

ST. ANDREWS LINE -

Lent (March 23)

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. You can list the members of your family today, but what happens to inheritance if family situations change? What happens if one of your children gets married or a grandchild is born, and they are not listed in your will or trust? Your attorney can place language in your legal documents to address these matters. Your St. Andrews Gift Planning Counselor can highlight the concerns you have with your attorney to ensure they are addressed. For assistance 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: LCMS U Campus Ministry, our March Mission of the Month, is the campus ministry program of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. It is estimated that there are about 18 million college students in the United States, with about 100,000 of them members of our church body. LCMS U aims to support our own children in their faith when they go away to school, but it is also an important mission outreach to students who have no church connection. Some of the LCMS U chapters are self-contained on the campuses of larger schools. However, in many instances local congregations welcome students and minister to their spiritual needs. Reaching out to unchurched students is an important part of this campus ministry.

SHARE THE JOY: We are reminded in God's Word that Christians are never alone when they witness for Christ. God is always by our side when we share the joy and promises to help us as we do that. Jesus said in Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." As the salt and light of the world, we must dare to be different. Blending in must never be our goal.

EASTER FLOWERS: Easter Flower orders will begin being taken Sunday, March 23. Orders will be taken in between services until Palm Sunday (April 13). You can also use the order form on the last page to place your order.

GIFTS FROM GOD'S PEOPLE AT ST. ANDREWS
Weekly Giving Report - MARCH 16

Internal Gifts/ Receipts - General Fund

White Envelope Giving/Plate Offering	4,284.00
Vanco Electronic Giving	<u>8,299.77</u>
TOTAL	12,583.77

External Gifts/ Receipts

Synod/Missions	30.00
Lutheran Church Charities	-----

Designated Funds:

Crop Walk	20.00
Endowment Fund	6.00
St. Andrews School	100.00
Strengthening Our Future	435.00
Sunday School	58.00

Other General Funds:

<u>Worship Attendance:</u>	<u>Saturday 03/15</u>	<u>Sunday 03/16</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Attended:	72	111+48=159	231
Communed:			108

LOOKING AHEAD
REGULAR SCHEDULE

March 29th and 30th

SATURDAY

5:00pm with Holy Communion

SUNDAY

8:30am with Holy Communion 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

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BIRTHDAYS:

24	Chris Bloom
25	Analisa Caputo
26	Colton Ungarait Lily Wandel
27	Grace Gillaspie Kristen Kinell Ben Zoellick
28	Greg Cook Sue Marieneau Catherine Marquis
29	Bruno Ladd Shirley Malone
30	Donald Guther Nathan Lendy Jackie Maas

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



EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

**CHECKS SHOULD BE PAYABLE TO
ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH.**

ORDER DEADLINE IS PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ **PHONE** _____

IN MEMORY OF _____
IN HONOR OF _____
YES _____

**GIVE THE FLOWERS TO ONE OF OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS
OR TO A LOCAL NURSING HOME.**

*****ORDERS TO BE PICKED UP MUST BE PICKED UP AFTER THE LATE EASTER SERVICE*****

- _____ **EASTER LILY. \$ 15.00 EA.**
- _____ **PALM TREE. 20.00 EA.**
- _____ **TULIPS - ASSORTED COLORS (LARGE POT) 12.00 EA.**
- _____ **HYACINTH 12.00 EA.**
- _____ **AZALEA 24.00 EA.**
- _____ **RANUNCULUS (RESEMBLES A MUM BUT WITH A VIBRANT COLOR). 6.00EA.**
- _____ **HYDRANGEA 27.00 EA.**