

# The St. Andrews NET

**March 2026** - Serving, supporting and sending families in Christ

## ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

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### Official Acts - January

NO STATISTICAL DATA FOR JANUARY

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## SERVICE MINISTRY

Upcoming in April...Stay tuned to the LINE for further Signup information.



**Saturday April 11 - Help food insecure children around the world by creating Manna packs.**



**Saturday April 25 - Stewardship of God's gift of nature by participating in a Roadside Cleanup.**

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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 Jordan Holliday  
Donald Schap  
John Wolf  
13 Thomas Peyer  
14 Ray Benson  
15 Al Neve  
Carole Par  
Alison Wetzel  
16 Elsa Bonatz  
Lee Lidik  
17 Chris Anderson  
Sean Johnson  
Caitlin Kilroy  
Abigail Scalzitti  
18 Anthony Caputo  
Elsa Hoffmann  
Tamra Willner  
21 Ernie Koenig  
Laura Peter  
Katelyn Panches  
Barrett Zoellick  
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  
31 Victoria Matej  
Christa Neve

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

Terri Arnone  
Ashley Herrnreiter  
Isaac Tarasievich  
1 Elizabeth Penney  
5 Hannah Flaherty  
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

**WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARIES**

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,

This weekend is the big clock change weekend! While I don't like missing an hour of sleep, I cannot wait for the opportunity to "spring forward" so that the sun stays out later. The act of setting the clocks this year comes at the midpoint of the Lenten season, and I love that. It is almost a sermon from nature itself - that as we get closer and closer to Easter, the sun shines brighter and brighter upon us!

We are closing in on finishing and then presenting our Strategic Plan, and I am so excited about what God is already doing among us as we go through this process. We have some hard work, but some inspiring work ahead of us to hone our Communication, Engagement, Accountability, and Growth. What I find so exciting is that work has already begun on making improvements in all these areas, even as we anticipate the final plan. In April, we are going to be totally revamping and unifying our systems of communication in the Church and School. We are exploring some exciting ways to get constant feedback from our church and school. We are doing more and more outreach for our School. And we are already looking at adding some important staffing to help with our volunteer engagement.

As part of this plan, we will undoubtedly be asking to add some key part-time staff positions, so be prepared to learn more about this soon!

God is good, and God is at work among us. This is an incredibly exciting time to be part of the St. Andrews Family!

In Christ,

Pastor Matt Hoffmann



**SCHOOL NEWS**  
**St. Andrews Lutheran School**  
**Journey into Faith and Wisdom**  
**March 2026**



It is hard to believe that next Monday we will begin the month of March. This school year is moving so quickly, and it is a joy to see how much our students are learning and growing each day. We have had so many fun activities in February. Our students had a "Glow Run" to raise funds for the schools. The students had so much fun!! Our PTL hosted a Daddy-Daughter Dance and our middle school students enjoyed an evening of Laser Tag. Our school celebrated Valentine's Day exchange valentines school wide. This is one of my favorite days of the year.

Here is what is coming up:

**Lutheran Schools Week**

We will be celebrating Lutheran Schools Week March 16-20. The theme this year is "Let's Make a Joyful Noise!" We look forward to all the fun projects, dress up days, and fun.

Spring break is just around the corner and we will be ending our 3rd quarter of school. We have so much more to look forward to before school is out for this year.

Congratulations to our middle school students who had the honor roll:

**Middle School Honor Roll**

6th Grade High Honor - Ella, Quinn, Samuel, and Lilly

6th Grade Honor Roll - Mackenzie and Sophia T.

7th Grade High Honor Roll-Ethan Kaldani

7th Grade Honor Roll - Anthony, Damian, and Brooks

8th Grade Honor Roll- Nathan Dombroski

**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.

Ms. Boggs

## **NEW MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS**

### **Mission Statement**

We nurture the Christian faith, determination, and academic excellence children need to thrive in an ever-changing world.

### **Vision Statement:**

Kids who are prepared, confident, and resilient as they embark on a journey of faith and wisdom.

### **Values Statements**

**Faith:** The center of the Bible, the Christian faith, and what we believe, teach, and confess here at St. Andrew's is found in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who died and rose for sinners. Everything we do centers around this truth.

**Distinctiveness:** We believe each child has distinct and unique needs and work to address those needs through an individualized and child-centered learning environment.

**Love:** We are family. We show up for each other with love, grace, forgiveness, and acceptance.

**Perseverance:** We don't give up.

**Excellence:** Academic excellence

**Accountability:** We hold ourselves accountable collectively and individually for our decisions, actions, and responsibilities.