

**ST. ANDREWS LINE -
Transfiguration of Our Lord (February 14)
ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL LCMS
260 N. NORTHWEST HWY., PARK RIDGE, IL 60068**
Serving, Sending and Supporting Families in Christ
WELCOME, AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US
TODAY!



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NEWS AND EVENTS:

SHARE THE JOY!: Jesus did not die at Calvary two millennia ago for just white, middle class Americans. He died for **people**— even Muslims, Buddhists, atheists, Marxists, Mormons, and Unitarians. According to Alvin L. Reid in his book *Radically Unchurched: Who they are and How to Reach Them*, “Churches in America must ask themselves whether or not they can continue to call themselves churches if they are open only to people just like their current members—ethnically, socially, economically, or physically.” Are we guilty of this?

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Refugees who come to the United States do so because they are escaping imminent danger to themselves and their families. They flee quickly and leave behind jobs, friends, homes, and belongings, arriving here usually with just the clothes they are wearing. They face a strange language and culture, often struggling with fear and loneliness. To help them adjust to their new circumstances, our Mission of the Month **Exodus World Service** steps in to help them resettle in their new country. This organization provides housing, furniture, and basic supplies. Most important, volunteers work with refugees to acquire English proficiency and job training, offering valuable friendship in the process.

2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: Contribution statements were mailed out on Monday, January 25. If you have any questions or concerns or have not received them in the next few days, please contact Mike Bauer @ bauer924@sbcglobal.net

VBS 2021 – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

In-person Vacation Bible School is scheduled for **June 28 – July 1, 2021** and planning for this event has begun. VBS will look somewhat different this year because of the pandemic but we are confident that we can structure a safe and fun event with the help of the great members of St. Andrews. We are seeking a team of volunteers to help with planning and coordinating various components of VBS. If you would like to join the team, please contact: Joanne August, hsmom1@comcast.net or 847-224-0160. A planning meeting will be scheduled in early – mid March.

IRA UPDATE FOR 2021: During 2020, the CARES Act created a holiday for required minimum distributions from IRAs. The CARES Act holiday for required minimum distributions from IRAs was not extended in 2021. IRA owners age 72 and older will resume their required minimum distribution (RMD) from IRAs. Fortunately, the law remains that IRA owners age 70½ and older can make a charitable rollover gift of up to \$100,000 from their IRA directly to a public charity. This charitable IRA rollover will count toward their RMDs. This will avoid a personal taxable event.

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS FOOD PANTRY: Food drop-off days in February for the Food Pantry will be Saturdays, February 13, and 20. The pantry has a need for pasta sauce, canned fruit, and cookies. NO PAPER GOODS are needed at this time. Previous generous donations have given the pantry ample supply for now. On the February drop-off days bring food donations to the rear entrance of St. Andrews between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. Someone from the Board of Service Ministry will be available to receive your donation. St. Paul of the Cross is grateful for the generous support of St. Andrews in this important community ministry. BOARD OF SERVICE MINISTRY

EYEGASSES COLLECTION: The Board of Service Ministry is beginning to collect unneeded eyeglasses for a ministry to people around the world who go without the glasses they need to work, read, or attend school. The cost of a pair of glasses in many nations can exceed a month's salary. MOST Ministries provides recycled eyeglasses to people living in nations around the world. We invite St. Andrews members to join in reaching the world with the good news of God's love through this eyeglass ministry. Simply place your unneeded eyeglasses in the small metal basket located on the slat-board designated for Service ministry located in the social area inside the entrance off the rear parking lot. Board of Service Ministry

MAXIMIZE YOUR GIFTS TO FAMILY AND MINISTRY: Very few of us enjoy paying taxes. Yet Jesus, speaking to this topic once said, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." That takes deliberate thought and careful planning. Certain assets we hold, things like 401(k)s, IRAs or even annuities can carry a tax burden not related to a federal estate tax. These special accounts have never been taxed, and so when money is withdrawn, either in life or through inheritance, there will not be an estate tax but an income tax event. If you have never discussed the taxation of your assets, you may be missing an opportunity to maximize your gifts to family and ministry. Ray Pagels, our LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can help you being to ask the right questions. For a no cost, confidential review, contact Ray at 847-226-2262 or ray.pagels@lfnd.org.

LUTHERAN WITNESS: Please fill out the attached form or contact Nichole in the church office if you would like to received Lutheran Witness in your home. The price is \$15.96 for 12 months, due by February 24th.

GIFTS FROM GOD'S PEOPLE AT ST. ANDREWS
Weekly Giving Report - February 7

Internal Gifts/ Receipts - General Fund

White Envelope Giving/Plate Offering	15,325.00
Vanco Electronic Giving	<u>8,726.84</u>
TOTAL	24,051.84

External Gifts/ Receipts

Synod/Missions	-----
Lutheran Church Charities	-----

Other General Funds:

Designated Funds:

Mission of the month (LCC)	20.00
Comfort Dog Ministry	60.00
Chancel Flowers	40.00
Strengthening Our Future	1,623.96

WORSHIP TOTALS:

Saturday 02/06

Sunday 02/07

TOTAL

Attended:	34	35	69
Communed:			62

LOOKING AHEAD

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - ASH WEDNESDAY

7:30AM DRIVE UP ASHES

5:30 PM DRIVE UP ASHES AND COMMUNION

7:00PM -ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - REGULAR SERVICE

SATURDAY SERVICE 5:00 PM

SUNDAY SERVICES 8:30AM and 9:45AM

PRAYERS: Please keep the following people in your prayers...Olivia, Jean Ungar, Stefanie Kunz, Terri Ibe, Carol Par, Laura Muresan, Mark Templeton, Sylvia Centracchio

If your special day is missing, please contact Nichole in the church office at nswandel77@gmail.com

BIRTHDAYS:

15 Stefanie Rowe
 16 Addison Cholewa
 Giavanna Cholewa
 17 Ben Tobias
 19 Siobhan Rieger
 Angelica Tobias
 20 Cecilia DeSantis
 Joseph Ori

If you would like to sponsor the flowers in the chancel, please place cash or a check (made out to St. Andrews) in an envelope and drop it in the collection plate. Please indicate "in honor of...in memory of..." and the name on the envelope. Cost is \$40.

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