

# ST. ANDREWS LINE -

## Lent (March 30)

### 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. Some of God's saints hesitate to commit to creating an estate gift for ministry because they say, "What if I need those funds before I die?" As long as the funds remain in your name, you always have access to use them. Yet, your estate plan is in place for things that you don't use during your earthly life. Your St. Andrews Gift Planning Counselor can help explain this. Contact Ray Pagels at [raymondpagels1@gmail.com](mailto:raymondpagels1@gmail.com) or Ray's cell at 847-226-2262.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars – March 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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:** The Lord's Great Commission to His followers enjoins us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. This usually means leaving home, family, and friends to go to a faraway place with a foreign language and unfamiliar customs. It is the case, however, that campus ministry often encounters foreign students who have come to the United States for an education. These students come here at their own expense, often already speaking English, and frequently hungry for friendship. **LCMS U Campus Ministry**, our March Mission of the Month provides a vehicle for introducing these students to the Gospel while they attend college in the United States. They experience the caring community of Christian leaders and students and, upon graduation, they return to their homeland equipped to share the Gospel with their countrymen.

You can help support the campus ministry program of our synod with a donation in a plain envelope marked **LCMS U Campus Ministry**.

**SHARE THE JOY:** The blind man in John chapter 9 wasn't sure who it was that had given him his sight. He said, "One thing I know. I was blind but now I see." He shared only what he knew, and for refusing to reject Christ was himself banned from the temple. Jesus, hearing of his plight, sought this simple believer and revealed Himself more fully to him. Our testimony for Christ need not be a theological treatise. To share the joy, we need only reveal how God has worked in our lives and what that has meant to us.

**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 23**

Giving and attendance for this week will be included in next week's line.

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**LOOKING AHEAD**  
**REGULAR SCHEDULE**

**April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>**

**SATURDAY**

**5:00pm with Holy Communion**

**SUNDAY**

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

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

**BIRTHDAYS:**

31 Victoria Matej  
Christa Neve  
Alex Rosenau  
1 Carole Cox  
Nancy Frank  
Daniel Riordan  
2 Lisa Radosav  
3 Donald Hanson  
Alexis Kilroy  
Ella Panagakos  
Emily Weisheit  
5 Elijah Andrews  
Jim Brander  
LouAnn Grabowski  
Alexis Gross  
Sophia Rouse  
6 Sean Holler

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

31 Jeff & Kathleen Heller

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.**