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ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Official Acts - July

Baptism:

Astrid Evelyn Bauer

Daughter of Eric and Jessica Bauer

Born: March 17, 2025

Baptized: July 20, 2025



Organ Recital at St. Andrew's



You are warmly invited to an afternoon of sacred and classical masterworks for the organ. The program spans centuries of organ literature, from the grandeur of Mozart's Fantasia in F Minor to the timeless chorale artistry of J.S. Bach - namely, his Trio on "Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend."

The audience will join in hymn singing throughout the program, with Jeffrey Blersch's creative Variations on Westminster Abbey interwoven between stanzas of Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation. Jean Langlais' evocative Suite médiévale en forme de messe basse offers a 20th-century meditation on ancient forms, moving from contemplative stillness to triumphant acclamation. The recital will close with Louis Vierne's brilliant Carillon de Westminster, whose cascading peals of sound bring the instrument to dazzling life.

Together, these works invite us to hear the organ as both the "king of instruments" and the servant of the Church's song—drawing us from prayerful reflection to joyful praise.

- Jordan Holliday

SERVICE MINISTRY

From The Harbour:

“WOW, WOW, WOW!!! What a fantastic assortment of much needed cleaning and paper supplies were delivered this morning! Please share our great thanks to the community at St. Andrews for their continued support of our housing programs. We look forward to this drive every summer and rely on your participation in meeting essential living needs of our youth and their living spaces.”



Coming Soon....

The 2025 Niles – Park Ridge CROP Hunger

Walk will step off October 19.

Stay tuned to upcoming LINEs for
restaurant night and Walk information.



SEPTEMBER**BIRTHDAYS**

1 Chloe Fredriksen
 2 Alexandra Buric
 Chelsea Petersen
 3 Dominic Caputo
 Bill Kinell
 Bill Robinson
 4 Caitlyn Kim
 Justin Ramos
 Bethany Turk
 5 Doug Hanson
 7 Stephen Cook
 Tom Garcea Jr.
 9 Walter C. May
 10 Eleanor Claybaker
 Naomi Knott
 Foley Lazarra
 Joe Rybowicz
 Isaac Tarasievich
 11 Emily August
 Mike Sardo
 12 Violet Koenig
 14 Eric Hauer
 15 Lena Louie
 Dana Petersen
 17 James Jordan
 Laura Tizura
 18 David Lara
 Daniel Raetzman
 19 Jill Benson
 Jennifer Cook
 Brian Goecking
 Leyna Johnson
 Doris Jordan
 20 Ryder Butterfield
 Jaclyn Glasebrook
 Laura Rouse
 21 Barb Paschke
 22 Alexander Benson
 Laura Boggs
 23 John Wolf
 24 Rachel Nash
 Alyssa Pesce
 Josephine Ori
 25 Deborah Hacke
 26 Anna Wolf
 27 Erin Ramos
 Andrew Rowe

28 Stephanie Huh
 Joel Porterfield
 Calvin Tizura
 29 Jacqueline Panches
 30 Mary Asien
 Joanne August

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Richard Arnone
 Alexandra Buric
 Mary Christiansen
 Evan Muradian
 Mia Muradian
 Steven Raetzman
 Kelly Snow
 Aubrey Ungarait
 Gregory Ungarait
 1 Nathan Barney
 2 Kathleen Heller
 Cheryl Sellke
 3 Kiley Krug
 4 Krista Porterfield
 7 Lisa Krueger
 9 June Carnehl
 10 Carl Steffen
 Lindsey Wolf
 11 Tiffany Steffen
 12 Meghan Barney
 Kristi Frank
 13 Alleeah Lidik
 Lee Lidik
 15 Brian Steffen
 16 Don Sebastian
 17 Jennifer Bulinski
 Arlene Kendzy
 18 Rowan Keefe
 Jon Michaels
 21 Connor Hanson
 Brenda Penney
 Skyler Schur
 Beverly Steinke
 Jean Ungar
 22 Erin Ellsworth
 24 Sadie Grau
 25 Josie Herrnreiter
 27 Will Krug

**WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES**

3 Beverly & Art Steinke
 5 Arlene & Ken Kendzy
 Rita & Dan Weyland
 6 Kim & Tim Raetzman
 7 Farrah & Tyson Aper
 12 Merrilee & Jim Anhalt
 13 Teresa & Glen Hanck
 17 Susan (Bragg) & Dan
 Suwinski
 19 Rita & Ron Knapp
 Alison & David Wetzell
 20 Linda & John Wolf
 22 Jean & Bob Ungar
 29 Jennifer & Mike Bauer



Dear St. Andrews Family,

The school year has started, and everywhere I look, I am filled with gratitude, joy, and excitement about the future of St. Andrews! We are blessed with a tremendous staff in our school, and with the addition of Pastor Ethan, our church staff is back to full-strength and I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us!

