

ST. ANDREWS LINE - Pentecost (October 5)

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. To work on your Christian Estate Plan today, you must decide if you are more controlled by past goals or future desires. For those who are strongly guided by specific goals in life, it can be difficult to accept that past goals might need to be changed. This can include financial accumulation, choices about personal representatives, power of attorney representatives or guardianship of a child. Illness might introduce new challenges. Your plan needs to be reviewed regularly. Your Christian Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started. Contact Ray Pagels at raymondpagels1@gmail.com or his cell: 847-226-2262.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: 178 households visited the food pantry at St Paul of the Cross in August. Most needed items are pancake mix and syrup, ketchup ,plain white rice (1-3 lb) and paper towels. Thank you for your continuing support!

MISSION OF THE MONTH: Our October Mission of the Month is LCMS Hispanic Ministry, described in the website of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in this way. “ LCMS Hispanic Ministry encourages and upholds the work of pastors, deaconesses and lay people around the country who are engaged in outreach among the Latino population. Through demonstrating focused, intentional mercy to meet urgent community needs within Latino communities, close relationships develop that, under the Holy Spirit’s power, open opportunities to share Gospel witness. To strengthen and encourage all who are involved in this work, LCMS Hispanic Ministry is working to build regional networks where ministry leaders can share best practices, lend support to one another, and demonstrate mercy and love in these communities as Jesus commands.”

SHARE THE JOY: In I Peter 3:15 we read, “Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you.” Stephen D. Hower in his book Dare to be Different, reflects on this passage in this way: “**Always be ready.** These are important words....First, it is possible to be ready to share our faith. Second, you never know when the faith-sharing opportunities will arise, so readiness is the order of the day.” Share the Joy!

KNIT&KNOWHIM (KKH)

KKH is looking for you! (Knitting skills not required.)

Come fellowship with us!

WHEN: Every Wednesday, 1:00pm-2:30pm

WHERE: St. Andrews "Coffee and..." area.

Park in the Elm St. lot or the community lot east of the church.

DO NOT PARK BEHIND THE SCHOOL.

ENTER: Glass church doors facing Northwest Hwy.

WHAT: We gather together to talk and enjoy each other's company, while we knit, crochet, embroider or engage in any other activity.

Questions: Contact Jennifer Bauer 847-209-2886 or jenniferbauer924@gmail.com



OCTOBER 19, 2025

Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

8624 West Normal Avenue

Niles

Registration 1:00 p.m.

Step Off 2:00 p.m.

St. Andrews is participating in the 2025 CROP Hunger Walk to support Church World Service (CWS) and help families who are struggling with hunger. Please join us - with your steps and your donations - to provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them and create greater food security in communities around the world.

25% of all donations from the Walk will benefit the Maine Township Food Pantry.

To Register to Walk or Donate with the St Andrews team:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/st-andrews-lutheran-church-park-ridge-il-2>

Donations may also be made via electronic donation or in the narthex following worship services on October 4/5, October 11/12 and October 18/19.

The following restaurants will donate a portion of their proceeds to CROP Walk for purchases made on the dates shown below. Additional information will be provided in the weekly LINE prior to the dates.

Thursday September 18 City BBQ, Park Ridge

Tuesday September 30 D'Agostino's, Niles

Wednesday October 8 Portillo's, Niles

Thursday October 16 Harp & Fiddle, Park Ridge

Questions, please contact Keith Grabske at keith.grabske@outlook.com.

WHAT HAS MYRA BEEN UP TO IN SEPTEMBER

September has come and gone! Myra, her handlers and ministry partners have had a very busy month sharing the "mercy, compassion, presence, and proclamation of Jesus" with those in need. September was Suicide Prevention month and brought an awareness of the importance of mental health care. Myra, and many of the other Comfort Dogs, were invited to visits highlighting these events.

