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Official Acts - December

Died:

Adele Alaspa

Born: May 26, 1946

Died: December 1, 2021

Claireen Herting

Born: September 7, 1929

Died: December 29, 2020

FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

1	Jason Barney	13	Patrick Riordan		Jake Knieling
	Al Ellsworth	14	Michael Biela		Carlo Kwon
	Bode Herrnreiter	15	Stefanie Rowe		Charlie Owens
	Elaine Meyers	16	Addison Cholewa		Nelly Somerman
2	Bradyn Goecking		Giavanna Cholewa		Dan Suwinski
	Christa Grabske	17	Ben Tobias		Elijah Tarasievich
4	Corine Tiberi	19	Siobhan Rieger	2	Brooks Parilla
5	Corrine Antemann		Angelica Tobias	3	Carol Zygowicz
	William Hoshizaki	20	Cecilia DeSantis	9	Pastor Lee Joesten
6	Ashley Herrnreiter		Joseph Ori	12	Joan Groff
	Sophia Tobias	22	Lucille Cook	18	Peter Muresan
7	Joel Holler		Tiffany Steffen	19	Laura Muresan
	Augusta Paulik	24	Nick Bedell	20	Erin Bauer
	Lowell PUNCHES		Abby Christiansen	22	Peter Knapp
	Juliana Rieger	25	Elvira Geist		Camille Grau
	Jessye Wright	26	Donna Peterson	23	Christa Grabske
8	Rafa Gonzalez		Lydia Pruess	24	Julia Anderson
9	Eliot Higgins	27	Nora Schiewe		Elvira Geist
10	Earlyne Carter		Marilyn Bergmann	28	Melissa Ellsworth
	David Christiansen	28	Pamela Retzke		
	Candace Ladd		Emily Kober		
12	Larry Centracchio				
	Alicia Daniel				

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Mike Calato
Eric Hauer

WEDDING

ANNIVERSARIES

6 Karen & Ernie Koenig

Lutheran Witness

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WOMEN’S BIBLE CLASSES will resume on Tuesday, February 1st. We meet in the social room (formerly known as the “coffee and” room!) at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Matt will continue as our guide through scripture, and for that we thank him. So ... please spread the word ... invite a friend ... and bring your masks and curiosity. It’s just one hour a week for this fun and interesting fellowship.

ST. ANDREWS CHOIR BEGINS AGAIN AND WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Our choir will begin rehearsing and singing again the first week in February. All high school age and above who love to sing are welcome to join St. Andrews Choir. It is a wonderful and welcoming group of people and we would love to have new members. Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 8:15. Let me know if you are interested and I will have music ready for you.

David Christiansen, Minister of Music
dchristiansen2@juno.com

Dear St. Andrews Family,

Waiting is hard, sometimes almost unbearable. Waiting on medical test results often makes for sleepless nights. With the supply chain disruptions, waiting for that key component of a project, or renovation, or supply for work can test anyone's patience and temper. I mention this, because February always seems like a time of waiting. We're still in the middle of winter. We're out of the Christmas season and not yet to Lent. Many of us have spring break plans, but those seem like they're miles away still.

But, I think there is a spiritual lesson in waiting. God teaches us in the moments that we are forced to wait, that we are not in control. I can make all the plans in the world, but I have no control over the snow, or sunshine, or clouds. As a Pastor, I've had to learn to wait. We had great plans to start a Bible study and sermon series in January called INCARNATE COMMUNITY. It is created by the Northern Illinois District of the LCMS, and it touches on the importance of being together in person as the Body of Christ. Sounds great, until the Omicron Variant runs rampant! So we've waited. But the wait will soon be over!

With the rates of infection falling so precipitously, we are starting the series in February. Each week we will have a different theme related to the topic "Incarnate Community" and a Bible Study during the hour in between the Sunday services. Sunday school, and meetings, and all the extra-curriculars will be back in effect, so it would be a great time to come back to church and Bible class!

I am hopeful that this pandemic is coming to close, and I am ready to being together in much more often! See you soon!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt Hoffmann





SCHOOL NEWS



February 2022

In this space would normally be an update from Laura Boggs, principal of St. Andrews Lutheran School. As a result of some necessary medical recovery time, I was given the opportunity to serve as Interim Principal. Before I go any further, I want you to know that Ms. Boggs is resting and healing and missing her students and faculty/staff. We are very thankful that she is gaining strength daily.

By taking on this responsibility, I have gained a new perspective about the role of the principal in a Lutheran school. Our principal works hard, juggling many needs at once. She is held accountable by everyone and yet selflessly serves students, parents, faculty, and staff. Our principal is a good listener. Ms Boggs is always interested in genuinely building relationships and finding those connections that bring people together. She is concerned not only about the academic scores but also the Spiritual growth of those in her building. Ms. Boggs treats all students as a child of God. Our principal understands that her students have gifts and each child is unique. Her job is a balancing of empowering people by recognizing their strengths and “just handling it” quietly to give someone a break. A principal in today’s society needs to concern herself with covid protocols, locked doors, HIPAA rules, schedules, Internet breakdowns, and meetings, lots of meetings. Through all of this, she creates a loving and warm climate of acceptance.

With the opportunity to write you a note and the space to say it, the most important thing I want to leave you with is, we as a school and church are so blessed to have Ms. Boggs as our principal. Thank you for granting grace where it is not deserved. Thank you for those restless nights trying to solve a challenge or find a solution to an obstacle. Thank you for your leadership. Unfortunately we don’t say it often enough, “Well done Ms. Boggs. Well done.”

Susan Kloess Interim Principal for Laura Boggs Principal of St. Andrews Lutheran School

Park Ridge Ministerial Association Sunday Night Suppers



On Sunday, January 16 St. Andrews members Donna and Mike Lawrence and Miles Mraz prepared 99 bags of meals to distribute to people who routinely come every Sunday evening from September to the following May to the Park Ridge Presbyterian Church for a free meal. Each bag contained a hot dish, bread, a cookie, and a bottle of water. Sunday Night Suppers (SNS) are a ministry sponsored by the Park Ridge Ministerial Association as a ministry to people in the community who suffer from food insecurity. St. Andrews and other Park Ridge churches and organizations take turns hosting each SNS.



The Board of Service Ministry

is Hosting a

Baby Bottle

Fundraiser

Benefitting single,

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Redeeming Life

Maternity Home NID

Please return your baby bottle with your donation no later than Sunday, *February 13*.

ALL donations collected will be donated to Redeeming Life Maternity Home NID to help at risk, single, pregnant moms.

For additional information about this ministry please visit www.rlom.org/expansion.

The St. Andrews Board of Service Ministry thanks you for your participation.