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2020 ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

ADVENT II

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

ADVENT III

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

ADVENT IV

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS EVE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

3:00 p.m. Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Worship Service

9:00 p.m. Worship Service

CHRISTMAS DAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

10:45 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion



Please note that there will be **no services** on Saturday, December 26.

There will be only two services on **December 27 - 9:30am and 10:45**

Please be sure to check the website as times are subject to change.

Official Acts - October



Baptized: Anthony Nils Vito Caputo
Son of Nick and Christina Caputo
Born: March 18, 2020 Baptized: October 3, 2020

Adult Baptism: Mike Sardo, Amy Lidik



New Members Welcomed

Jim and Peggy Brander - Tom, Jim and Grace Brander
Mike Calato
Michael and Miranda Chatham
Ryan and Kirsta Cholewa - Riley, Addison, Giavanna Cholewa
Sal and Liz Galati - Serafina and Leo Galati
Thomas Garcea Jr.
Elvis and Kate Gonzalez - Rafa Gonzalez
Doris and Jim Jordan - Donald and Reese Jordan
Riki and Kelli Kaelin - Sara and Anna Kaelin
Avila Kilroy - Liam, Alexis and Caitlin Kilroy
James and Jessie Kim - Caitlyn and Brianna Kim
Mike and Heather Knieling - Chloe, Jake, Shae, Reese, Cody, and Ryder Knieling
Lee and Amy Lidik - Lee Jr. and Aleeah Lidik
Rick and Stacy Nelson - Eily Nelson
Mike and Kathryn Murray - Benjamin and Margaret Murray
Matthew and Heather Owens - Charlie and Josie Owens
Athena Reinhard
Andrew and Stefanie Rowe - Dylan Rowe
Mike Sardo and Sandra Stoppa - Alessandra Sardo
Kenneth Stoppa - Ian and Justin Stoppa
Trevor and Erica Stotts - Sullivan and Sydney Stotts
Jessica Templeton
Matthew and Laura Tizura - Tyler and Calvin Tizura
Margaret and James Upstrom - Declan Upstrom

**DECEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

30 Donald Brandfellner



Happy Anniversary

- 1 Emma Asien
- 2 Farrah Aper
- 3 Andrew Gross
Lucie Guzik
- 4 Rose Hauer
- 7 Sue Schattschneider
- 8 Emma Wandel
Paul Weisheit
- 9 Quinn Gaba
- 10 Liam Holler
- 12 Kate Vitulli
- 13 Liam Kilroy
Philip Kober
Carol Zygowicz
- 14 Mark Castiglia
- 15 Karen Michaels
- 16 Cody Knieling
Gary Lynn
- 17 Lucy Eells
Walter P. May
Nelly Somerman
- 19 Evelyn Guthier
Allyna Lee
- 20 Nick Antemann
Carrie Kuehm
- 21 Ron Asien
Chris Seiler
Randy Shields
- 23 Joshua Butcher
Linda Wolf
- 25 Dianne Berthold
Carol Hannah
Jenn MacHarg
- 27 Lauren Johnson
- 28 Nick Caputo
Kyle Garrigus
Mike Lawrence
- 29 Grace Asien
Michelle Johnson
Judy Sirvio
Erica Stotts

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

- Frank Genualdi
- Joseph Vitulli
- 1 Henry Schmidt
Sullivan Stotts
- 2 Tyler Hanck
Dawn Mikulski
- 4 Eric Weisheit
- 5 Kelli Kaelin
- 7 Carrie Cupp
Lynn Webb
- 9 Eric Bauer
- 12 Lydia Grabske
- 15 Trevor Stotts
- 17 Darlene Stahl
- 24 George Harker
- 25 Jeff Heller
- 31 Evelyn Guthier

**WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 Nancy & Grey Reuhs
- 10 Angelica & Matt Tobias
Grace & Ben Zoellick
- 19 Christine & Donald
Schap

PLEASE NOTE
If your special day
is not listed,
please call Nichole
in the church office:
847-823-6656, X100.



MANY THANKS! The Board of Service Ministry thanks everyone that donated either a winter coat or a frozen turkey to support our brothers and sisters at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood. This week Mark Paulik and Lee Joesten delivered 92 winter coats, 29 frozen turkeys, 50 hand-knit hats (courtesy of Kathy Kraatz), and a check for \$250 to Pastor Cesar Sifuentes and Deaconess Ellie at St. Matthew. They expressed deep appreciation for our support of their ministry.

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS FOOD PANTRY: There will be two food drop-off days in December for the Food Pantry. They will be Saturday, December 5th and 12th. Bring your food items to St. Andrews' rear parking lot between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. Someone from the Board of Service Ministry will be there to accept your donation. There will be no food drop-off days in January as the Food Pantry will be closed for cleaning.

