

# The St. Andrews NET - Volume XLV, No 10

October 2025 - Serving, supporting and sending families in Christ

## ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

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**Matthew J. Hoffmann** - Pastor

**Ethan Luft** - Associate Pastor

**Jordan Holliday** - Director of Music

**Laura Boggs** - Principal

**Greg Lendy** - Director, Contemporary Worship

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### Official Acts - August

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#### Baptisms:



James Callan Groll

Son of Julie Groll

Born: October 8, 2024

Baptized: August 3, 2025

Samantha May Kasznia

Daughter of Anna and Griffin Kasznia

Born: March 26, 2025

Baptized: August 9, 2025

Lucas George Fitzgerald

Son of Megan and Christopher Fitzgerald

Born: November 22, 2025

Baptized: August 17, 2025

#### Deaths:

Jean Baar

Born: November 26, 1930

Died: August 3, 2025

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**OCTOBER****BIRTHDAYS**

2 Anne Hoffmann  
3 Kaitlin Butterfield  
James Upstrom  
4 Madison Zuehls  
5 Matthew Campise  
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  
14 Elmer Zuehls  
15 Miranda Chatham  
18 Julia Anderson  
Sherry Avila  
Erica Hauer  
19 Connor Lasch  
Violet Ori  
20 Jennifer Anderson  
Donald C. Hacke  
Harper Ramos  
Michael Sebastian  
21 Andrea Ganir  
Frank Genualdi  
Rachel Holler  
Rosalie Holler  
Danny Sirvio  
Darlene Stahl  
23 Theodore Biela

24 Amanda Cech  
25 Alex Brown  
Donald Hacke  
Kim Jenrich  
26 Jessica Scalfani  
29 David Butterfield  
Melanie McCarty  
Lydia Sanchez  
30 Gary Lynch  
Tim Raetzman  
Calvin Tiberi  
31 Sara DeVito

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

Donald Jordan  
Doris Jordan  
Reese Jordan  
Violet Koenig  
Daniel Raetzman  
Bethany Turk  
1 Tim Christiansen  
3 Jack Rouse  
4 Amy Lidik  
5 Pamela Tomaszewski  
11 Ryne Krug  
18 Chelsea Petersen  
22 Marianne Polmanski  
23 Chase Krug  
25 Mary Asien  
27 Joel Porterfield

**WEDDING****ANNIVERSARIES**

6 Sue & Gary Kloess  
10 Delores & Don  
Brandfellner  
12 Christa & Keith  
Grabske  
15 Jessica Kwasny & Eric  
Bauer  
17 Rose & Eric Hauer  
18 Michele & Frank  
Genualdi  
20 Kelly & John Snow  
29 Patti and Kevin  
Johnson



Please call Nichole  
in the church office  
if your special day  
is missing from this list  
(847-823-6656, X100).  
Thanks.



FROM ASSOCIATE PASTOR - ETHAN LUFT

Dear St. Andrews Family,

I have been your pastor for a little over two months, and I cannot express how grateful I am to be here. Isla, Wren and I have settled into our beautiful Elm Street home. We've become very familiar with the walk from our place, through Hinkley park, to Starbucks, and back! We love this town, we love the school, and we love this church.

The school year is in full swing, and it has been a blast getting to know the students. Almost every morning, Isla comes with me to welcome the kids at morning drop off. She has sat in on classes, played with the kids at recess, worshiped in chapel, and cheered on the Panthers volleyball teams. At this point, the kids are definitely more excited to see Isla than they ever will be to see me!

Our youth program at St. Andrews is thriving. We have a High School youth group meeting twice a month with 20 kids. A Middle School youth group with over 25 participating and our Confirmation class has 18 kids! Every time these groups meet, there is so much energy and a genuine excitement to be here. Our highschoolers are focusing on what it looks like to live out our faith in everyday life. Our middle schoolers are exploring our need for Jesus and His great love for us. And our Confirmands are taking a look at how the 6 chief articles of the faith (in Luther's Small Catechism) are not just randomly picked topics. But that they describe the everyday lives of God's people: how we live and how we worship.

It is an honor to be at St. Andrews. I'm excited for what is to come. God is at work!

