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## ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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**Laura Boggs** - Principal

**Greg Lendy** - Director, Contemporary Worship

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### Official Acts - September

#### First Communion Recipients:



Shelby Elaine Byer  
Giavanna Cailyn Cholewa  
Addison Grace Cholewa  
Ella Grace DiCristofano  
Addison Gene Dill  
William Dyker  
Jonathan Charles Gaba  
Audrey Vivian Gress  
Killian Matthew Hoffmann  
Tristan R. Lee  
Connor Maverick McCarty  
A.J. Nevruz  
Elizabeth Penney  
Alec James Quigley

Transferred Out: Rachel Eells  
Village Lutheran Church  
Bronxville, NY

# LET'S CELEBRATE!

2 Greg Lendy  
Gail Selzer  
3 Charlie Owens  
4 Adeline Bateman  
Sydney Lee  
Trey Lanum  
Henry Schmidt  
Margaret Upstrom  
5 Lydia Grabske  
Jim Fizzell  
6 Janice Rizzo  
Herbert Wandel  
Ardith Wilk  
7 Rory Federer  
8 Michael Bauer  
Alec Fredriksen  
9 Avila Kilroy  
Judy Szkwarek  
10 Ken Rotter  
11 Caitlin Riordan  
12 Al Lundsberg  
Jennifer McCarty  
Bob Ungar  
13 Jake Knieling  
14 Connor Goecking  
Margaret Murray  
Kinnison Ward  
16 Lynn Webb  
Rita Weyland  
17 Terry Ibe  
Mike Murray  
18 Sharon Panches  
19 Kathleen Kinell  
Laura Muresan  
20 Kirstin Matej  
Ian Stoppa  
Justin Stoppa  
21 Peter Muresan  
22 Brandon Eells  
Carol Ann Prueter  
23 Jocelyn Gillaspie  
24 Elizabeth Hauer  
Emma Heller  
Tim Raetzman  
25 LaReine Hellermann

Cristina Tobias  
26 Jean Baar  
Rob Nash  
27 Elizabeth Claybaker  
Stephen Claybaker  
Jackie Lloyd Malek  
28 Karen Buric  
Charlie Giovannelli  
Jeff Heller  
David Kwon  
Steve Schildwacher  
29 Mike Knieling  
Declan Upstrom  
30 Eileen White



## BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

James Jordan  
Heather Knieling  
Susan Bragg-Suwinski  
10 Alyssa Matej  
11 Henry Schmidt  
14 Matthew Anderson  
15 Sydney Stotts  
Matalynne Wandel  
John Wolf  
18 Tom Garcea  
20 Erica Hauer  
Ian Stoppa  
Justin Stoppa  
24 Terry Ibe  
25 Herbert Wandel  
27 Ryan Mirow  
30 Daniel Ellsworth

*Happy Anniversary!*

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

9 Rae & Fred Koenig  
10 Jennifer & Jason  
Barney  
Andrea & Steve  
Bateman  
11 Rita & Gerry Klevenow  
Jackie & Greg Malek  
Kate & Mike Vitulli  
20 Mary & Ron Asien  
21 Marlene & Don Hacke  
22 Rosie & Ed Fechner  
27 Sherry & Frank Avila  
Jennifer & Alan Lasch  
Cori & Charles Tiberi  
28 Mellissa & Al Ellsworth  
29 Dawn & Bruce Mikulski

**Please notify Nichole  
in the church office if  
your special day is  
missing or incorrect.**

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## **POINSETTIA ORDERS FOR CHRISTMAS**

Once again, it's time to start thinking about decorating our sanctuary for Christmas!



Poinsettias may be purchased in memory or in honor of a loved one. Cost is \$17.00 per plant. All plants may be picked up after our worship on Christmas Day.

Orders will be taken in the narthex on Sundays until December 6. Only checks or VANCO electronic payment will be accepted - **NO CASH PLEASE**. Checks should be payable to **ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH** – with “Christmas poinsettia” in the memo portion of the check. You can also mail the form with your check to Corrine Schreiber, 6035 North Nickerson Avenue, Chicago, IL 60631; email at [B.Schreiber@comcast.net](mailto:B.Schreiber@comcast.net) or by phone: 773-774-4951. Orders may also be dropped at the church office.

