

ST. ANDREWS LINE -

Lent (March 16)

ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL LCMS

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WELCOME, AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!



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SCAN HERE TO GIVE TO ST. ANDREWS:



NEWS AND EVENTS:

We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. Part of that tension flows from immediate needs versus long-term needs in our lives. Sometimes God's people hesitate to plan because we don't know what that future will look like. It is true that if the Lord wills for you to live thirty more years, your goals or needs might change. But that should not stop you from planning today. Your estate plan is a snapshot in time, guiding things as you currently know them. You may need to adjust your plan in the future, but that shouldn't keep you from having a plan today. Your St. Andrews Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Ray Pagels at raymondpagels1@gmail.com or Ray's cell at 847-226-2262.

Thrivent Choice Dollars – March 31st Deadline!: Thank you. Thank you. Thank you! A heartfelt "thank you" to all of you who directed your **Choice Dollars to St Andrews Lutheran Church**. Are you an eligible Thrivent member and have choice dollars available to direct? Please keep St. Andrews in mind. The deadline to direct is ALWAYS March 31. Here is how you can check your eligibility to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars. Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. **Remember to set up the direction of your Choice Dollars by March 31 of each year.**

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: 149 households visited the St Paul of the Cross food pantry in February. Most needed items this month are spaghetti, pasta sauce, mac and cheese, and boxed saltine crackers. Thank you for your continuing support!

MISSION OF THE MONTH: It is important for our children going away to school to connect with a caring community with which to interact, worship, and study God's Word. **LCMS U Campus Ministry** is the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's program for college students throughout the United States. Students going away to college can find a local campus ministry by going to lcms.org/campusministry and find a chapter at the school they plan to attend under "Find a chapter." A map will show where the various college and university campus ministry chapters are located, and contact information is also provided. If the map does not show an **LCMS U** chapter for a specific school, students should contact the **LCMS U** office at 1-888-843-5267.

SHARE THE JOY: George Barna, head of the Barna Research Group and an astute watcher of churches in America, writes that congregations that successfully reach out to their communities have this characteristic: "Their definition of success in evangelism is that people active in the church are intentionally and obediently sharing their faith with nonbelievers." In other words, evangelism is sharing Christ in the daily life of the believer. It is a lifestyle, not an occasional activity. Share the joy every day!

GIFTS FROM GOD'S PEOPLE AT ST. ANDREWS
Weekly Giving Report - MARCH 9

Internal Gifts/ Receipts - General Fund
White Envelope Giving/Plate Offering 8,399.00
Vanco Electronic Giving 9,307.13
TOTAL 17,706.13

External Gifts/ Receipts
Synod/Missions 100.00
Lutheran Church Charities -----

Designated Funds:
Endowment 390.00
Sunday School 30.00

Other General Funds:

Worship Attendance: **Saturday 03/08** **Sunday 03/09** **TOTAL**
Attended:

Communed:

LOOKING AHEAD
REGULAR SCHEDULE
March 22nd and 23rd

SATURDAY
5:00pm with Holy Communion

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

PRAYERS: Please keep the following people in your prayers... Carol Hooste, Richard Avila, Pam Lendy, Carol Mraz, Michele Genualdi, Laura Peter, Jeanette Peter

BIRTHDAYS:

17 Chris Anderson
 Sean Johnson
 Caitlin Kilroy
 Abigail Scalzitti
18 Larry Adams
 Anthony Caputo
 Elsa Hoffmann
 Tamra Willner
21 Ernie Koenig
 Laura Peter
 Katelyn Panches
 Barrett Zoellick
22 Janet Jack
23 Bennett Butterfield
 Vivian Turk

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.

IRA Charitable Rollover/Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD)

You may be looking for a way to make a significant difference to help further our mission. If you are 70½ or older you may also be interested in a way to lower the income and taxes from your IRA withdrawals. An IRA charitable rollover is a way you can help continue St. Andrews mission and vision and benefit this year.

Benefits of an IRA charitable rollover

- **Avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$108,000 from your IRA to St. Andrews Lutheran Church and other 501C charities you care about**
- **May satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.**
- **Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions.**
- **Make a gift that is not subject to the deduction limits on charitable gifts.**
- **Help further the work and mission of St. Andrews Lutheran Church and School.**

How an IRA charitable rollover gift works

- **Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD) gift from your IRA to St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 260 North Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068, Tax I/D #36-6003638**
- **Your IRA funds will be directly transferred to St. Andrews Lutheran Church to help continue our important work.**
- **Please note that IRA charitable rollover gifts do not qualify for a charitable deduction.**
- **Please contact Ray Pagels, our Christian Gift Planner, at his cell: 847-226-2262 or raymondpagels1@gmail.com for guidance or if you wish for your gift to be directed to a specific ministry.**

For Immediate Release

Concordia-Chicago announces church professional student tuition guarantee
River Forest, IL (Jan. 30, 2025) – Concordia University Chicago has launched the Prepared to Serve: Church Professional Guarantee, exemplifying the University’s commitment to equipping undergraduate students through its church professional degree programs. Beginning fall 2025, new, full-time students pursuing a church professional degree will pay a maximum of \$5,000 in tuition and mandatory fees each academic year. This amount includes all CUC institutional scholarships, Illinois MAP grants and federal Pell grants.

The University is committed to providing one of the most affordable pathways for undergraduate students pursuing church work vocations within the Concordia University System. Doing so is integral to preparing graduates for a life of service in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS).

The guaranteed tuition rate is available to all incoming, full-time church work students who enroll in one of the following programs:

- Classical Lutheran Educator
- Deaconess
- Director of Christian Education
- Director of Parish Music
- Lutheran Teacher Education
- Pre-Seminary

“As a testament to Concordia-Chicago’s commitment to supporting church professionals, I am pleased to introduce the Prepared to Serve: Church Professional Guarantee,” says Dr. Russell Dawn, president of Concordia-Chicago. “What’s more, this guarantee is not the only way that CUC demonstrates the importance of making a truly Christ-centered university education affordable. In fact, every single one of our undergraduate students receives financial aid. We have also strengthened our commitment to students who are the first generation in their families to attend college; this year, we doubled the annual financial award that these students receive.”

This University-wide commitment also supports the Set Apart to Serve initiative of the LCMS, which encourages young people to consider church vocations as honorable, sacred and joyful ways to serve God and His people.

CUC’s dedication to making a Christ-centered education achievable for future church professionals is made possible due to the support of generous donors. To learn how you can support the Prepared to Serve: Church Professional Guarantee, contact the CUC Foundation at Foundation@CUChicago.edu or call 866-448-3867.

To learn more about the tuition guarantee for church professional programs, visit CUChicago.edu/prepared-to-serve