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Official Acts - November and December

Baptized: Lillian Asteria Rotter
Daughter of Brian and Amy Rotter
Born: July 25, 2022 Baptized: November 11, 2022

Jack Timothy O'Connor
Son of Tim and Kristin (Kloess) O'Connor
Born: August, 24, 2022 Baptized: November 11, 2022

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3 Tiffany Hoeger
4 Grace Brander
5 Brian Jason
6 Terri Arnone
Willow Lanum
7 Hannah Flaherty
Audrey Gross
Lynn Trapp
Grace Zoellick
8 Natalie Campise
9 Liz Galati
10 Rev. Lee Joesten
Donald E. Hacke
Rae Koenig
Danny Suwinski (Jr.)
Travis Ward
11 Camille Grau
12 Melissa Ellsworth
13 Bill Sirvio
14 Killian Hoffmann
Jacob Lendy
Stephen Lendy
15 David Gillaspie
John Rizzo
16 Megan Ellsworth
17 Skyler Schur
Ryan Cholewa
18 Claire Hurley
Rick Nelson
Daniel Tobias
19 Otto Demke
20 Brooke Tiberi
21 Jim Anhalt
Erin Bauer
22 Catherine Cupp
Teresa Hanck
Kim Weyland
23 Stan Breitzman
24 Joan Groff
Ryder Knieling
26 Matthew Tizura
28 Jerry Klevenow
29 Karen Arneson
30 Rita Knapp
Otto Proeschel

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Mark Castiglia

Rose Hauer
Mike Knieling
2 Connor Lasch
3 Elizabeth Hauer
Carol Ann Prueter
Joanie Sebastian
5 Emma Heller
Hillary Petersen
6 Elizabeth Claybaker
Stephen Claybaker
10 Emma Wandel
12 Jeff Boggs
15 Matt Michaels
21 Marion Hemler
24 Karen Buric
27 Linda Wolf
29 Karen Michaels
30 Carrie Kuehm

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7 Ray & Jill Benson



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BIRTHDAYS**

1 Jason Barney
Al Ellsworth
Bode Herrreiter
Elaine Meyers
2 Bradyn Goecking
Christa Grabske
4 Corine Tiberi
5 Corrine Antemann
William Hoshizaki
6 Ashley Herrreiter
Sophia Tobias
7 Joel Holler
Augusta Paulik
Lowell Panches
Juliana Rieger
Jessye Wright
8 Rafa Gonzalez
9 Eliot Higgins
10 Earlyne Carter

David Christiansen
Candace Ladd
12 Larry Centracchio
Alicia Daniel
13 Patrick Riordan
14 Michael Biela
15 Stefanie Rowe
16 Addison Cholewa
Giavanna Cholewa
17 Ben Tobias
19 Siobhan Rieger
Angelica Tobias
20 Cecilia DeSantis
Joseph Ori
22 Lucille Cook
Tiffany Steffen
24 Nick Bedell
Abby Christiansen
Elvira Geist
25 Donna Peterson
26 Lydia Pruess
Nora Schiewe
27 Marilyn Bergmann
Pamela Retzke
28 Emily Kober

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Mike Calato
Eric Hauer
Jake Knieling
Carlo Kwon
Charlie Owens
Nelly Somerman
Dan Suwinski
Elijah Tarasievich
2 Brooks Parilla
3 Carol Zygowicz
9 Pastor Lee Joesten
12 Joan Groff
18 Peter Muresan
19 Laura Muresan
20 Erin Bauer
22 Peter Knapp
Camille Grau
23 Christa Grabske
24 Julia Anderson
Elvira Geist
28 Melissa Ellsworth

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

6 Karen & Ernie Koenig

Dear St. Andrews Family,

We are in the middle of the transition between Christmas and Lent and I always find this time of year interesting. First off, this season is like an accordion. Because Easter depends upon a lunar calendar and can vary pretty widely, this time in between major festivals can also be longer or shorter as necessary. It is also a time of anticipation and preparation. Things seem pretty standard on Saturday and Sunday, but during the week we are very busy preparing for the start of Lent, the Lenten services, the First Communion Classes, and starting the planning for Holy Week! There is a flurry of activity, but it is a lot of fun!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

First Communion classes for all those 5th grade and above will start in March. Please go the "Ministries" tab on our website and learn more and sign up if you are interested.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday will be February 22. We will have a chapel service in the morning and a special service at 7pm that evening. Ashes will be available at both services. If you would like to attend the morning service and have Communion, please arrive between 8:30 and 8:45. Pastor Sam and I will be there to offer Communion to you. Communion will be served during the evening service.

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

We are going to be having a different kind of Lenten Worship Service on all the Wednesdays following Ash Wednesday (except for March 29). We will gather in the Gym at 6pm for a brief time of worship and Communion followed by a study based on Tim Keller's book Counterfeit gods. You are welcome to buy the book, but it will not be necessary to participate in the study. Please feel free to bring food to have while the study is taking place. You are also always welcome to attend the chapel services at 8:50 on Wednesday mornings. Like Ash Wednesday, if you wish to have Communion in the morning, please show up between 8:30 and 8:45am.