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## **THANKSGIVING SUPPORT FOR ST MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH**

At Thanksgiving St. Andrews traditionally supports our brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood. We support them by donating winter coats for the homeless in their community and frozen turkeys for the St. Matthew Soup Kitchen Thanksgiving meal. The Board of Service Ministry invites members of St. Andrews to participate in this rewarding and much needed partnership in the following ways:



- **Winter Coat drive: Sunday, November 1 through Sunday, November 15**
  - o **Place your donated winter coat(s) with a hanger on the metal coat rack in the Narthex area of the church between November 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.**



- **Donate a frozen turkey for the Soup Kitchen Thanksgiving Meal**
  - o **Donate a small frozen turkey (13 lb. to 18 lb.)**
  - o **Drop off the frozen turkey on the following Saturdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm: November 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>.**
  - o **A member of the Board of Service Ministry will be there to receive your donation.**

All donated coats and turkeys will be taken to St. Matthew on Tuesday, November 17. The Board of Service Ministry and our brothers and sisters at St. Matthew **THANK YOU**.



# Happy Thanksgiving



Greetings in Christ!

This weekend marks the big clock change. I have heard people saying that they don't want to move their clocks back because this means we have one more hour in 2020! While I can certainly relate to that sentiment, I am also struck by how long we have been in this COVID-19 lifestyle. What started as a two week shut-down has morphed into a much longer ordeal. I would not have imagined in March that Pastor Sam, Dr. David and I would be sitting down to discuss what to do for Thanksgiving and Christmas services at the end of the year. But we have had to discuss these things, and we are coming up with some good plans. I will share our plans for Christmas at a later date, but I want you to look at our plans for Thanksgiving. We will have TWO services on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving this year. We will meet at 5 and 7. We will send out a sign-up (like we do for the weekend services) about a week before Thanksgiving.

We have moved back indoors for all of our services, and I want you to be aware of what the schedule is. We continue to have a 5pm Saturday service every week. On Sunday we have three services, 8:30, 9:30, 10:45. The 8:30 service is for anyone who wants to attend, but we have those people who want to take extra precautions in mind. This service is shorter, we use pre-packaged communion elements, and there is NO SINGING. These precautions are in addition to the measures we take in our other services (masking, distancing, open windows, 100% fresh air HVAC, etc.). So, go to [standrewsparkridge.org](http://standrewsparkridge.org) and sign up for the upcoming week from Wednesday on.

As I write to you, I know our government leaders are concerned about various rising metrics in COVID-19 infection rates. I don't know what changes may be on the horizon. However, regardless of what comes or doesn't come, I want to thank you all for how steadfast you have been during these odd times. You have been tremendously flexible and have allowed St. Andrews leadership the freedom to make changes when needed to serve you and our neighbors in the best ways possible. Second, you have been tremendously generous in supporting the ministry of St. Andrews with your donations. I can't tell you how amazed and grateful I am for all of your sacrificial support of your Church.

We are facing some weird and uncertain times, but these two things I know to be true. God is good, and there is no one I'd rather walk through these times with than you. Thank you.

In Christ,

Pastor Matt Hoffmann

“Give thanks unto the Lord for he is good for his mercy endureth forever.” Psalm 107:1



## SCHOOL NEWS November 2020



We are happy to have 171 students with us this year at school. Our teachers and staff are amazing and dedicated to teaching our students. Our students are happy to be in school every day.

During October, we have had a pumpkin decorating contest where families decorated and brought the decorated pumpkins to into school to share with all. We love being able to share those special with each other.

Our offering for the month of November went to the Annual Jack Walker Give Thanks Project. Please see information about the program below.

<https://www.jackgivesthanks.com/>

The teachers have just completed parent teacher conferences. We had to meet virtually but it is a wonderful way to stay connected.

We will continue to keep all of you in our prayers.

Working together for Christ,

Ms. Laura Boggs

“Dear Children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and truth.”  
1 John 3:18