New Organ Stop to be installed in December

When our organ was installed in 2011 it had three “preparations”: three stop knobs and space in the case for pipes, but no pipes and no connection between the keyboard and these future pipes. The plan was to add those remaining ranks at a later time. An “Organ Completion Fund” was started. Due to generous donations over the past few years, we were able to order the first of the three stops that will complete our instrument. That new stop will be added the week after Thanksgiving! We are very grateful to those who have contributed.

What are the stops that will complete the organ? How will they affect the sound?

Two of the preparations are 16’ sounds (sounding an octave below the note played) – one on the swell manual and one on the great manual. The latter will also be available on the pedal, which will help immensely in accompanying soloists and choir (the present 16’ sound in the pedal is often too loud for small groups). These two stops are not particularly loud, but will add a tremendous amount of richness to the overall sound of the organ, providing a bridge between loud and very loud.

The third preparation is a 1 1/3’ stop on the swell and is the one that will be installed now. This is a light and higher-pitched sound that will add sparkle and more needed presence to that manual. Both this stop and the new 16’ stops, when combined with other sounds, will add extra, colorful solo sounds to the instrument as well.

All additional pipes will be installed inside the case – the organ will look the same as it does now.

Please continue to consider The Organ Completion Fund for gifts and memorials. Our organ is a work of art dedicated to the glory of God and leading His people in song; its completion will be a blessing for generations to come!

Soli deo gloria!

David Christiansen, Minister of Music





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year is totally normal in one way, I keep hearing people say, "I can't believe it's already Thanksgiving," or "wow, how is Christmas almost here?" This is a refrain that happens every year, but I think the cause is a little different in 2020. It has been so weird to transition into the Fall and then into the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons without many of the usual "markers" we've grown accustomed to in more typical times. Many students are doing remote learning, and didn't have the usual first-day-of-school experience. High School students find themselves getting ready for Thanksgiving without having had the homecoming dance and festivities they are used to. As a church, it is eerily quiet as we enter into Advent and December without the usual hustle and bustle of getting everything ready for the Bethlehem Walk. Usually, by this week, I have already called Susan Bragg about 25 times (I'm sure she misses that, ha!). I don't even need to mention how different our Thanksgiving meals are going to be. There is so much that feels like a loss this year. It's Ok to be sad about it, maybe even a little mad about it.

I don't have any "magic bullets" for making everything feel better. All I can say is that in the midst of all of these changes, I have been forced to evaluate what things are most important in my life. Why do I miss the things that aren't happening in the same way? I am missing the Bethlehem Walk because I get to interact with so many people, old friends, new friends, and people who will become friends. From setup to take-down and all the activity in between, I get to be with people I consider family. So I miss it for that reason (along with the gallon of hot chocolate I drink in two days). It's much the same for Thanksgiving. I'm not a huge turkey fan, but I sure miss the people I normally eat turkey with.

So if you need to complain about this year, go ahead, you've earned it! But after you're done, take a minute to thank God for all those wonderful people you're upset to be missing this year. And thank God for his mercies, which are new every morning, COVID or not. I'll start. **I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.** Philippians 1:3-5

In Christ,

Pastor Matt Hoffmann



SCHOOL NEWS December 2020



The faculty and staff of St Andrews Lutheran School wish all of you a Christmas filled with peace and happiness and a new year filled with many blessings.

We have celebrated being open over 50 school days. What a gift to have our school open with students and teachers here every day to grow academically, make new friendships, get to know each other and be able to share God's love. We are truly blessed!!

Congratulations to all our students on their hard work in the 1st Quarter! HONOR ROLL & HIGH HONOR ROLL (Middle School)

6 th Grade High Honor Roll

Addison Cholewa, Giavanna Cholewa, Jonathan Gaba, Olivia Jackson, Tristan Lee, Alec Quigley, Vasara Rauda, Elias Rihani

6 th Grade Honor Roll

Audrey Gress, Killian Hoffmann, Mae Murphy, Elizabeth Penney

7 th Grade High Honor Roll

Grace Brander, Kayla Hreczany, Reese Knieling, Grace Lasch, Rachel Takyi, Bridget Ward, Linnea Warren, Signe Warren

7 th Grade Honor Roll

Alvey Chambers, David Chammas, Emily Hock, Kylie Jeffrey, Marjorie Johnson, Sydney Lee, Eily Nelson

8 th Grade High Honor Roll

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

8 th Grade Honor Roll

Emma Asien, Jackson Butterfield, Avenlee Fehrmann, Hayley Schoen