WILLS AND TRUSTS

On February 25, Ray Pagels will be putting on a short seminar after the Saturday service to talk through the process of creating a will or a trust. He will also offer his services, free of charge, to work with you to create a document with all the information you want on it to take to your lawyer to have the document drawn up efficiently and effectively. Pizza will be served!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

I want to thank Mike Bauer for his financial update a couple of weeks ago, and our Congregation President, Matt Tobias for his leadership during these challenging times. So many of you have responded to our financial challenges with increased giving and I am so grateful to all of you for your support both prayerful and financial. We face some challenging times, but I am confident that God will continue to work through us, and in us. Thanks again for your commitment to your Lord and your church!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Matt Hoffmann





SCHOOL NEWS
St. Andrews Lutheran School
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St. Andrews Mission Statement

St. Andrews Lutheran School nourishes the whole child in spiritual and academic growth by partnering with families to prepare the child for Christian living as an exemplary light in God's World.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

"Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"
Matthew 22:37-39

One of the many joys of being at St. Andrews is that I love watching our students play in the snow. They are so happy and I can hear them trudging down the hall with their boots and snow pants ready to go, eager to play and then so happy to be back inside. It is such a joy to see their rosy cheeks and hear about what they did outside. Did you see all the snowmen they built? While we are inside the building, I see our students learning about earth quakes and volcanoes, how to play indoor hockey, preparing for the Illinois Constitution test, singing songs, preparing for Chapel services, measuring heights with mittens, subtracting 3 digit numbers, learning the letter L, recognition of last names, book projects, and so much more. Our St. Andrews students are the best!!!

We are happy to announce that our Spring Musical this year will be Mary Poppins Jr. Our 7th and 8th grade students have the lead roles and K-6 is our chorus. Mark your calendars for March 15, 16 and 17.

Registration for the upcoming school is now taking place. If you know of a family interested in an excellent Christian Education, this would be a wonderful opportunity to acquaint them with St. Andrews. Please continue to pray God's blessings for our ministries here.

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

Working together for Christ,
Ms. Laura Boggs

Dear St. Andrews School and Church Family,

For over 100 years, St. Andrews has been blessed to have a tradition of outstanding teachers. Our teachers don't just inspire knowledge in their students, but they serve as their counselors, role models, coaches, and directors, and yes, more often than not, they become part of their families. They share their faith, pray with their students, and equip them to show God's grace and mercy to others. Their dedication to a Christ-centered education is awe-inspiring and indeed leaves an impression on every student they touch. While we have many things to be thankful for at St. Andrews, our exceptional staff is one of our greatest blessings.

We know God has plans for us, and we must follow His plan. God had plans for Mrs. Kloess to become a Lutheran School teacher, a truly devoted, inspirational, and outstanding teacher that shared the love of Christ with so many students. All will remember extraordinary things in the 3rd-grade classroom, such as the blue hand chair, Christmas Around the World, Mouse and Motorcycle Project, Skittles and learning multiplication facts, using exercise balls as their chairs, and the joy she shared within her classroom every day. Mrs. Kloess is an inspiration to her students and has touched the lives of many teachers, staff, and families over the years. In addition to serving as our 3rd-grade classroom teacher, Mrs. Kloess was our Athletic director. Mrs. Kloess provided athletic programs and opportunities for our students to participate in Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Cheerleading, and Track and Field. Under her leadership and guidance, we had many teams and athletes participate in State tournaments and competitions that led our students to develop skills such as teamwork, sportsmanship, and respect and do our best to give God glory in all that we do. So after 36 years of dedicating her life to teaching others, Mrs. Kloess has decided to retire at the conclusion of this school year. Mrs. Kloess will have time to enjoy gardening, travel and spending time with her friends and family. She will be missed by all and will always be part of the St. Andrews family.

Mrs. Corcoran has been in education for over ten years, and we have been blessed to have Mrs. Corcoran with us for the past 2 ½ years as our substitute preschool teacher and full-time kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Corcoran's welcoming classroom is filled with busy students learning new skills, making new friends, and sharing God's love. Mrs. Corcoran has guided our students with compassion, care, and love. Mrs. Corcoran is stepping away from teaching full-time to explore new passions and opportunities. Although Mrs. Corcoran will not be with us daily, we are happy to share that she will be at St. Andrews as a substitute teacher. We are so thankful for the gifts that Mrs. Corcoran has shared with her students and families at St. Andrews.

Please keep St. Andrews in your prayers as we search for candidates to fill our kindergarten and third-grade positions. We know that with God's guidance, we will find the perfect additions that will enable us to continue to educate strong minds and faithful hearts for years to come.

God's blessing to you and your family.

Ms. Boggs
Principal