

ST. ANDREWS LINE -

Third Sunday of Easter/Confirmation (May 4)

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. This month we will consider the balance of future needs with present needs. Sometimes it is difficult to plan future gifts to family or ministry through your estate because you have many pressing current priorities. An estate plan however is put in place asking, "If the Lord were to call you home today, how would you direct your gifts?" Your St. Andrews Gift Planning Counselor can help you begin thinking about the future. You may reach out to Ray at raymondpagels1@gmail.com or his cell: 847-226-2262

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: 185 households visited the food pantry at St Paul of the Cross in March. Most needed items this month are pasta sauce, pancake mix and syrup, kids' cereals, and boxes of saltines. Thank you for your continuing support!

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Our St. Andrews Mission of the Month for May is a project sponsored by the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, a Lutheran organization dedicated to the spread of the Good News in foreign countries through religious books printed in native languages. It is currently sponsoring a project called "**Help 4 Haiti.**" Located not far from Florida, Haiti is an island nation with many tropical amenities. However, in the past decade Haiti has been ravaged by four hurricanes, two major earthquakes, and two disastrous floods. Rebuilding has been slow because these disasters have followed closely after each other, and the people are very poor. As is often the case with disasters, children often suffer most greatly. "**Help 4 Haiti,**" our mission of the month aims to bring comfort to the children of Haiti.

SHARE THE JOY: The hesitancy to witness for Christ often comes from a sincere and honest humility on the part of Christians who feel unworthy to speak on behalf of the Lord. We need to remember, however, that God often recruits people of little status or experience. Look at some of the great biblical leaders. There was Abraham who was old when God asked him to leave Ur. Moses was inarticulate. Samuel was only a boy. David was just a shepherd. Matthew was a tax collector, and Peter was a simple fisherman. We, too, regardless of our situation, can share the joy.

WHAT HAS MYRA BEEN UP TO IN APRIL

For the next several months, we will highlight one of the facilities Myra visits on a regular basis. This month it is Chicago Behavioral Hospital in DesPlaines where we regularly visit inpatient and outpatient programs. This hospital treats individuals struggling with mental health disorders and/or substance misuse. Sometimes we are there twice in one week which is always well received by staff and patients. Our visits consist of multiple groups in different areas which allow patients to decompress. Sometimes, there are questions, but mostly we just spend time listening or sitting quietly. Sometimes patients are emotional, but ALWAYS grateful that we take time out of our day to spend time with them.

April was another busy and special month for Myra. She celebrated her 8th birthday April 9th. It is hard to believe that Myra has been with us for almost 6 years providing comfort and helping us live the LCC mission "to share the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ." Myra's birthday celebration at St. Andrews was April 13th between the services and we also celebrated Pastor Matt's birthday which happened to be that day. So, we had a celebration for M & M with cake, M&M's, and some other snacks. One of the highlights for Myra was a visit from one of her original apprentice trainers who remembers her birthday each year and gifts her with a new stuffed toy. She was also given a surprise party and gift (a squeaky toy and a hand drawing of her) from the participants at the White Crane Wellness Center in Chicago, a program she visits on a monthly basis. St. Andrews Aftercare Staff also gave Myra a new stuffed turtle and some mini training treats. All in all, she had a great birthday!

Myra's other regular monthly visits included New Perspectives Senior Living & Memory Care, Long Grove; Ascension Life Center, Chicago; Sheridan, Park Ridge; Humboldt Park Health Center, Chicago; Parkland Preparatory Academy, Morton Grove; Arden Courts, Elk Grove Village; Amazing Grace, Chicago; Central Baptist Village, Norridge; Ascension Living, Chicago; Carrington, Lincolnwood; The Garlands of Barrington; Advocate Adult Day Care & Rehab, DesPlaines; Orchard Village, Skokie; The Pearl of Montclare, Chicago; Avantara Long Grove; Avantara Park Ridge; House of Welcome, Northfield; American House of Mt. Prospect; Warren Barr, Skokie; Trinity Services, DesPlaines; and St. Benedict, Niles. We also made a visit to Ms. MaryAnn, a hospice patient in Northfield, who loves to spend time just petting Myra as they look out at the lovely pond and natural setting in back of her house.

It's always fun to visit new places and meet new people and April did not disappoint. Myra spent an afternoon at National Louis University in Wheeling greeting students who will be entering as freshman in the fall. She was loved on a lot and many of the students were thrilled to hear that Comfort Dogs are invited to visit periodically throughout the school year. It was testing day at Field Elementary School in Elmhurst and Myra was invited to greet the students as they entered school that morning. Her presence helped students relax a bit as they prepared for a day of state testing. Another new visit was with a DuPage High School extension program where Myra was able to interact with young people (18-22 years old) learning life skills. And she visited with the BACOA (Barrington Area Council on Aging) at the Atonement Lutheran Church. Here she met some wonderful people who had some great questions for her handler while she had a lot of petting in her favorite spot – behind the ears!

Myra ended the month with visit to St. Andrews 3rd grade, thanks to parent of one of the students who won the visit at the recent dinner dance auction. It was a great visit, talking with the kids about Comfort Dogs and the things Myra does on her visits. We answered a lot of good questions and demonstrated, with the help of some of the children, commands that Myra follows. What a great group of kids and teachers!

Myra attended Chapel services on Wednesdays with the St. Andrews students and Saturday and Sunday worship services. The last chapel service of April was particularly fitting for Myra and her team. The focus was "Humility" and the importance of doing for others first and being there for them, we can share God's love every day. She enjoys being present at these services and looks forward to the attention she gets following the services.

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

GIFTS FROM GOD'S PEOPLE AT ST. ANDREWS
Weekly Giving Report - April 27

Internal Gifts/ Receipts - General Fund
 White Envelope Giving/Plate Offering 3,377.00
 Vanco Electronic Giving 6,302.58
 TOTAL 9,679.58

External Gifts/ Receipts
 Synod/Missions 5.00
 Lutheran Church Charities -----

Designated Funds:
 Endowment 65.00
 Youth Group 50.00

Other General Funds:
 Facility Usage 920.00

In memory of + **ROGER LAURICH** + a gift has been given to St. Andrews by Knit and Know Him.

<u>Worship Attendance:</u>	<u>Saturday 04/26</u>	<u>Sunday 04/27</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Attended:	78	68+64=132	210
Communed:			128

LOOKING AHEAD
REGULAR SCHEDULE
May 10th and 11th

SATURDAY

5:00PM

SUNDAY

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

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

BIRTHDAYS:

5 Alexis Gianola
 7 Jennifer Dougherty
 Margaret Thomas
 James Trapp
 9 Jennifer Barney
 10 Adaline Lazzara
 Charlene Schildwachter