

ST. ANDREWS LINE - Pentecost (August 3)

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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. Am I giving things away or am I trying to control how things will be used? St Paul reminds us in 1 Timothy 6, "For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it." In Christ we know that He gives us all the treasures of His Kingdom. That frees us from being entrapped by the things of this world, allowing us to give them freely to family or ministry. Your Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started on your plan. Contact Ray Pagels at his cell: 847-226-2262 or email raymondpagels1@gmail.com

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: 168 households visited the food pantry at St Paul of the Cross in June. Most needed items are pasta sauce, canned fruit, pancake syrup, ketchup and cooking oils (vegetable, canola, or olive). Thank you for your continuing support!

PLANNING CENTER UPDATES: Please note that beginning in September, sign ups for Sunday Readers, Slide Advancement and Coffee Hour Host will be done in Church Center. Instructions will be included in Weekly emails soon.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is our August Mission of the Month. This is an organization devoted to providing nourishing meals for malnourished children around the world. Founded in 1987, **FMSC** is a Christian non-profit organization that has produced 4,428,925,860 life-saving meals to date, involving more than two million volunteers who pack the meals to be shipped wherever they are needed.

SHARE THE JOY: If people suffer because of injustice and we do nothing to help them, do we really deserve justice for ourselves? If people suffer because of injustice and we do nothing to help them, can we really be effective in our sharing of the Gospel? If people suffer because of injustice, and we remain silent, do we effectively convey the message God cares about and love all people?

WHAT HAS MYRA BEEN UP TO IN JULY

Lazy days of summer - not for Myra and her team!

Myra's July has been busy but before sharing her activities, let's look at White Crane Wellness Center in Chicago, one of the sites she visits monthly. This is an Adult Day Care program that provides a safe environment for seniors to make friends, participate in fun activities, have a nutritious lunch and snacks, and

just enjoy themselves. The program is state certified and is a member of the Illinois Adult Day Services Association. We have been visiting White Crane for a couple of years and have come to know the participants and staff as friends. They love Myra and we love them. The program director plays guitar and leads the group in singing to Myra during each visit. Recently, the participants made and colored a drawing (of Myra) for Myra; soon you'll see it on her board in the narthex.

The national K-9 Comfort Dog Conference sponsored by Lutheran Church Charities was held this month and attended by Myra and several of her team members. The conference, held at the Hilton in Northbrook, had about 500 people and 99 dogs in attendance. It was two and a half days of learning, meeting and catching up with other teams and enjoying the company of all those goldens. Imagine 99 dogs in the ballroom where the keynote sessions were held. The dogs were all under tables where their teams were sitting, and with the exception of one bark (not Myra), one day, you would never know there were that many dogs in the room. Each team had to make a centerpiece reflecting the theme: Comfort, Comfort my people, says God; you can see Myra's on the table by her board in the narthex.

A new facility this month was Warren Barr Gold Coast, a rehabilitation center in Chicago. Staff and patients were so happy to meet Myra and hope that she will have an opportunity to visit again. Myra also visited CILA (Community Integrated Living Arrangement) this month. There are five other LCC Comfort Dogs that visit this group home; each dog visits twice a year. The residents get to spend one-to-one time with the dog and have conversation with the handler and ministry partner. We always look forward to our visits with these folks.

Myra's other regularly scheduled visits included New Perspectives in Long Grove, Ascension Life Center in Chicago, Sheridan in Park Ridge, Humboldt Park Behavioral Health in Chicago, Central Baptist Village in Norridge, Amazing Grace in Chicago, Garlands in Barrington, Arden Courts in Elk Grove Village, Orchard Village in Skokie, Advocate Adult Day Care and Rehab in DesPlaines, Asbury Court in DesPlaines, Pearl of Montclare in Chicago, Trinity Services in DesPlaines, American House in Mount Prospect, White Crane in Chicago, Warren Barr Lieberman Center in Skokie, House of Welcome in Northfield, Summit in Park Ridge, Avantara in Park Ridge, Synapse House in Downers Grove, St. Benedict in Niles, and Avantara in Long Grove.

Myra also visited Chicago Behavioral Hospital in DesPlaines. She visits both the inpatient units and outpatient clinic a couple of times each month. She has been visiting this facility for four years and staff always comment that she has such a positive impact on the patients. When we are on visits, we always keep our eyes and ears open for God moments. And this month, a couple of those moments stood out. At Asbury Court, a woman shared that she was going to be having heart surgery, that she was concerned. Myra and her handlers prayed with her and for that moment brought her a sense of comfort. Another God moment occurred when we were leaving White Crane. A woman near her car asked if Myra was a service dog; we explained that she was a comfort dog and invited the lady to pet her. As she was petting Myra, she shared with us that her husband had recently passed and she was planning his memorial service. She told us that spending a little time with Myra was just what she needed. In both of these instances, God put Myra in the right place at the right time.

Attending the church services is an important part of Myra's schedule and she has faithfully attended the Saturday and Sunday services. She was honored to attend the Ordination and Installation of Pastor Luft, and to be photographed with him, Wren and Isla. She is looking forward to becoming good friends with them.

If you have friends or family in any of the facilities Myra visits regularly and would like to have her visit with them, let one of the Comfort Dog Ministry team members know. Myra and her team are always happy to stop by and help make someone's day a little brighter.

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 - July 27

<u>Internal Gifts/ Receipts - General Fund</u>	
White Envelope Giving/Plate Offering	10,750.00
Vanco Electronic Giving	<u>8,180.15</u>
TOTAL	18,930.15

<u>External Gifts/ Receipts</u>	
Synod/Missions	105.00
Lutheran Church Charities	-----

Designated Funds:	
Comfort Dog	25.00
Endowment	5.00

Other General Funds:

In memory of † **ADRIENNE SCHLAKE** † a gift has been given by Diane Kieupura

<u>Worship Attendance:</u>	<u>Saturday 07/26</u>	<u>Sunday 07/27</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Attended:	69	140	209
Communed:			188

LOOKING AHEAD
SUMMER SCHEDULE - ONE SUNDAY SERVICE ONLY
August 9th and 10th
SATURDAY
5:00PM
SUNDAY
9:30AM with Holy Communion

PRAYERS: Please keep the following people in your prayers...Livia Grace Gallo, Michael Piccoli, Daniel Avila, Sr., Richard Claybaker, Eleanor Claybaker, Richard Avila, Pam Lendy, Carol Mraz, Laura Peter, Jeanette Peter

Casey Polmanski
 Will Krug
 Jonathan Michaels

ANNIVERSARIES:
 6 Lucie & Pat Guzik
 8 Judy & Charlie Giovannelli

BIRTHDAYS:

4 Makenzie McKeon
 Heather Owens

5 Annika Aper
 Tyson Aper
 Bruce Mikulski
 Jean Ungar

6 Christina Caputo
 Ryne Krug
 Diane Petersen
 Bonnie Peyer
 Christine Schap

7 Brianna Kim
 Brian Kinell
 Kenneth Stoppa

8 Krista Porterfield
 Caryn Valadez

9 Emma Oseguera