Thank you for your continued love and support,

Pastor Ethan



FROM SENIOR PASTOR - MATT HOFFMANN

Dear St. Andrews Family,

Earlier this week, some asked me, “how are things going at St. Andrews, Pastor?” My response, “We are BUSY, but we’re busy because great things are happening!” The next few months are going to be full of activity, beyond the usually hustle and bustle of St. Andrews life.

For one, we have put together a Call Committee, to start the search for our new Principal. Ms. Boggs is retiring at the end of this school year. We are so sad to see her leave, and we thank God for her time leading the school. But we trust God has our next principal prepared for us, and us for that principal! Pray for your Call Committee as we prayerfully seek out our next school leader!

The other big activity, our strategic planning, is going to take a lot of effort between now and February. I am so excited to get started with seeking out how God can use all of us together, led by the Holy Spirit, to put together plans for reaching as many people as we can with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and pulling us all together to love our neighbors and our church. This group will be meeting soon! Please pray for the Strategic Planning Steering Committee and also, prayerfully consider making a financial gift to offset the costs of this important project! The end product will be a clear path forward into the next 3 years.

October is the month of the Reformation celebration, and as we get ready for that Sunday, we are reminded to be thankful for all of God’s gifts here at our beloved Church and School.

Forward Together in Christ!

Pastor Matt Hoffmann



SCHOOL NEWS  
St. Andrews Lutheran School  
Make A Joyful Noise! Psalm 98:4

It's hard to believe, but we are already halfway through the first quarter of school! The halls of St. Andrews are filled with joyful noise, laughter, and smiles. Spiritually and academically, our students are thriving, and we are grateful to see their growth each day.

After the school day ends, the students are involved in art clubs, volleyball, cross country, Steam Club and band. The cross country team has been involved in various Cross Country meets and the volleyball teams are involved in games and tournaments. The band is learning new music and we can't wait to have them share it with us. Creativity is shining through in our art clubs.

Our PTL has some exciting events planned for us. We will be hosting our Fall Fest and Trunk-or-Treat on October 25th. Please join us!!!

We ask that you keep St. Andrews Lutheran School in your prayers, and we look forward to sharing news about our students and school with you this upcoming school year.

Working together for Christ,  
Ms. Laura Boggs

**St. Andrews Mission Statement**

St. Andrews Lutheran School nourishes the whole child in spiritual and academic growth by partnering with families to prepare the child for Christian living as an exemplary light in God's World.

## SERVICE MINISTRY

36 pairs of glasses were recently sent to MOST Ministries for distribution to those in need. No longer needed pairs (without cases please) may be placed in the basket on the slat boards in the Social Area. Thank you!



### Coming Soon...



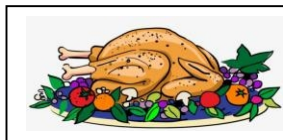
The 2025 Niles/Park Ridge CROP Hunger Walk is scheduled for October 19 and will kick off from Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church, Niles.



Members of St Andrews will assist with the St Paul of the Cross pantry distribution on October 25 and December 20.



Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child will be available in the narthex October 25.



Follow LINEs for details on upcoming activities to support to St Mathews, Pilsen, Chicago.

# IRA Charitable Rollover/Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD)

You may be looking for a way to make a significant difference to help further our mission. If you are 70½ or older you may also be interested in a way to lower the income and taxes from your IRA withdrawals. An IRA charitable rollover is a way you can help continue St. Andrews mission and vision and benefit this year.

## Benefits of an IRA charitable rollover

- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$108,000 from your IRA to St. Andrews Lutheran Church and other 501C charities you care about
- May satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.
- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions.
- Make a gift that is not subject to the deduction limits on charitable gifts.
- Help further the work and mission of St. Andrews Lutheran Church and School.

## How an IRA charitable rollover gift works

- Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a **Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD)** gift from your IRA to St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 260 North Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068, **Tax I/D #36-6003638**
- Your IRA funds will be directly transferred to St. Andrews Lutheran Church to help continue our important work.
- Please note that IRA charitable rollover gifts do not qualify for a charitable deduction.
- Please contact Ray Pagels, our Christian Gift Planner, at his cell: 847-226-2262 or [raymondpagels1@gmail.com](mailto:raymondpagels1@gmail.com) for guidance or if you wish for your gift to be directed to a specific ministry.

