

## ST. ANDREWS LINE -

Lent 1 (February 21)

### ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL LCMS

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Serving, Sending and Supporting Families in Christ

WELCOME, AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US

TODAY!



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Park Ridge, Illinois

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### NEWS AND EVENTS:

**SHARE THE JOY!:** A recent Christianity Today article speaks about the recent growth of Christianity in places such as Africa and South America. In such places people have endured poverty, war, colonization and political instability; life has been hard. Many Christians have endured childhood hunger, abuse, neglect, and/or persecution. However from these hardships has come deep faith and perseverance that has moved many Christians to be passionate about sharing their faith locally and in other countries. One African Christian who serves as a missionary in a Brazilian slum tells us, "There is a passion about sharing our faith that has been refined by seeing God at work in our most difficult circumstances." Where is your passion for sharing the faith?

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**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** In Matthew 25:35 we hear Jesus saying, "I was a stranger, and you welcomed me," a call to His followers to befriend those among us who have come from other communities or countries. **Exodus World Service**, our Mission of the Month, mobilizes the Christian community to welcome and befriend refugees. After fleeing war or persecution, refugees usually need help as they struggle to build new lives. **Exodus World Service** calls upon Christians to assist in this important work.

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### 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](mailto:hsmom1@comcast.net) or 847-224-0160. A planning meeting will be scheduled in early – mid March.

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:** Thrivent Choice is an easy way to help support what matters most to you. Please remember to allocate your 2020 thrivent Choice Dollars! You must direct 2020 Choice Dollars by March 31, 2021. Call 1-800-847-4836 or go [online \(www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice\)](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to find out if you have 2020 Choice Dollars to direct or to make a Choice Dollars direction.

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**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.

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**ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS FOOD PANTRY:** There will be no food drop-off for the Food Pantry on Saturday, February 20 as originally announced. The next food drop-off day at St. Andrews will be Saturday, March 6 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The second drop-off day in March will be Saturday, March 20.

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**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

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**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](mailto:ray.pagels@lfnd.org).

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**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 24<sup>th</sup>.

**GIFTS FROM GOD'S PEOPLE AT ST. ANDREWS**  
**Weekly Giving Report - February 14**

Internal Gifts/ Receipts - General Fund

White Envelope Giving/Plate Offering	5,310.00
Vanco Electronic Giving	8,415.45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,735.45</b>

External Gifts/ Receipts

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

Other General Funds:

Designated Funds:

Mission of the month (LCC)	20.00
Comfort Dog Ministry	10.00
Lutheran Witness	15.96
Strengthening Our Future	340.43

**WORSHIP TOTALS:**

**Saturday 02/13**

**Sunday 02/14**

**TOTAL**

Attended:	34	49	83
Communed:			75

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 - 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](mailto:nswandel77@gmail.com)

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.

**BIRTHDAYS:**

22	Lucille Cook Tiffany Steffen
24	Nick Bedell Abby Christiansen Elvira Geist
26	Lydia Pruess Nora Schiewe
27	Marilyn Bergmann
28	Emily Kober

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