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## ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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### Official Acts - January

NO STATISTICAL DATA FOR JANUARY

#### SERVICE MINISTRY

Members of the Lee, Bantz, and Babich families, Laurie Dobosz and Diane Petersen joined other volunteers at Feed My Starving Children to fill MannaPacks with rice, soy, vegetables, and vitamins. The overall total for the time slot - 102 boxes equaling 22,032 meals - were shipped to impoverished children in Panama and the Philippines.

Meals usually take between two weeks and six months to travel to their destination. It all depends on where in the world they go and how hard it is to get there. They cross the ocean by ship or plane and wait in line to clear customs. Then they journey by car, bike, canoe or even donkey to reach FMSC partners. Many hands carry these meals to children and families in need.



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**MARCH****BIRTHDAYS**

1 Megan Muradian  
2 Laurie Dobosz  
Steve Guther  
Nichole Wandel  
3 Cesar Tarasievich  
4 Salena Jason  
Carrie Stewarts  
5 Jon Baraglia  
Richard Sloma  
Nathaniel White  
6 Kevin Kendrigan  
7 Vivienne Jurek  
8 Jim Selzer  
9 Fred Koenig  
11 Sheryl Black  
Jordan Holliday  
Donald Schap  
John Wolf  
13 Thomas Peyer  
Susan Bragg-Suwinski  
14 Ray Benson  
Michael Bulinski  
Wes Davis  
15 Al Neve  
Carole Par  
Alison Wetzel  
16 Elsa Bonatz  
Lee Lidik  
17 Chris Anderson  
Sean Johnson  
Caitlin Kilroy  
Abigail Scalzitti  
18 Larry Adams  
Anthony Caputo  
Elsa Hoffmann  
Tamra Willner  
21 Ernie Koenig  
Laura Peter  
Katelyn Panches  
Barrett Zoellick  
22 Janet Jack  
23 Bennett Butterfield  
Vivian Turk  
24 Chris Bloom  
25 Analisa Caputo  
26 Colton Ungarait  
Lily Wandel

27 Grace Gillaspie  
Kristen Kinell  
Ben Zoellick  
28 Greg Cook  
Sue Marieneau  
Catherine Marquis  
29 Bruno Ladd  
Shirley Malone  
30 Donald Guther  
Nathan Lendy  
Jackie Maas  
Len Weith  
31 Victoria Matej  
Christa Neve  
Alex Rosenau

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

Terri Arnone  
Ashley Herrnreiter  
Isaac Tarasievich  
1 Elizabeth Penney  
5 Hannah Flaherty  
Caitlin Riordan  
9 Estéban Schildwachter  
12 Jim Anhalt  
13 Dan Suwinski  
15 Marilyn Bergmann  
Delores Brandfellner  
Catherine Cupp  
19 Allyna Lee  
21 Grace Asien  
22 Abby Christiansen  
25 Emma Asien  
27 Ken Kendzy  
28 Erica Stotts  
31 Alex Rosenau

**WEDDING****ANNIVERSARIES**

7 Edward & Kristin  
Lanum  
19 Mike & Donna  
Lawrence  
31 Jeff & Kathleen Heller

If your special day is missing  
or incorrect, please contact  
Nichole in the church office:  
847-823-6656 x100 or  
[nswandel77@gmail.com](mailto:nswandel77@gmail.com)



Dear St. Andrews Family,

What a pleasure to write this email on a nice sunny day after the bitter cold we've had!

I am going to give you a quick update on lot of items in this letter, but first I wanted to make sure you were prepared for LENT which will be starting with our ASH WEDNESDAY services this week! We will have a weekly meal and evening service for the midweeks in Lent, and I will update you on this when we get the final details ironed out. NOW, for the rest of the updates:

#### **CHURCH MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE UPDATE**

We will soon roll out our new church management software! I am very excited and Nichole has been working hard to ensure a smooth transition! In the next few weeks you will receive in invitation to join the new website, and you will be able to download a membership directory and update your personal information. Over the next few months we will integrate the next phases of the software including a new, very easy to use, giving platform!

#### **FIRST COMMUNION**

Our last session is Monday. We have 21 kids working to receive their First Communion at the late service on March 2. I am so excited for these young people!

#### **4<sup>th</sup> FRIDAYS**

We had our First of the Forth Friday Family Fellowship events and it went very well! I am excited to continue this effort going forward, and look forward to more and more people attending.

#### **CALL PROCESS**

We did 4 interviews and sent our rankings in to the Seminary placement office. We should find out if we are getting someone early in April. The Call Service is April 30 if we are getting a candidate. Please keep this all in your prayers!

#### **DESIGN FOR CHUCH OFFICE**

We are working to redesign the basement church office set up, and I look forward to the updates as we are ready to do them.

