

ST. ANDREWS LINE -

First Sunday after Christmas (December 26)

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 Bible speaks about the joy that God gives us. Sometimes our daily experiences are not especially conducive to giggles or even smiles. On some days, pain and loss may keep us from even a small amount of happiness. It is at those times that we remember that even when we are not especially happy, we can still feel joy, the joy that comes from God. Our joy is rooted in what God has done for us, not what we experience in our lives. We are redeemed children of God, and nothing can be more joyous than that. Please do not hoard that joy. Share it.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: The work of **We Raise Foundation**, our December Mission of the Month, is ongoing despite the Covid-19 pandemic. The organization continues to stand with marginalized communities, though with less direct contact. However, its work can continue only with the support of concerned Christians. If you would like to be a part of this important ministry, you can do so by calling the organization at 800.762.6748 or by sending a contribution to **We Raise Foundation**, One Pierce Place, Itasca, IL 60143. Contributions can also be given online or by placing a check for the foundation in our weekend offering.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: 2022 contribution envelopes will be available for pickup on a table in the hallway between the rear parking lot doors and the gym starting the weekend of December 4th. There will be a box for each donor who has made a contribution using checks or cash in 2021. If you would like a box of contribution envelopes and do not find a box on the table, or if you are not attending services in person and would like us to deliver your envelopes to your home, please contact Mike Bauer at bauer924@sbcglobal.net.

FOOD PANTRY NOTE: Among the items that the Food Pantry cannot accept are disposable diapers/pampers, canned green beans, and oatmeal products of any kind. Items always welcome include canned fruit, canned tuna, brownie mix, cold cereal, 1-2 lb. bags of white rice, paper towels, and toilet paper.

NEW VANCO GIVING APP: We have been notified that Vanco will continue to support the "GivePlus" App through January 31, 2022 - they'd originally planned to stop servicing that App on September 30. If you've already downloaded the new Vanco Mobile App it should be working fine; if you haven't downloaded the new App yet you can continue to use the GivePlus App for up to four more months!

DECEMBER IS A MONTH OF GIVING: Your estate plan is a way for you to plan gifts, too. All gifts, given by faith, are acts of love, expressing our life in Jesus Christ. Why would your estate contain both gifts to family and gifts for ministry? It is because you love people and want them to know the true life of Jesus. Ray Pagels, our Christian Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Ray at 847-226-2262 or ray.pagels@lfnd.org

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DEDUCTIONS (QCD): ...still a great source of charitable gifts to St. Andrews and the ministries you care about. Basically, the same rules in 2021:

- A direct transfer of funds from your IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity.
- The transferred gift avoids taxable ordinary income. Not taxable.
- Only donors 70-1/2 or older
- Maximum annual amount that can qualify is \$100,000.
- QDC can be used to meet your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution).
- New for those filing the Standard Deduction for 2021:
 - Single filers: \$300.00 above the line charitable deduction
 - Married filing jointly: \$600.00 above the line charitable deduction
- Another great way to make a gift to St. Andrews Lutheran Church.

Act fast and talk to your financial advisor. For questions or assistance, contact Ray Pagels, our gift planning counselor at 847-226-2262 or ray.pagels@lfnd.org.

GIFTS FROM GOD'S PEOPLE AT ST. ANDREWS
Weekly Giving Report - December 19

Internal Gifts/ Receipts - General Fund

White Envelope Giving/Plate Offering	6,635.00
Vanco Electronic Giving	<u>5,736.18</u>
TOTAL	12,371.18

External Gifts/ Receipts

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

Designated Funds:

Comfort Dog Ministry	416.00
Endowment Fund	5000.00
Food Pantry	2881.00
Gym/AV Project	3500.00
Organ Completion	20.00
Redeeming Life Ministries	10.00
Sunday School	7.00
We Raise Foundation	20.00

Other General Funds:

WORSHIP TOTALS:

	<u>Saturday 12/18</u>	<u>Sunday 12/19</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Attended:	57	80+85=165	<u>222</u>
Communed:			124

LOOKING AHEAD

January 1st and 2nd - REGULAR SERVICE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 5:00PM

SUNDAY TWO SERVICES: 8:30AM AND 11:00AM

PRAYERS: Please keep the following people in your prayers...Aaron (brother of Jessye Wright), Henry Schmidt, Kathy Sebastian, Sylvia Centracchio, Jean Ungar, Betty Yost, Norma Gertsch, Leslie Perrin, Laura Muresan, Deb O'Brien, Megan McNamara

ANNIVERSARIES:

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.

BIRTHDAYS:

27	Lauren Johnson
28	Nick Caputo Mike Lawrence
29	Grace Asien Michelle Johnson Judy Sirvio Erica Stotts
30	Donald Brandfellner
1	Theodore Bateman
2	Adrienne Schlake Dan Suwinski (Sr.)