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## ST. ANDREWS LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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**Matthew J. Hoffmann** - Pastor

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**Laura Boggs** - Principal

**Greg Lendy** - Director, Contemporary Worship

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### A Prayer for the New Year

Lord, whether I leave behind a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,  
I pause to give thanks.

Thank you for being with me every day of the year.

Thank you for making all things new and for giving me the grace of fresh  
starts and new beginnings.

Remind me of your presence in the days to come,  
even when I feel pushed and rushed by busyness.

Be glorified in my life this year.

- Amen -

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### Official Acts - November

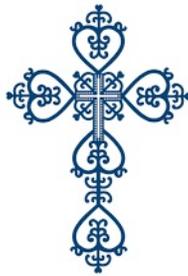
**Baptized:** Joshua Nicholas Backsmeier  
Son of Benjamin and Jennifer Backsmeier  
Born: August 17, 2018      Baptized: November 18, 2018

**Married:** Anna Kinell and Griffin Kasznia  
November 17, 2018

**JANUARY 2019:**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Theodore Bateman
- 2 Connor Lasch  
Adrienne Schlake  
Dan Suwinski (Sr.)
- 5 Brian Jason
- 7 Hannah Flaherty  
Audrey Gross  
Lynn Trapp  
Grace Zoellick
- 10 Rev. Lee Joesten  
Donald E. Hacke  
Rae Koenig  
Danny Suwinski (Jr.)  
Travis Ward
- 11 Camille Grau
- 12 Melissa Ellsworth
- 14 Killian Hoffmann  
Jacob Lendy  
Stephen Lendy
- 15 David Gillaspie  
John Rizzo
- 16 Megan Ellsworth
- 18 Stephen Garrigus  
Claire Hurley  
Daniel Tobias
- 19 Otto Demke
- 20 Brooke Tiberi
- 21 Erin Bauer
- 22 Catherine Cupp  
Teresa Hanck  
Susan Moellering  
Kim Weyland
- 23 Stan Breitzman
- 24 Joan Groff
- 26 Robert Herting
- 28 Jerry Klevenow
- 29 Karen Arneson
- 30 Rita Knapp  
Otto Proeschel



**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS**

- Mark Castiglia
- Rose Hauer
- 1 Nancy Wilson
- 2 Connor Lasch
- 3 Elizabeth Hauer  
Carol Ann Prueter  
Joanie Sebastian
- 5 Emma Heller  
Hillary Petersen
- 6 Elizabeth Claybaker  
Stephen Claybaker
- 10 Emma Wandel
- 12 Jeff Boggs
- 15 Matt Michaels
- 21 Marion Hemler
- 24 Karen Buric
- 27 Linda Wolf
- 29 Karen Michaels
- 30 Carrie Kuehm

**WEDDING**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 Al & Barb Paschke
- 5 Eric & Nichole Wandel
- 11 Don & Vi Koenig
- 16 Nick & Corrine  
Antemann

If your special day is missing or incorrect, please contact Nichole in the church office.



Thanks  
to our  
Wonderful  
Volunteers ...

Susan Bragg for coordinating the endless details of our annual BETHLEHEM WALK; and Becca Weisheit who patiently handles all the reservations.

Stan Breitzman for scheduling communion assistants for every weekend of the year.

Chancel Guild members who give of their time and talents to make sure our altar is always "liturgically correct" – and for all their weekly preparations for communion.

LouAnn Grabowski who schedules Sunday morning coffee hour hosts – with special thanks to all those who act as hosts!

Terri and Dale Mirow for handling so many details too numerous to mention in order that Sunday morning worship runs smoothly and the coffee is plugged in!

Corrine Schreiber for taking all the orders for the poinsettias, and to all the volunteers who delivered poinsettia plants to our "at home" members and those in nursing homes. Corrine also coordinated all the beautiful Christmas decorations in the sanctuary and narthex.

Carla Staniec for the many hours she spends scheduling scripture readers for our services.

Helen Van Alstin for her faithful service in the church office every Friday to collate and staple the weekly LINE, assemble the bulletins, and prepare the monthly NET for mailing.

WOSA and SARG'S members for their generous monetary donations throughout the year so we may purchase gift cards for the needy of our community.

St. Andrews is blessed by many, many members and the service they lovingly provide for the well-being of our church.



## Women Of St. Andrews

The members of WOSA extend warmest wishes to the St. Andrews congregation for a new year filled with daily blessings. Thanks be to God for another year to be of service ... to Him and to each other.

WEEKLY BIBLE CLASS will resume on January 8, 2019. We meet at 10:00 a.m. in the social room every Tuesday. Pastor Matt is our "fearless leader" through scripture. It's time well spent, with learning and fellowship. Why not consider joining our lively group? It's only an hour or so every week ... and the rewards are many. Everyone is welcome!

### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

*To encourage the women of  
St. Andrews Lutheran Church of Park  
Ridge  
to take an active, lively interest in the  
Kingdom of God and to grow in  
Christian fellowship and service.*

## St. Andrews Retired Gentlemen

Got cabin fever? Got that "cooped in" feeling? Well ... a group of retired and/or semi-retired men from St. Andrews meet once a month for lively conversation and lunch at various restaurants in the area. It's a great way to have fellowship! Why not join in on the second Thursday of the month? Social hour is at 11:30 a.m. – lunch around noon. For more information, call or Chuck Reiner (847-825-4650).

# HAPPY New Year

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in Christ!

As we say goodbye to 2018, we reflect upon the blessings of this last year. There were some very difficult moments, as some dear members of our community went to be with Christ. We had to say goodbye to DCE Katie Otto, and wish her well in her new ministry in Texas. However, there were some great things to celebrate as well. Our church attendance numbers have been strong and we have welcomed many new members this year. We had the chance to baptize 18 people during the course of this year, which is the most we have had for quite some time! It has also been great to see such great interest on behalf of our people in working with Ray Pagels to include St. Andrews and other charitable organizations in their long-term financial plans.

2019 is looking to be an exciting year as well. Our Comfort Dog Ministry Team has been hard at work, and we look to welcome a dog into our congregation this year sometime! We are also going to be starting a sermon series on **January 12 that will go for 7 weeks**. What is interesting about this series is that we will be participating in a Chicagoland-wide effort with hundreds of other churches to look at 7 key questions of faith:

1

Does Life Have  
a Purpose?

2

Is There  
a God?

3

Why Does God Allow  
Pain and Suffering?

4

Is Christianity  
Too Narrow?

5

Is Jesus  
Really God?

6

Is The Bible  
Reliable?

7

Can I Know  
God Personally?

For more information go to [exploregod.com/Chicago](http://exploregod.com/Chicago).

Happy New Year!

Pastor Matt



SCHOOL NEWS  
Educating Students to Seek, Serve and Soar  
January 2019



Have a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

It is hard to believe that we are already through one half of our school year. We praise God for the many blessings that He continues to bestow upon the students, parents, faculty, and staff of St. Andrews.

You are invited to our:

OPEN HOUSE/ FAMILY DAY

Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

12:00pm- 2:00pm

Bring your friends and families to learn more about St. Andrews. We will take you on a guided tour where you can visit our classrooms, explore our facility, and meet our teachers and staff.

For more information contact our  
Admissions Counselor, Mrs. Caitlyn Warren at:  
847-823-9308 x200

Registration for new families begins on January 27th.

The 2019 year is filled with many activities for our school, spelling bee, basketball games, and tournaments, singing, violins, band, the school play and so much more. Our strong academic curriculum continues to grow and flourish.

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