#### **MAY PLANS**

Our congregation is working with the Northern Illinois District of the LCMS to give me a month off from my pastoral duties. I am so grateful to get some time to rest and rejuvenate. My break will start at the end of the Confirmation service on May 4. Thank you for allowing me to do this!

#### **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

June 9-13 I am taking a week to do the Leadership for Faith Leaders certificate program with the Kellogg Business School. I received a 50% scholarship.

#### **TIME AND TALENTS SURVEY**

Please take some time to complete the Time and Talents survey which was introduced last week. As we look to the future and all God has in store for us, we need to be good stewards of the gifts and talents God has given us as a congregation, and take advantage of the great blessings God gives as we dedicate our lives to serving HIM by serving our neighbors!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt Hoffmann



**SCHOOL NEWS**  
**St. Andrews Lutheran School**  
**Explore. Inspire. Equip.**  
**March 2025**



We are excited to invite you to this year's school musical! Our middle school students have been working hard to perfect their performances, and we can't wait to share them with you.

**Presenting:** Dear Edwina  
**March 12, 13, & 14**

?? Tickets are available for purchase in the office or at the door on the day of the performance.

**Showtimes:**

**Wednesday, March 12** – 1:00 PM

**Thursday, March 13** – 7:00 PM

**Friday, March 14** – 7:00 PM

We hope to see you there!

**Lutheran Schools Week**

We will be celebrating Lutheran Schools Week March 17-21. We have a lot of fun activities and dress up days for our students.

**Looking for a Photographer**

We are seeking a volunteer photographer to capture images of our students engaged in various activities. These photos will be used to promote our school across different marketing platforms. If you have photography skills and would be willing to share your expertise with us, we would love to hear from you! Please contact me to discuss further details.

**Seeking Teacher for the 2025-2026 School Year**

We are currently looking to fill our third grade teacher position for the **2025-2026** school year. Miss Edwards will be moving to teach in our middle school. If you or anyone you know may be interested, please have them contact me at [lboggs@standrewslutherschool.org](mailto:lboggs@standrewslutherschool.org)

**Registration**

Registration for the upcoming school is now taking place. If you know of a family interested in an excellent Christian Education, this would be a wonderful opportunity to acquaint them with St. Andrews. Please continue to pray God's blessings for our ministries here.

As always, we ask that you keep St. Andrews Lutheran School in your prayers, and we look forward to sharing with you the talents of our students this coming year.

Working together for Christ,  
Ms. Laura Boggs

**For Immediate Release**

**Concordia-Chicago announces church professional student tuition guarantee River Forest, IL (Jan. 30, 2025) – Concordia University Chicago has launched the Prepared to Serve: Church Professional Guarantee, exemplifying the University’s commitment to equipping undergraduate students through its church professional degree programs. Beginning fall 2025, new, full-time students pursuing a church professional degree will pay a maximum of \$5,000 in tuition and mandatory fees each academic year. This amount includes all CUC institutional scholarships, Illinois MAP grants and federal Pell grants.**

**The University is committed to providing one of the most affordable pathways for undergraduate students pursuing church work vocations within the Concordia University System. Doing so is integral to preparing graduates for a life of service in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS).**

**The guaranteed tuition rate is available to all incoming, full-time church work students who enroll in one of the following programs:**

- **Classical Lutheran Educator**
- **Deaconess**
- **Director of Christian Education**
- **Director of Parish Music**
- **Lutheran Teacher Education**
- **Pre-Seminary**

**“As a testament to Concordia-Chicago’s commitment to supporting church professionals, I am pleased to introduce the Prepared to Serve: Church Professional Guarantee,” says Dr. Russell Dawn, president of Concordia-Chicago. “What’s more, this guarantee is not the only way that CUC demonstrates the importance of making a truly Christ-centered university education affordable. In fact, every single one of our undergraduate students receives financial aid. We have also strengthened our commitment to students who are the first generation in their families to attend college; this year, we doubled the annual financial award that these students receive.”**

**This University-wide commitment also supports the Set Apart to Serve initiative of the LCMS, which encourages young people to consider church vocations as honorable, sacred and joyful ways to serve God and His people.**

**CUC’s dedication to making a Christ-centered education achievable for future church professionals is made possible due to the support of generous donors. To learn how you can support the Prepared to Serve: Church Professional Guarantee, contact the CUC Foundation at [Foundation@CUChicago.edu](mailto:Foundation@CUChicago.edu) or call 866-448-3867.**

**To learn more about the tuition guarantee for church professional programs, visit [CUChicago.edu/prepared-to-serve](http://CUChicago.edu/prepared-to-serve)**

