

ST. ANDREWS LINE -

Lent 4 (March 13)

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!: The "Wall Street Journal reported on a Harvard study on the religious involvement of 5,000 people. In this study, children and teens who reported attending religious services at least once a week scored higher in psychological well-being measurements and had lower risks of mental illness. Weekly attendance was associated with higher rates of volunteering, a sense of mission, forgiveness, and lower probabilities of mental illness and early sexual initiation. As stated by this paper, "Pity then that the U.S. has seen a 20% decrease in religious services in the past 20 years, according to a Gallop report earlier this year."

MISSION OF THE MONTH: The location of our mission of the month, **Gutnius Lutheran Church** in Papua New Guinea, is a very complex place. The country is located on the island of New Guinea, a large island in the South Pacific. Because of its location near the equator, the climate is tropical; its geological features range from ocean beaches to towering mountains. Most members of **Gutnius Lutheran Church** live in or near the mountains and represent a variety of cultures and languages. Though there are a few roads and airstrips in this area, most travel is done on foot. Animism is the local world view which attributes all happenings, whether harmful or beneficial, to the work of dead ancestors and a variety of spirits. From the work of the original synodical missionaries has grown a church of 125,000 members.

EASTER FLOWERS: Easter flower orders to decorate our church will be taken from Sunday, March 7 through Palm Sunday, March 28. Order forms will be in the narthex at church with a payment box. Pay for orders by check or online. Orders can also be sent by mail to Corrine Schreiber, 6035 N. Nickerson Ave., Chicago, IL 60631 (please mail orders early, as mail delivery can be slow); by phone at 773-774-4951 or 773-774-3458 (cell); and email at b.schreiber@comcast.net. Flowers are to be picked up on Easter Sunday after the 10:00am service. An order sheet and flower prices can also be found on the last page of the LINE. Flowers can be given in honor of or in memory of an individual. Flowers can also be donated to one of our homebound church members or to a local nursing home.

BOARD OF SERVICE MINISTRY: On February 23, Anita Fuchs, Janet Reich, Mark Paulik and Lee Joesten joined several other people from the community at Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg. The group of about 80 people filled 121 boxes of dehydrated meals totaling 26,136 meals. These meals will feed 72 children for an entire year in a location where malnutrition is a major problem.

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.

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.

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: The next Food Pantry drop-off days will be Saturday, March 6 and March 20 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Come to the rear parking lot and someone will be there to receive your items. Deodorant soaps, such as Irish Spring, Dial, Zest, or Coast, are especially welcomed at this time.

KEEPING YOUR GIFT PLANS CONNECTED TO YOUR FAITH: In keeping the work with your estate plans connected with your life in Jesus, a starting point is to consider whether inheritance to family is an entitlement or is a plan with which to grace family member with God's gifts. That clear vision is a key point in keeping your gift plans connected with your faith. How do you see each gift conveying blessing? Ray Pagels, our Christian Gift Planning Counselor can help you answer these questions. Contact Ray at 847-226-2262 or ray.pagels@lfnd.org

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

Internal Gifts/ Receipts - General Fund

White Envelope Giving/Plate Offering	8,315.00
Vanco Electronic Giving	<u>6,265.21</u>
TOTAL	9,202.21

External Gifts/ Receipts

Synod/Missions	5.00
Lutheran Church Charities	5.00

Designated Funds:

Mission of the month (LCC)	20.00
Comfort Dog Ministry	10.00
German Fund (School)	300.00
Endowment Fund	500.00
Organ Fund	100.00
College Ministry	100.00
Strengthening Our Future	23.96

Other General Funds:

WORSHIP TOTALS:

	<u>Saturday 03/06</u>	<u>Sunday 03/07</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Attended:	45	105	150
Communed:			135

LOOKING AHEAD
SUNDAY, MARCH 21 - REGULAR SERVICE
SATURDAY SERVICE 5:00 PM
SUNDAY SERVICES 8:30AM and 9:45AM

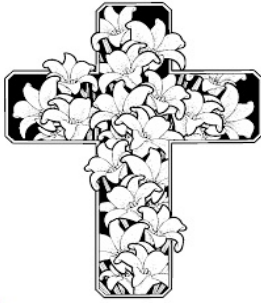
PRAYERS: Please keep the following people in your prayers...Andrea Rizzo, Jim Smolik, Deb O'Brien, Megan McNamara

ANNIVERSARIES:
15 Jim & Gail Selzer
19 Mike & Donna Lawrence

BIRTHDAYS:

15 Al Neve
Carole Par
16 Elsa Bonatz
Lee Lidik
17 Chris Anderson
Sean Johnson
Caitlin Kilroy
William VonStaats
18 Anthony Caputo
Elsa Hoffmann
Tamra Willner
20 Jackie Maas
21 Ernie Koenig
Katelyn Panches
Barrett Zoellick

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



EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

**CHECKS SHOULD BE PAYABLE TO
ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH.**

Order deadline is Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ **PHONE** _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Yes _____ **Give the flowers to one of our homebound members
or to a local nursing home.**

- _____ **Easter Lily** **\$ 15.00 ea.**
- _____ **Palm Tree** **15.00 ea.**
- _____ **Tulips - assorted colors (large pot)** **15.00 ea.**
- _____ **Hyacinth** **15.00 ea.**
- _____ **Azalea** **20.00 ea.**
- _____ **Ranunculus (resembles a mum but with a vibrant color)** **5.00 ea.**
- _____ **Hydrangea** **25.00 ea.**