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ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Official Acts - February

Wedding:

Amanda Penn-Francis and Thomas Key

Date: February 19, 2022

Thanks to all of those who participated in the Panera Fundraiser last week. We had 35 transactions and raised \$163.28 for the youth group. We really appreciate the support!

St. Andrews Youth Group



BOARD OF SERVICE MINISTRY: St.

Andrews members are invited to join the Board of Service Ministry for a Day of Community Service Roadside Cleanup on Saturday, April 23 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. We will be picking up trash on a stretch of road in Park Ridge. Please watch the St. Andrews website and weekly announcements for details.

Saturday, May 21st the school PTL will host our annual dinner dance and auction to raise funds for our school children and teachers! All are welcome! More details to follow.

**APRIL
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Carole Cox
Nancy Frank
Daniel Riordan
- 2 Lisa Radosav
- 3 Donald Hanson
Alexis Kilroy
Emily Weisheit
- 4 Serafina Galati
- 5 Jim Brander
LouAnn Grabowski
Alexis Gross
Sophia Rouse
- 6 Sean Holler
- 7 Evelyne Proeschel
Benji Reiger
Karen Rybowicz
- 8 Jessie Kim
Josie Owens
Lilly Suwinski
- 9 Mark Paulik
- 11 Michael Tobias
- 12 Garrett Cupp
- 13 Rev. Matt Hoffmann
Howard Zaehler
- 14 Stacy Nelson
- 15 Diane Kiepura
- 16 Margie Holzkamp
Zachary Lasch
- 17 Sammy Fredriksen
Aubrey Ungarait
- 18 Mike Vitulli
Adam Laurich
- 19 Arthur Clexton
Cathy Cupp
- 20 Cathy Fredriksen
Gabriela Schildwachter
- 21 Jackson DeSantis
- 22 Deb Ness
- 23 Elizabeth Polmanski
- 24 Andrew Cupp
Connor Hanson
Ryan Lynn
- 25 Ronald Knapp
Vincent Ori
Gary Trapp
- 26 Carol Guthier

- Justin Trapp
- Ron Webb
- 27 Luke Cutler
- 28 Christie Warren
- 29 Marlene Hacke
Roger Laurich
Alyssa Vitulli
- 30 Aleeah Lidik
Lee Lidik
Dan Rieger



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

- Grace Brander
- Patrick Riordan
- James Upstrom
- 2 Steven Guther
- 3 Teresa Hanck
- 7 Paul Weisheit
- 8 Bode Herrnreiter
- 11 Megan Ellsworth
- 16 Alfred Ellsworth
- 22 George Foster
- 26 Gary Somerman
- 28 Garrett Cupp
Lee Lidik



**WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 8 Harry & Carol Mirkin
Jennifer & John
McCarty
- 10 Alexis & Andrew Gross
- 20 Rev. Matt & Anne
Hoffmann
- 26 John & Carole Par

If your special day is missing or incorrect, please contact Nichole in the church office:
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Dear St. Andrews Family,

As we will soon be ending Lent and heading right into Holy Week, some verses from Hebrews 10 came to mind:

²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

This Easter will mark our third since the beginning of the COVID-19 epidemic. The first one we had to do virtually, which was profoundly heartbreaking for me. The second, we had a HUGE crowd, but outside. This one is looking to be the most "normal" one we have had in a long time!

But as I reflect upon why the first COVID Easter was so hard, it dawned on me that it was primarily because we could not be all together in one place. I am so grateful that this year looks to be very different from that first year. And I look forward to a big crowd worshipping together, for sure!

I know for many of you, coming back to church seems to be more difficult than you had anticipated. And I get it, I really do! For a couple of years, we had to wear masks and distance and it was exhausting. If you are like me that exhaustion also bleeds into coming OUT of the pandemic as well. It takes a certain kind of courage and energy to resume the good habits you had to put on hold for a while. But now is the time to confront this challenge!

If you haven't come to church, but are able to do so, I would encourage you to try! If you'd like to come by sometime when not as many people are here, let me know and I can make sure you have an unlocked door. If you are unable to come to church, but would desire a visit, please call me at 224.585.3103, and I will set up a time to come visit you with Communion.

Let's work toward encouraging one another in Christ with our presence!

See you Soon!

Pastor Matt Hoffmann





SCHOOL NEWS April 2022



I walked around my yard over Spring Break and noticed that I had new buds blooming everywhere. That tells me that we are officially in "spring" mode!

God has a way of making things beautiful when they bloom in the Spring. God does the same with His children and families here at St. Andrews. Being able to share Christ with everyone is a pleasure every day. We can see HIS kids' BLOOM in so many ways! Praise be to God!!

St. Andrews is "blooming." Here are some highlights:

- A successful and amazing read-a-thon; thank you to everyone who participated and contributed.
- Several 5th-grade students will be making their First Communion on Maundy Thursday.
- Our 7th and 8th-grade students are making the finishing touches on their Science Fair Projects that will be presented on Friday, April 8th.
- Our 6th-grade students will be dressing up as their favorite scientists to share information about the scientist with us.
- Please feel free to join us to view the Science Fair Projects and our scientists on Friday, April 8th from 9:15am-11:15am or 3:00pm-4:00pm.
- Report Cards for Grades K-8 will be going home this Friday, April 1st. We are beginning the fourth quarter of this school year.
- Track and field practices and meets will begin this month.
- We are preparing for our Very Important Person Day.
- We had an amazing and fun filled week celebrating Lutheran Schools Week. We had spirit day, pajama day, dress up day, and wear green or rainbow colors and tourist day. We were able to show Christ's love by making crosses, talking about creation, our community, our church and the children and families that St. Andrews a place for all of us to be of God's family.

Congratulations to Katie Park, a fifth grade student, who is our Spelling Bee Champion. Katie participated in the Annual North Cook ISC Scripps Bee Competition and received 3rd place. Katie competed in the Regional Championship. We are so very proud of her.

As always, we ask that you keep St. Andrews Lutheran School in your prayers and we look forward to sharing with the talents of our students this coming year.

Working together for Christ,

Ms. Laura Boggs