it easy to lead, make important changes, and take necessary risks and have been a constant support. I cannot thank you enough. And even in the midst of these times, you haven’t merely sustained the ministry, you have grown it. Having Pastor Sam on staff is a huge blessing and has put us in a great position to do ministry now, and to explode onto the scene as our restrictions are relaxed in the months ahead. Thank you, once again.

I also want to apologize. I am sure there are some who I have not reached out to as much as I would have wanted. I am sure there are some who rightly feel they have “fallen through the cracks.” I would love to hear from you and would count it a great honor and grace from you if you would reach out to me if you fall into this category. These have been challenging times and there is still much to be learned and done.

Let’s keep on being the Church!

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Matt Hoffmann



Hello!

Things in the Youth Ministry world are going wonderful. Middle School and High School now meet at two separate times and I wanted to talk a little more about that. Middle School meets on Wednesday from 6 pm to 8 pm (628). Drop off will be at the Youth Room / Gym entrance to the school and pick up is at my house just right across the street from the church. We play games, we eat food, and we hang out with each other. If you are interested in volunteering to bring snack or being an adult mentor, please let me know!

High School meets on Sunday from 6 to 8 as well, and we usually have in depth conversations, snacks, and games.

There is a lot of potential to be involved in both groups and our Youth Ministry here is poised for great growth throughout many years. It's exciting! Also, if you will have a 14 - 19 year old in 2022, please let me know if they'll want to go to the National Youth Gathering in Houston from July 9 - 13, 2022. It's going to be a great time for all who attend.

ONE LAST THING: Be on the lookout in the near future for merchandise for our Youth Group and our exciting new name and branding! Looking forward to sharing more with you!

Pastor Sam Reinhard

NILES/PARK RIDGE CROP HUNGER WALK:

This year's CROP WALK will be on Sunday, October 18. It will be different this year because of the coronavirus. There will be no large gathering for a walk through the community. Instead individual churches will conduct their own walk as they choose. This year everyone is encouraged to give financial support online. This can be done in one of two ways:



- * Give through St. Andrews with the Vanco electronic giving method at standrewsparkridge.org. On the homepage either go to the "Connect" dropdown menu and click on "Donate Online." in the "News and Events" section click on "Donate" on the right side of the screen.
- * Give on the Church World Service website at crophungerwalk.org/nilesil. Either click on "Donate" on the right side of the screen, click on "Team" and type in St. Andrews. Provide requested personal and payment information. or scroll down to "Find a walker or team" and type in St. Andrews. Provide requested information.

Our support for people who suffer from lack of food is one way that we demonstrate our Christian faith. Service to others is also a Christian discipline. Giving to others is not only good, it is good for us.

St. Matthew Winter Coat Collection

St. Matthew Lutheran Church is in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago

**From Sunday, November 1, 2020 through
Sunday, November 15, 2020**

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Look for the movable coat rack in the narthex area of the church. Please bring coats on hangers and place them on the rack. The coats will be delivered to St. Matthew on Tuesday, November 17.