Myra visited Concordia University Chicago to participate in their mental health awareness activity where the theme was to take care of yourself, so you could care for others. It was a lovely day to be out doors on the campus triangle to interact with students and staff as they stopped by the tent to plant a seed and pet the pup! Caring for the newly planted seed was a reminder to care for oneself; and petting Myra was a reminder of the need to relax and do something calming. A visit to the James A. Lovell Federal Care Center in North Chicago was one of the visits that ended the month. Myra enjoyed the interaction with many active service members, veterans, and their families. The facility staff were very welcoming, engaging and eager to draw people in to interact with Myra. A lot of good conversation occurred between the handler, ministry partner, staff social workers and the service personnel. It was a wonderful visit and Myra hopes to be invited to return sometime in the future.

Myra ended September on a high note with a visit to a young lady who has been hospitalized at Lutheran General for five weeks. She was able to visit Myra on one of the hospital's outdoor patios and the nice weather, Myra's calm demeanor and soft presence and the gift of a Myra Stuffie brought a smile to this girl and her mother who have endured so much including being about 2 hours from their home. Making this connection was particularly special and testament to God's work. This girl's mother, who is the Youth Leader at their home church, contacted her friends asking them for a Lutheran Church recommendation near the hospital. Her friend, who also happens to be a friend of Pastor Matt, connected her with St. Andrews where she attended the Saturday evening service, met Myra, her handler, Pastor Matt and others. Turns out, this family also knew Kare 9 Comfort Dog Britta and Butch (permanently deployed with the Saints) who were members of their home church in Freeport, IL. These types of connections are so meaningful and worth "the hoops" we sometimes have to go through to make them happen!

The Citadel in Wilmette was a new facility which Myra visited and as is true with so many of the assisted living facilities, she received a lot of welcoming pets and brought smiles to many of the residents/patients faces. Myra also visited thirty-four facilities she visits regularly. So many of the staff and residents at these facilities have come to know her and look forward to her visits. She made a special visit to the Orchard Village Direct Support Personnel (DSP) staff during DSP appreciation week. This is the staff who cover the group homes 24x7. They enjoyed meeting Myra and the other special activities recognizing them. A visit to Ms. Maryann, a hospice patient Myra who recently celebrated her 93 rd birthday. Ms. Maryann is always happy to see Myra and her caregiver tells us that when Myra is there, it is the longest she stays awake. We are so glad that Myra is able to bring this bit of peace and comfort to her.

Myra made a visit to the 5 th grade class this month and certainly enjoyed all the attention from the children. Her handler shared a bit about Myra and the Ministry and answered a lot of good questions from the students. Myra is hoping to be invited back and also hopes to be invited to visit the other classes. She has been attending the Wednesday chapel services conducted by the students and does enjoy this activity but especially looks forward to getting that quick pet as the students file out after the service.

Attending the church services is an important part of Myra's schedule and she has faithfully attended the Saturday and Sunday services and of course enjoys all the attention from the congregants following the service. Visiting the Sunday School classes was also one of her Sunday activities and she was delighted to meet the students and teachers and is looking forward to future monthly visits.

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 - September 28

Internal Gifts/ Receipts - General Fund
White Envelope Giving/Plate Offering 4,084.00
Electronic Giving 5,303.58
TOTAL 9,387.58

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

Designated Funds:
Strategic Planning 1170.00

Other General Funds:

<u>Worship Attendance:</u>	<u>Saturday 09/27</u>	<u>Sunday 09/28</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Attended:	76	96+77=173	249
Communed:			137

LOOKING AHEAD
RETURN TO TWO SERVICES
October 11th and 12th

SATURDAY
5:00PM
SUNDAY
8:30am and 11:00am (Holy Communion)

PRAYERS: Please keep the following people in your prayers...Christine Schap, Barb and Keith Parker, Carol Claybaker, Bunny Hughes, Gigi Breitzman, Livia Grace Gallo, Michael Piccoli, Daniel Avila, Sr., Richard Claybaker, Eleanor Claybaker, Richard Avila, Carol Mraz, Laura Peter, Jeanette Peter

BIRTHDAYS:

7 Carol Mirkin
Evan Muradian
Janet Reich
8 Eric Bauer
Dave Fredriksen
Matthew Owens
9 Riley Cholewa
10 Kristin Lanum
Jing May
Joseph Vitulli
11 Peter Knapp

ANNIVERSARIES:

6 Sue & Gary Kloess
10 Delores & Don Brandfellner
12 Christa & Keith Grabske