

# ST. ANDREWS LINE -

## Epiphany/Baptism of Our Lord (January 19)

ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL LCMS

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WELCOME, AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!



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### **NEWS AND EVENTS:**

Putting an estate plan together presents many competing priorities around which to make decisions. Certainly, you wish to care for the family you love. Yet even families can present competing priorities. As you consider gifts to family (inheritance), is their need immediate, or is it in the future for something like college education for children? Would you like to begin figuring out God's design for His gifts? Your Christian Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Ray Pagels at [raymondpagels1@gmail.com](mailto:raymondpagels1@gmail.com) or cell # 1-847-226-2262

**FOOD PANTRY UPDATE:** 207 households visited the St Paul of the Cross food pantry in December. Most needed items are Cold cereal (no Cheerios please), toothpaste, ketchup and mustard and 1 lb bags or boxes of WHITE rice (no flavored rices please). Thank you for your ongoing support!

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN:** The Board of Service Ministry is sponsoring two events in Schaumburg. Please see the attachment to this LINE for more information.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH:** St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Pilsen is our January Mission of the Month. The church offers worship services in both English and Spanish to reach residents in this poverty-stricken community. Pastor Cesar Sifuentes who originally came from Guatemala and his wife Deaconess Elly serve the congregation. The church's Comedor San Mateo Soup Kitchen serves hot meals to poor people every Tuesday and Thursday. Congregations that assist the soup kitchen operation approximately once a month are Trinity, Mokena; Trinity, Burr Ridge; Trinity, Roselle; St. Luke, Itasca; and St. Paul, Matteson. Volunteer help is always needed and appreciated. Contact St. Matthew if you would like to help. Better still, organize a group to volunteer together.

**SHARE THE JOY:** Do you ever imagine that if conditions were ideal, you would be eager to share your faith? If the right time and place came together, you would feel less anxious about the prospect of telling people about Jesus: Think about Paul when you have such musings. He shared his faith before hostile crowds, when facing magistrates and judges, when shipwrecked. Even when he was in chains in a Roman prison, he shared his faith with fellow prisoners and jailers, even sharing his faith via letters to various churches. If anyone had a reason to feel constrained by circumstances, it was Paul. Let us look to his example and Share the Joy wherever we are.

**FOURTH FRIDAY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP!:** Starting this month on January 24, we will be having a night of family fellowship and fun for ALL AGES every 4th Friday of the month. We will have a fellowship meal and time to let the kids run wild around the gym from 6 - 6:40pm. After that we will have Bible Studies for ALL AGES from 6:40-7:15pm, Adult/High School Bible Study in the Gym, Preschool through K in the Kindergarten Room, 1st - 4th in the Chapel, 5th - Middle in the Youth Room. Hope to see you there!

**MITTEN MINISTRY:** The Board of Fellowship has put up a smaller Christmas tree in the Narthex for contributions to the MITTEN ministry. Please feel free to add mittens, gloves, hats, scarfs, or any warm outer wear to the tree. We will be collecting through January 20th and bringing the items to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Skokie, IL. Any questions feel free to reach out to Jenny Dougherty, Rachel Holler or Jim Jordan

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** Statements will be available on the welcome desk this weekend.

**MYRA (11/22/24 – 1/14/25)**

There may have been no Myra updates for a while but that doesn't mean she hasn't been busy. She enjoyed many visits during the holiday season and had opportunities to see old friends and meet some new friends, including Santa at one of her visits.

Myra ended November with visits to Synapse House in Downers Grove, Arden Courts in Elk Grove, Chicago Behavioral Hospital Out Patient and In Patient areas in DesPlaines, St. Benedict in Niles, and Crane Wellness Center in Norridge. She also visited the hospice patient in Northfield who has become fast friends with Myra, and met her daughter who was visiting from Maryland.

There was no end to her visits as we entered December. Her regular visits included Central Baptist Village in Norridge, Amazing Grace, Ascension Living Resurrection Village and Ascension Life Center in Chicago, New Perspective Senior Living and Avantara in Long Grove, the Sheridan and Avantara in Park Ridge. At the visit to Niles Senior Center, they were celebrating a Hawaiian Christmas and adorned Myra with a lei as she greeted the participants. She also visited Rush College Health Sciences in Chicago and met with graduate students in the Department of Communication Disorders. The students were studying for a final exam and Myra brought a brief but welcoming distraction. During her visit to St. Benedict's in Niles she was able to spend time with one of St. Andrews members and when she visited Mount Prospect Senior Living, she encountered Santa Claus. What a treat for the residents – Myra and Santa!

