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## ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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### Official Acts - December



**Baptized:** Dylan Rowe  
Son of Stefanie (Killey) and Andrew Rowe  
Born: November 30, 2015    Baptized: December 6, 2020

Connor Rowe  
Son of Stefanie (Killey) and Andrew Rowe  
Born: May 13, 2019    Baptized: December 6, 2020

Aubery Elaine Sloma  
Daughter of Janelle (Stolz) and Richard Sloma  
Born: September 11, 2020    Baptized: December 19, 2020

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

1 Jason Barney  
Al Ellsworth  
Elaine Meyers  
2 Bradyn Goecking  
Christa Grabske  
4 Corine Tiberi  
5 Corrine Antemann  
William Hoshizaki  
6 George Harker  
Sophia Tobias  
7 Joel Holler  
Augusta Paulik  
Lowell Panches  
Juliana Rieger  
8 Rafa Gonzalez  
9 Eliot Higgins  
10 Earlyne Carter  
David Christiansen  
12 Larry Centracchio  
Alicia Daniel  
13 Patrick Riordan  
14 Michael Biela

15 Stefanie Rowe  
16 Addison Cholewa  
Giavanna Cholewa  
17 Ben Tobias  
19 Siobhan Rieger  
Angelica Tobias  
20 Cecilia DeSantis  
Joseph Ori  
22 Lucille Cook  
Tiffany Steffen  
24 Nick Bedell  
Abby Christiansen  
Elvira Geist  
26 Lydia Pruess  
Nora Schiewe  
27 Marilyn Bergmann  
28 Emily Kober

#### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

6 Karen & Fred Koenig

#### **BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

Mike Calato  
Eric Hauer  
Jake Knieling  
Carlo Kwon  
Charlie Owens  
Nelly Somerman  
Dan Suwinski  
1 Nick Antemann  
3 Carol Zygowicz  
9 Pastor Lee Joesten  
12 Joan Groff  
18 Peter Muresan  
19 Laura Muresan  
20 Erin Bauer  
22 Peter Knapp  
Camille Grau  
23 Christa Grabske  
24 Julia Anderson  
Elvira Geist  
28 Melissa Ellsworth

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## **BOARD OF SERVICE MINISTRY**

Looking ahead:

**Food Pantry:** Food drop-off days in February at St. Andrews for the St. Paul of the Cross Food Pantry will be Saturdays, February 6, 13, and 20. Bring food items to the rear entrance of St. Andrews between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm and someone will be there to receive your donation. Current items that are most needed include pasta sauce, canned fruit, and cookies. Due to past generous donations, paper products are not needed at this time.

**Eyeglasses Donations:** St. Andrews is collecting unneeded eyeglasses for MOST Ministries which tests vision and distributes eyeglasses to individuals who cannot see or afford eyeglasses. Place your unneeded eyeglasses in the small wire basket on the Service Ministry slat-board in the social area inside the church entrance at the rear parking lot.

Looking back:

**St. Matthew winter coat and turkey collection:** In November 92 winter coats, 29 frozen turkeys, and 50 handknit hats were delivered to St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood. Pastor Cesar Sufuentes writes: "Thank you St. Andrews for your constant support for our ministry of compassion. We always remember you, your families, and your congregation with joy in our prayers. May our Lord continue blessing your ministry."

**Sunday Night Suppers:** In conjunction with the Park Ridge Ministerial Association, St. Andrews distributed 80 meals to families in need on Sunday, November 1 and Sunday, January 3 each night. Local congregations and other service organizations provide free meals every Sunday night between September and the following May as part of this community based ministry. St. Andrews has been participating since its inception nearly 15 years ago.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I took some time this week to marvel at the fact that we have been able to stay open as a Church and School so much of the time during this pandemic. I am so grateful for all that God has allowed us to do, and for how much those in our St. Andrews Family have been doing to keep the ministry alive and well. As we head into February, we are heading into the season of Lent. And here are some things to put on your schedule as we do:

February 17 – Ash Wednesday (Drive-up Ashes 7:30-8:30am, Drive up Communion and Ashes 5:30-6:30pm, Traditional service 6:30pm)

Midweek Wednesday Services (February 24 – March 17) – We will have a 30 minute service which will include a song, a devotion, and Communion. Pastor Sam and I will lead through the book of Jonah. These will be live-streamed as well. (No service during Spring Break – March 24)

April 1 – Maundy Thursday – 5pm a service for the First Communicants and guests, 7pm Traditional Maundy Thursday Service (live-streamed as well)

April 2 – Good Friday – 7pm and 8pm Service of Darkness

April 3 – Easter Vigil – 5pm service

April 4 – Easter – Weather permitting, we will have an indoor service at 8:30am and an outdoor service at 10am (stay tuned to the website for details!)

#### FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

We are doing First Communion classes in the evening on March 1, 8, 15. Let me know if you have an 5<sup>th</sup> grader or above who might be interested!

So much to do, and we are so blessed to do it!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt Hoffmann





## SCHOOL NEWS



February 2021

### HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it:

‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Matthew 22:37–39

On February 8<sup>th</sup>, St. Andrews is celebrating being in school for 100 DAYS!!!!!! We are so blessed to have had our doors open and children, staff and faculty in our building. Praise be to God!!!

Registration for the upcoming school is now taking place. If you know of a family interested in an excellent Christian Education, this would be a wonderful opportunity to acquaint them with St. Andrews. Please continue to pray God's blessings for our ministries here.

Our school is competing in a Read-a-Thon sponsored by our PTL. The students are busy reading, reading, and reading some more. Individual and class incentives will be given. We have some special reading days planned, too!!

As always, we ask that you keep St. Andrews Lutheran School in your prayers, and we look forward to sharing with you the talents of our students this coming year.

Working together for Christ,  
Ms. Laura Boggs



### ***New Organ Stop to be installed February 2 - 3, 2021***

Due to a Covid positivity in the Dobson shop this past December, the installation of our new organ stop was delayed. All are fine at Dobson now, so we are happy to report that the installation will take place during the first week of February. This will entail moving existing pipes out of the chest to make room for the new pipes, installing the pipes, providing all connections (trackers) to the pipes, adjusting the action of the connections, voicing the pipes to the organ and the room, returning the pipes that were removed, and tuning all pipes that had been moved. If you'd like information on the stop to be installed, and the two remaining stops that will someday complete the organ, here is some additional information:

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. 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 the swell 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





Hey everyone!

Pastor Sam here giving you an update on a BUNCH of things Youth and Family Ministry related. So here we go!

The construction for the new Youth Room is going better than we could have imagined. We have finished demolition and are now working towards cleaning out the space so that we can start building new features for the new youth room. The new space is going to be a huge blessing for years to come as our numbers for Middle School and High School have grown significantly and have now steadied out. If you have a child that is in Middle School, we are currently meeting Wednesday night from 6 - 7:15 PM. We are going to continue meeting throughout Lent as well! If you are a High Schooler or know a High School student, we meet Sunday night from 6 - 8 PM. With our new youth room, I'm looking for donations of board games and a polaroid camera. I am also looking for a couple of adults in our congregation who are interested in getting involved with high school ministry. If you're interested, do not hesitate to contact me.

RightNow Media: St. Andrews is going to be partnering with RightNow Media for Sunday School, Youth Group resources, and also for AT HOME MINISTRY. RightNow Media is a huge resource that will be free for you to use for yourself or for your families. Sounds too good to be true right? Well all you have to do is send me your email, and RightNow Media will send you an access link when we launch our partnership with them. As of right now, we are looking to launch on the last Sunday of February so you have plenty of time to get signed up. I cannot overstate the value of this resource, not only for Youth Group, but also for young kids and also for potential Men's & Women's Bible Studies. We understand that teaching kids at home may be difficult, but RightNow Media is a resource that you can bring into your home and do Spiritual Growth as a family.

Last thing: if you have a college student who is away from home and would like a College Care Package, send me an email with their name and their address so that St. Andrews can give our college students some snacks and encouragement. If you would like to donate items for the CCP, you can drop off crackers, ramen, gum, candy, mints, poptarts, etc off at the church office. We are hoping to send these out in April in time for finals.

Thanks for taking the time to read this, and hopefully you didn't read this in the middle of the sermon!

Pastor Sam

