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Official Acts - February

Baptized: Arden Arleen Van Hemert
Daughter of Jason and Briane (Rucks) Van Hemert
Born: November 5, 2019 Baptized: February 8, 2020



Baptized: Mikayla Skylar Pesce
Daughter of Marcello and Crystal (Levy) Pesce
Born: August 24, 2019 Baptized: February 9, 2020

Baptized: Kai Andrew Zimmerman
Son of Mark and Sara (Vaughn) Zimmerman
Born: August 7, 2013 Baptized: February 22, 2020

Baptized: Mika Joy Zimmerman
Daughter of Mark and Sara (Vaughn) Zimmerman
Born: November 6, 2010 Baptized: February 22, 2020



Died: Charles Reiner
Born: March 1938
Died: February 8, 2020
Funeral: February 22, 2020

Died: Nancy Wilson
Born: November 13, 1935
Died: February 24, 2020
Funeral: February 29, 2020

Transferred In: Heather and Matthew Owens
From: St. James Lutheran, Chicago

**APRIL
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Carole Cox
Nancy Frank
Daniel Riordan
- 3 Donald Hanson
Emily Weisheit
- 5 LouAnn Grabowski
Alexis Gross
Sophia Rouse
- 6 Sean Holler
- 7 Evelyne Proeschel
Karen Rybowicz
- 8 Donna Gordon
Lilly Suwinski
- 9 Mark Paulik
- 10 Dan Grimm
- 11 Michael Tobias
- 12 Garrett Cupp
- 13 Rev. Matt Hoffmann
Howard Zaehler
- 15 Diane Kiepura
- 16 Margie Holzkamp
Zachary Lasch
- 17 Sammy Fredriksen
- 18 Mike Vitulli
Adam Laurich
- 19 Arthur Clexton
Cathy Cupp
- 20 Cathy Fredriksen
Gabriela Schildwachter
- 21 Jackson DeSantis
- 22 Deb Ness
- 23 Elizabeth Polmanski
- 24 Andrew Cupp
Connor Hanson
Ryan Lynn
- 25 Ronald Knapp
Vincent Ori
Gary Trapp
- 26 Carol Guther
Justin Trapp
Ron Webb
- 28 Christie Warren
- 29 Marlene Hacke
Roger Laurich
Alyssa Vitulli
- 30 Dan Rieger



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

- Patrick Riordan
- 2 Steven Guther
- 3 Teresa Hanck
- 6 Jackie Malek
- 7 Ruth Harker
Paul Weisheit
- 11 Megan Ellsworth
- 16 Alfred Ellsworth
- 22 George Foster
- 26 Gary Somerman
- 28 Garrett Cupp

**WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 8 Harry & Carol Mirkin
Jennifer & John
McCarty
- 10 Alexis & Andrew Gross
- 20 Rev. Matt & Anne
Hoffmann
- 26 John & Carole Par

If your special day is not listed, please call Nichole in the church office at 847-823-6656 - X100.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I miss you! That is the first thing I wanted to say. I really miss seeing you. This time of Sheltering in Place and Social Isolation are not easy. We pray for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic, we pray for the mercy of God, we pray for scientists who are busy at work developing treatments, tests, vaccines, and working to protect us. We pray for those working on the front lines of the pandemic in hospitals and clinics around the world. We pray for first responders who are still keeping us safe in the midst of these trying times. We pray for all those who have suddenly found themselves unemployed. We pray, we pray, we pray.

Anne and I have been trying to adjust to these new rhythms of life. Both of us work from home for the time being, and we are now having a real integral role in the day to day education of our children. We sure have a renewed appreciation for our children's teachers (my kids do too!).

But perhaps the biggest challenge in finding a rhythm to life in these days is the absence of meeting together to worship at church. Worship in God's house is the sabbath rest that helps give shape the week. We come together to be in God's presence, we partake in his Body and Blood in the Sacrament, we celebrate the activity of God in the waters of Baptism, we hear his story of love for us as we sit next to one another. Without this anchor point, the rest of the week seems adrift. It seems we are developing a renewed appreciation for church as well during these times.

But in the mist of this all, I heard a reporter say, "This is the first time in American History that Easter has been cancelled." I have to tell you, I can't disagree more with that statement. True, we won't be able to get together for our usual Easter service, we will meet online. True, we won't be traveling or having huge family dinners. True, it will be different, very different this year. **BUT EASTER WILL NEVER BE CANCELLED!** We will **STILL** celebrate what Jesus has done. We will still stand in awe and wonder with the women and disciples as they stare into that empty tomb. We will still celebrate the **FACT** that we are full of the hope of Easter even in these strange days.

I will be shouting, "Christ is Risen!" all day long, and in the days to follow! Our hope in Christ is **NEVER** cancelled!

I do yearn to be in the church with all of you, hopefully one day soon. And we will make sure we have another Easter Sunday worship time when we are able to be together. But in light of all this, here is the worship schedule online for Holy Week. We will go online on the church Facebook page on each of these time, however, we will also email a link to the recorded service, and post the recorded services and worship bulletins on the front page of standrewsparkridge.org.

Maundy Thursday - 7pm

(There will be an emphasis on foot washing, if you would like we will have a time of reflection which could also serve as a time for family members to wash one another's feet)

Good Friday (Service of Darkness) - 7pm

(This service involves the "slamming of the book" and we will invite families to slam a book in their own homes)

Easter Celebration

(We will still live Cast on Saturday Night at 5pm, however, if you'd prefer to watch the recording on Sunday Morning, that would be great as well.)

Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you during these times!

Keep reaching out to one another!

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor Matt Hoffmann





SCHOOL NEWS

Educating Students to Seek, Serve and Soar
April 2020



I have been watching and listening to the news (all the time) and it seems so overwhelming so I can't imagine how the children in our school feel. And then, I hear something that makes my heart swell, with an act of kindness I have seen kids putting pictures in the windows for others to see when they are walking, chalk drawings on the sidewalk, friends delivering flowers to those that need to stay inside and the graciousness of the communities around us. Praise be to God for all those little things!!!!

Our theme verse for this year is:
"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

At the beginning of the year, I shared this message with the students during Chapel.

Jesus was always kind and helpful to the people he met.

One day he was in the home of Simon Peter. Peter's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever. Jesus went into the room where she was and took her by the hand and helped her out of bed. When Jesus touched her, the fever left her immediately.

Later that evening people brought everyone who was sick and those who were demon-possessed so that Jesus could heal them. The Bible says that the whole town was gathered around outside the door. Jesus healed the sick and drove out evil spirits. Jesus showed his love by caring for those who needed his healing touch.

The next time you want to let someone know how much you care for them, remember that we show others we care, not just by sending them gifts, but by showing acts of kindness each and every day—just like Jesus did.

How do you show someone that you care about them?

- Say, "Thank you" when they do something nice for you.
- Forgive them when they do something that hurts your feelings.
- Put their needs ahead of your own.
- Write them a kind note.
- Give them a gift for no reason at all.
- Offer encouragement when they are discouraged.
- Volunteer to help them when they have a difficult task.
- Invite them to do something special with you.
- Share a snack with them.

A simple act of kindness can say a lot more than a gift. What act of kindness can you do for someone today? We are praying that all of you are staying healthy and safe. God's blessings.

Ms. Laura Boggs