

ST. ANDREWS LINE -

Lent (April 6)

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:

God has blessed you richly with family, resources and a heart to spread His message of salvation. We are to Transfer the blessing to others. That is our calling. Pass it on! Transfer the Blessings is a process that will help you discover your Lifetime Plan for Giving and make it a reality. Ray Pagels, our St. Andrews Christian Estate Planner, can assist you with Christian Counsel and encouragement to help you plan and direct your passion to give blessings to the people you love. Ray's confidential services are no charge to our St. Andrews families. You may reach out to Ray at raymondpagels1@gmail.com or his cell: 847-226-2262

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!

EARTH DAY: To commemorate Earth Day, please join the Board of Service Ministry for roadside cleanup on Saturday, April 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Park Ridge Public Works will provide us with trash bags, poles, and safety vests and pick up all collected trash the following week. To participate, sign up at the welcome desk or contact Laurie Dobosz at Ldbosz@comcast.net. All are welcome to participate – great opportunity for youth service hours.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: St. Andrews members have easy access to Bibles. We have them in our homes and in our church, and we probably take for granted the fact that God's Word is easily accessible. It is, in fact, difficult to imagine a time and place when we might not have this blessing in our lives. However, it is a fact that around 3,500 language communities in the world do not have the Bible in their own languages. Many of these folks have not ever heard the sweet words of the Gospel. It is to this situation that our April Mission of the Month, **Lutheran Bible Translators**, addresses its efforts. For the past 60 years **LBT** has engaged in ministry among people who have not heard the Gospel, learning their languages and putting these languages into written form, then teaching people literacy so that they can read the Bible translations that are developed.

SHARE THE JOY: The Bible teaches and Christians confess that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8) God, who restored the Gospel to His church in the Lutheran Reformation is more than able to empower farmers, secretaries, engineers, lawyers, teachers—persons from every walk of life—to speak power in the neighborhoods and offices of America. Don't wait—**share the joy!**

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.

WHAT HAS MYRA BEEN UP TO IN MARCH

Myra had a very busy March. There are many facilities that Myra visits on a monthly basis and she is always welcomed with open arms by residents and staff. Moving forward, each monthly update will highlight one of the facilities Myra visits. This month it's Parkland Preparatory Academy in Morton Grove, a small school for children (elementary and high school) with neurodivergent and behavior disorders. The children love meeting and cuddling with her and some of them like talking about their pets. The staff are very involved with the children and help them to focus on the dog and control themselves during the visit. The teachers helped them prepare a list of questions they could ask to learn more about the Myra and Comfort Dogs. The school also serves many students virtually and during this visit a couple of the virtual students joined and were able to ask questions and watch Myra interact with the physically present students. Our visits are on Friday which is also "pizza day" so the students feel doubly blessed! This is such a welcoming environment and we look forward to the monthly visits as much as the students and staff look forward to our visiting.

Myra's other regularly visited senior, assisted living and memory care facilities included Amazing Grace in Chicago, Central Baptist Village in Norridge, New Perspectives in Long Grove, Ascension Life Center in Chicago, The Sheridan in Park Ridge, Arden Courts in Elk Grove Village, Ascension Living in Chicago, The Carrington in Lincolnwood, The Pearl of Montclare in Chicago, The Garlands in Barrington, American House Mount Prospect (previously Mt. Prospect Senior Living), Alden North Shore in Skokie, Chicago Behavioral Hospital (Inpatient and Outpatient) in DesPlaines, Humboldt Park Hospital's Behavioral Health Unit in Chicago, St. Benedict in Niles, Warren Barr in Skokie, Avantara in Long Grove, Avantara in Park Ridge and Asbury Court in DesPlaines.

The adult day care programs that she visited included Advocate Adult Day Care and Rehab in DesPlaines, The House of Welcome in Northfield, and White Crane Wellness Center in Chicago. Orchard Village in Skokie and Trinity Services in DesPlaines are facilities which run day programs for mentally challenged adults who are always very happy to visit with Myra during her monthly visits.

Some of her other activities this month included a visit to Hoffman Elementary School in Glenview for their Family Literacy Night, and Niles Senior Center to greet participants as they came for lunch and a program. She also spent time at the Immanuel Food Pantry in DesPlaines, and made a visit to Synapse House, a rehab facility, in Downers Grove. A few highlights of the month were her visit to Trinity Lutheran Church pre-school in Lisle, spending time at the Midwest Nursing Conference in Rolling Meadows, and meeting with the Arrow of Light Scouts, a small but great group of boys!

Of course, Myra attended some Chapel services on Wednesdays (when she doesn't have another job) with the St. Andrews students and Saturday and Sunday worship services. She enjoys being present at these services and looks forward to the attention she gets following the services.

We are thrilled to be in the process of welcoming two new Ministry Partners to our team. They shadowed during some of Myra's visits this past month and are in the final steps of coming fully on board to join Myra and her handler on visits.

The Comfort Dog Ministry Team will be hosting Coffee Service April 13th (Palm Sunday) to acknowledge Myra's 8th birthday which is April 9th. Please plan to join us for a snack and some cake!

GIFTS FROM GOD'S PEOPLE AT ST. ANDREWS
Weekly Giving Report - MARCH 23

Internal Gifts/ Receipts - General Fund

White Envelope Giving/Plate Offering	17,480.00
Vanco Electronic Giving	<u>6,052.05</u>
TOTAL	23,532.05

External Gifts/ Receipts

Synod/Missions	5.00
Lutheran Church Charities	-----

Designated Funds:

Comfort Dog	50.00
Endowment Fund	20.00

Other General Funds:

Worship Attendance:

	<u>Saturday 03/22</u>	<u>Sunday 03/23</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Attended:	60	80+89=169	229
Communed:			126

GIFTS FROM GOD'S PEOPLE AT ST. ANDREWS
Weekly Giving Report - MARCH 30

Internal Gifts/ Receipts - General Fund

White Envelope Giving/Plate Offering	7,849.00
Vanco Electronic Giving	<u>5,658.31</u>
TOTAL	13,507.31

External Gifts/ Receipts

Synod/Missions	110.00
Lutheran Church Charities	-----

Designated Funds:

Belize Mission Trip	30.00
Endowment	2500.00
Sunday School	6.00

Other General Funds:

Worship Attendance:

	<u>Saturday 03/29</u>	<u>Sunday 03/30</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Attended:	69	110+76=186	255
Communed:			230

LOOKING AHEAD

PALM SUNDAY

April 12th and 13th

SATURDAY

5:00pm with Holy Communion

SUNDAY

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

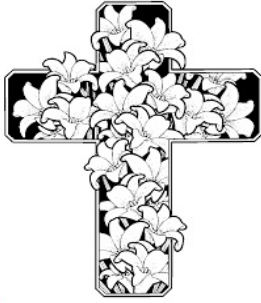
13 Rev. Matt Hoffmann
Howard Zaehler

ANNIVERSARIES:

8 Harry & Carol Mirkin
Jennifer & John McCarty

BIRTHDAYS:

7 Evelyne Proeschel
Benji Reiger
Karen Rybowicz
8 Jessie Kim
Josie Owens
Lilly Suwinski
9 Nancy Bergman
Mark Paulik
11 Michael Tobias
12 Garrett Cupp
Patrick Scalzitti



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

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