A highlight for Myra in December was the Bethlehem Walk where she greeted participants as they ended the walk. She loved all of the attention, petting and listening to everyone talk about the wonderful walk to Bethlehem. Regular visits continued to Chicago Behavioral Hospital, Crane Wellness Center, Parkland Prep Academy in Morton Grove, Carrington in Lincolnwood, Garlands in Barrington, Orchard Village in Skokie, Advocate Adult Day Care in DesPlaines, Pearl of Montclare in Chicago and Warren Barr in Skokie. Not to be forgotten was her visit to Immanuel's Food Pantry in DesPlaines and the House of Welcome in Northfield.

January has begun with visits to many of the regular facilities cited above and a first time visit to Asbury Court in DesPlaines which we hope will become a regular visit. In addition to visits, time was made for some training exercises to keep Myra sharp and ready for all of her work. Training often takes place outdoors but variety is added when we train at Target or Home Depot, both of which are very welcoming to Myra and her handlers. During one of her training sessions at Target, she met a family whose grandson (Ezariah) with special needs recently had heart surgery. Myra's handler listened intently to the woman who asked that we pray for healing for Ezariah. We later came to learn that the name Ezariah (could be spelled Azariah) meant "helped by God." This is a great example of the Comfort Dog Ministry's mission: Myra was the "bridge" that initiated a very meaningful interaction between the family and the handler.

Of course, Myra attended Chapel services on Wednesdays with the St. Andrews students and Saturday and Sunday worship services. She also was at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Visiting Sunday School classes was also on her January schedule and she truly enjoys meeting and being loved on by the children.

Myra and the Comfort Dog Team want to THANK the Sunday School students and teachers for donating a portion of the funds raised from the sale of their Christmas Cards to the Comfort Dog Ministry.

If you would like to know more about any of the Team roles and responsibilities or are interested in joining the Comfort Dog Ministry, contact Joanne August via email at [hsmom1@comcast.net](mailto:hsmom1@comcast.net). We are in need of a couple more Ministry Partners and would love to have you on our team!

**GIFTS FROM GOD'S PEOPLE AT ST. ANDREWS**  
**Weekly Giving Report - January 12**

Internal Gifts/ Receipts - General Fund

White Envelope Giving/Plate Offering	12,099.00
Vanco Electronic Giving	<u>8,658.65</u>
TOTAL	20,757.65

External Gifts/ Receipts

Synod/Missions	30.00
Lutheran Church Charities	1.00

Designated Funds:

Comfort Dog	200.00
Crop Walk	20.00
Pizza Night	91.00
St. Andrews School	100.00
Sunday School	1.00

Other General Funds:

**Worship Attendance:**      **Saturday 01/11**                      **Sunday 01/12**                      **TOTAL**

Attended:

Communed:

**LOOKING AHEAD**  
**REGULAR SCHEDULE**  
**January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**

**SATURDAY**

**5:00pm with Holy Communion**

**SUNDAY**

**8:30am and 11:00am with Holy Communion**

**PRAYERS:** Please keep the following people in your prayers... Pat Malone, Jenny Dougherty, Paul Claybaker, Carol Mraz, Michele Genualdi, Laura Peter, Jeanette Peter

**HEARING ASSISTANCE:** St. Andrews has upgraded the assisted listening system in the church (including the chapel and balcony) that now allows us to stream audio directly to your hearing aids. If your hearing aids already have their "T-Coil" feature enabled, you should be able to easily switch over to the church's audio channels. If you don't have hearing aids but want more clarity for the spoken word, we have handheld receivers with headphones that you can use to listen directly to our audio channels. Please ask Pastor Matt or an usher to get you one and show you how it works.

**BIRTHDAYS:**

20	Brooke Tiberi
21	Jim Anhalt Erin Bauer
22	Catherine Cupp Teresa Hanck Chris Panagakos Kim Weyland
23	Stan Breitzman
24	Joan Groff

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

7	Ray & Jill Benson
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DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 26, 2025



**The Board of Service Ministry is sponsoring two events at  
FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN  
in Schaumburg on  
Saturday, February 8 from 2:30 - 4 pm  
Tuesday, February 11 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

**We have openings for 10 people in each of the two time slots.**

**This enjoyable service activity is a way for individuals or the entire family to create food packs for children around the world who are food insecure.**

**Pre-registration is required and can be done by using the signup sheet at the Welcome Desk or by eMailing Jennifer Babich at [jnbabich@icloud.com](mailto:jnbabich@icloud.com).**

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