

ST. ANDREWS LINE -

Advent 2 (December 7)

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:

CHRISTIAN GIFT PLANNING: We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. As we wrap up this year long consideration, we must ponder whether we see our estate plan as an expression of our Christian faith or just giving up on life. For many years, we focused on building and accumulating. Eventually, however, we must pass on financial assets to others, primarily family or ministries. If done correctly, this "passing on" is a plan for continuing the use of God's gifts, conveying His blessings. This is not giving up at all, as we look to inherit our eternal inheritance. Your Christian Gift Planning Counselor can help you gain this perspective. Contact Ray Pagels at raymondpagels1@gmail.com or his cell: 847-226-2262.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: 206 households visited the food pantry at St Paul of the Cross in November. Most needed items are ketchup, toothpaste, pancake mix and syrup, canned fruit, saltine crackers and cookies. Thank you for your continuing support!

SHARE THE JOY: A prayer for Christian outreach: Lord, we rejoice that Christ has redeemed us from sin. Give us the courage to share this Good News with others. In Jesus' name. Amen. Share the Joy!

MISSION OF THE MONTH: After our lovely Thanksgiving feasts, it is important to remember that one in ten people around the world go to bed hungry every night, and one in four children under five suffer from severe malnutrition. The problem is not a shortage of food. The problem is the way food is distributed and the will of people in power to make this problem go away. Our December mission of the month Bread for the World upholds the principle that it doesn't have to be this way. It is a Christian advocacy organization that urges decision makers in the United States to do all in their power to pursue a world without hunger. Bread for the World states, "Our faith in Christ is the foundation for our mission and compels us to love our neighbors near and far. We are led by the values of our faith to stand up for those experiencing hunger all over."

ADVENT SERVICES SCHEDULE:

- Wednesday, December 10** - **Advent Service**
Grades 4-8 6:30pm
- Wednesday, December 17** - **Advent Service**
Grades K-3 6:15pm
- Sunday, December 21** - **Traditional Sunday Worship 8:30am**
Sunday School Christmas Program 11:00am
- Wednesday, December 24** - **Christmas Eve Worship**
5:00 pm and 9:00pm
- Thursday, December 25** - **Christmas Day Worship**
10:00 am
- Sunday, December 28** - **Traditional Sunday Worship**
One Service - 10:00am



MYRA'S NOVEMBER

As November came to an end, Myra wished everyone a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving. Now during this season of Advent she looks forward to the Christmas holiday and the reflection on the birth of our Lord. A fun statistic: Myra made 523 visits from October 1, 2024 to October 1, 2025! That's about 1.5 visits every day. Actually, there are some days on which she will do three visits and others where there is only one visit. No matter how you look at it Myra and her team are very busy.

This month Myra made 43 visits which included church and chapel services. In addition to visits at all of her regular facilities, she visited four new schools. At the Longfellow School in OakPark, students from K-5 th grade loved on her and asked some good questions about her activities. She also had an opportunity to meet with a group of Girl Scouts at Highland Elementary School in LaGrange. There were 75 young girls at the meeting, and in addition to learning about Myra and Comfort Dogs, they placed flags around the outside path in recognition of Veterans Day. At the South School in Westmont, Myra was greeted by and spent time with the classes of preschoolers. The children were all very well behaved and patiently waited their turn to sit with and per Myra. At Columbus School West in Cicero, Myra and Comfort Dog Michael met with the special needs students.

This can be a somewhat challenging population but it is so rewarding for the students, the dogs and their handlers and ministry partners.

If you are curious as to which facilities Myra visits on a regular basis, just ask one of the Comfort Dog Team members; and if you have friends or family in any of the facilities Myra visits regularly and would like to have her visit with them, let us 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 - November 30

<u>Internal Gifts/ Receipts - General Fund</u>		<u>External Gifts/ Receipts</u>	
White Envelope Giving/Plate Offering	6,170.00	Synod/Missions	-----
Electronic Giving	5,135.64	Lutheran Church Charities	-----
TOTAL	11,305.64		

Designated Funds:

Bethlehem Walk	50.00
Comfort Dog	305.00
Food Pantry	100.00
Sunday School	2.00

Other General Funds:

Facility Usage	225.00
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In Memory of † **PAM KARNATZ** † - gifts have been given to St. Andrews by Nancy Warnock
In Memory of † **BUNNY HUGHES** † - gifts have been given to St. Andrews by Edna Wilson
In Memory of † **JEAN UNGAR** † - gifts have been given to St. Andrews by Roland and Judy Szkwarek, and Jim Selzer.

<u>Worship Attendance:</u>	<u>Saturday 11/29</u>	<u>Sunday 11/30</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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Attended:

Communed:

LOOKING AHEAD

ADVENT 3

December 13th and 14th

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, Gigi Breitzman, Livia Grace Gallo, Michael Piccoli, Daniel Avila, Sr., Richard Claybaker, Eleanor Claybaker, Richard Avila, Carol Mraz, Laura Peter, Jeanette Peter

BIRTHDAYS:

8	Kirsta Cholewa, Giovanni Lazzara Emma Wandel, Paul Weisheit
9	Quinn Gaba
10	Melissa Fuentes Liam Holler
12	Kate Vitulli
13	Liam Kilroy Philip Kober Carol Zygowicz
14	Violet Hoeger

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

10	Angelica & Matt Tobias Grace & Ben Zoellick
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POINSETTIA ORDERS FOR CHRISTMAS

Once again, it's time to start thinking about decorating our sanctuary for Christmas!

Poinsettia orders to beautify our church will be taken from November 8 through December 7. Cost is **\$18.00** per poinsettia. Poinsettias can be ordered in memory or in honor of family and friends. Poinsettias can be picked up Christmas Day after the church service or donated to a home bound/nursing home person. Order forms available in church publications, narthex area at church or by contacting Terri Mirow at 925 Wesley Drive, Park Ridge, IL 60068; at dtrm925@comcast.net or at 847-823-0974. Payment by check or electronically.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS



Number of plants ordered: _____

Please list my order as follows:

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

_____ I will pick up my plant after worship (by 12:00 pm) on Christmas Day.

_____ Please deliver my plant to a homebound/hospital or retirement home resident.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Checks should be payable to **ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**
("Christmas Poinsettia" written in the memo portion of the check)

ORDER DEADLINE: December 7, 2025