Back in January, I wrote to our congregation asking for prayers as I considered taking a call. As I reflected on my time at St. Andrews, one of my biggest failings was a lack of leading the charge to come up with a solid strategic plan. While we have accomplished a great deal as a congregation over the last decade, we have often not maximized the use of our time, talent, and treasure, because we have not asked for input from all parties involved in St. Andrews Church and School. I want to change that, and our church leadership wants to change that.

I am busy talking to people and asking for funds to allow us to get help in creating a comprehensive strategic plan. I have interviewed different professionals, and one stood out among them all. Her name is Susan Matejka of HPS Nonprofit Allies. She has three decades of experience working with organizations like ours, and brings a wealth of experience and wisdom to this endeavor.

I am going to work with you to raise \$24,000 to begin this important work. A strategic plan will do several important things for us. Among them are:

- Get meaningful feedback from our whole St. Andrews Family
- Help us best allocate scarce resources (human and financial)
- Give us guidance on future decisions
- Help us determine the best structure for our congregation
- Guide our goals for staffing (Ex. Executive Director Position)
- Help determine what activities we need to add, and which to stop
- Drive meaningful stewardship

If you would like to join Anne and Me, and many other who have already given, please do so with a check (with "Strategic Plan" in the memo line) or on Church Center (we have a category for donations to this cause).

Thank you so much!
Pastor Matt Hoffmann

Thanks for all you do, St. Andrews!
In Christ,
Pastor Matt Hoffmann



SCHOOL NEWS
St. Andrews Lutheran School
Explore. Inspire. Equip.



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.

We are blessed to be celebrating 114 years of Christian education at St. Andrews Lutheran School this year. Our school year began with the dedication of our faculty and staff on Sunday, August 17, 2025. A special thank you goes to the Board of Fellowship for hosting the ice cream social. The students love being able to eat ice cream early on a Sunday morning. It was such a joy to see our students and parents engaging with one another and meeting members of the congregation, too.

The first day of school was Thursday, August 22, 2025, and it was such a blessing to have everyone back in the building and ready for a new year full of learning and growth. We are excited to share that we have 165 students enrolled this year!!

As we look ahead, we continue to focus on marketing and promoting our school. We encourage you to share the good news about the wonderful things God is doing here at St. Andrews.

I proudly introduce the St. Andrews faculty and staff for the 2025-2026 school year:

Pastor Matt Hoffmann

Pastor Ethan Luft

Ms. Laura Boggs – Principal

PS Mrs. Stacy Giuliano

Teacher Assistant - Phyllis Paradiso

PK Ms. Michelle Cimilluca – Early Childhood Director, Admissions Director

Teacher Assistant- Sharon Jaski

PK Mrs. Tracy Hall

Teacher Assistant - Dawn Steffen

K Mrs. Cook

Teacher Assistant – Emmili Kirilova

1st Mrs. Carrie Kuehm and Music Director

2nd Ms. Michelle Pivas

3rd Mrs. Kelley Schau

4th Ms. Christin Nosko

5th Mrs. Miranda Kress

6th Miss Michelle Edwards

7th Mrs. Sandra Gallo

8th Mr. Ken Singer

Music, Band, PE and Tech – Mr. Tom Fairbairn

Resource – Mrs. Marissa DiVito – Social Media/Marketing

Librarian- Mrs. Carol Zygowicz

School nurse – Mrs. Sena Boardman

Lunch Supervisor – Mrs. Doris Jordan

Office Manager – Miss Debbie O'Connor

Aftercare – Mrs. Paradiso, Mrs. Steffen, and Miss Emily August

Morning Care- Mrs Rose Jezierny and Miss Geneva Fowlks

Building Supervisor- James Trapp

As always, 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 this upcoming year.

Working together for Christ, Ms. Laura Boggs

Make a joyful noise. Psalm 98:4

Announcement From Principal Laura Boggs:

Dear St. Andrews Families, Friends, and Congregation Members,

After much prayer and reflection, I want to share with you that I will be retiring at the end of this school year. It has been one of the greatest joys of my life to serve as both a teacher and principal here at St. Andrews.

Over the years, I have been deeply touched by the joy of teaching and leading, the laughter of our students, the encouragement and support of our families, and the faithful partnership of our congregation. Each day here has been a blessing, and I am grateful that I have been able to share the love of Christ with our students, staff, and school community.

As this school year continues, I look forward to finishing strong with our students and staff, cherishing the time we spend together this year. I know that God will continue to bless St. Andrews.

With love and thankfulness,

Laura Boggs