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PROVE IT

by Rev. Wayne Palmer - Lutheran Hour Ministries

(Jesus said) "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." (John 4:48)

When Jesus' enemies in Jerusalem learned He was becoming more popular than John the Baptist, He left and returned to Galilee in the north. Huge crowds gathered, but Jesus knows their faith is shallow and superficial. When an important official comes to ask the Lord to heal his dying son, Jesus challenges the entire crowd: "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe."

How deep is your faith? Can you take Him at His word, or do you insist on more? If you listen closely you almost pick up a tone of defiance in Jesus' voice ... or is it sorrow? He wants them to believe, but they must believe on His terms, not theirs.

The official knew only one thing really mattered: his son was dying and only Jesus could save him. So he begged Jesus to come down and heal him. But Jesus didn't go. Instead, He sent the father away with a promise: "Go; your son will live." Would you be able to trust Jesus and go? The official did. He accepted Jesus' words and on the way home he learned his faith had been well founded: his son was healed.

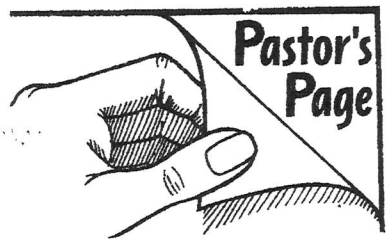
We don't need to see miraculous signs to believe in Jesus as our Savior. God uses old familiar words to give us faith; He uses water and His Word to wash away our sins, and He joins His body and blood to simple bread and wine to forgive us all our sins.

Don't stay on the outside waiting to see some miracle in your life before you'll follow Jesus. Learn a lesson from the official above: the stakes are life and death, heaven and hell.

THE PRAYER

Lord Jesus, give me faith to trust Your words and promises
through every circumstance in my life. Amen.

The **MISSION** of St. Andrews Lutheran Church is to provide a visible framework for the work of the Holy Spirit to ***seek, nourish,*** and ***renew*** disciples of Christ.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you in our Crucified and Risen Lord! As we prepare our hearts to celebrate Easter, we are going to have an exciting addition made to our worship life later this month. A modern statue of the Risen Christ will be installed in the front of our church. This statue is the result of a generous donation made by one of our St. Andrews family to enrich the worship life of our congregation, and to address a need we have in our sanctuary.

Why a Risen Christ Statue?
As we reflect on our purpose as a congregation, we find it clearly spelled out in 1 Corinthians 15: 3-14:

> *"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures."*

Jesus crucified and victoriously risen from the dead are the two bedrocks of our faith. In our sanctuary, we have many artistic items that call to mind the death of Christ, but few that hold the resurrection before our eyes. This statue will be a constant reminder of Christ's completed work of salvation for us, and the hope of the resurrection that is essential to us in our daily lives.

St. Andrew
St. Andrew, the namesake of our congregation, is known as the first disciple of Jesus. He is most famous for sharing the Good News of Jesus with his brother, Simon Peter, as he tells him with joy, **"We have found the Messiah!"** It is such a fitting tribute to St. Andrew and our legacy at St. Andrews that we would have, front and center, a beautiful artistic representation of our Messiah and Savior, and that we would be reminded to exclaim with joy, **"We too have found the Messiah!"**

Artistic Style
It was a great challenge to find an artist who could work with the unique styling of our sanctuary. Our worship space was designed by **Charles E. Stade**, who is most famous for designing the chapel at Valparaiso University. Stade's Mid-Century Modern design is truly beautiful. If you look toward the front of our tall A-frame sanctuary, you see the angular brick work that suggests the opening of the curtain to the presence of God in the Most Holy Place in the ancient temple in Jerusalem.

With the renovations done in recent years and the addition of the organ up front, great care was taken to mirror that theme, and it was done masterfully. After much deliberation and seeking an artist who could take on making a representation of Christ in this modern form, we were blessed to find **Peter Ambrose**, a local modern sculpture. Peter came many times to our sanctuary, but it was when the sanctuary was full of people singing that inspiration came to him.

He came up with a design (pictured below in a small-scale model) that captured the power of the Risen Christ in a form that denotes both Christ's victory and outstretched arms in welcome. This piece will be hung just behind and above the altar to remind us of Christ's true presence in Word and Sacrament. The style matches the Stade architecture in a way that I am confident would make Mr. Stade very happy (his Valparaiso Chapel design has a beautiful Risen Lord statue in it).

Our Statue will be roughly 7 feet tall, and is being made out of light bass wood. It will match the wood theme in our church, but will be the lightest color wood, drawing our eyes to Christ. We will see all of our blessings, our beautiful organ, the cross in the background, all through Christ risen from the dead and the fulfillment of our hope.

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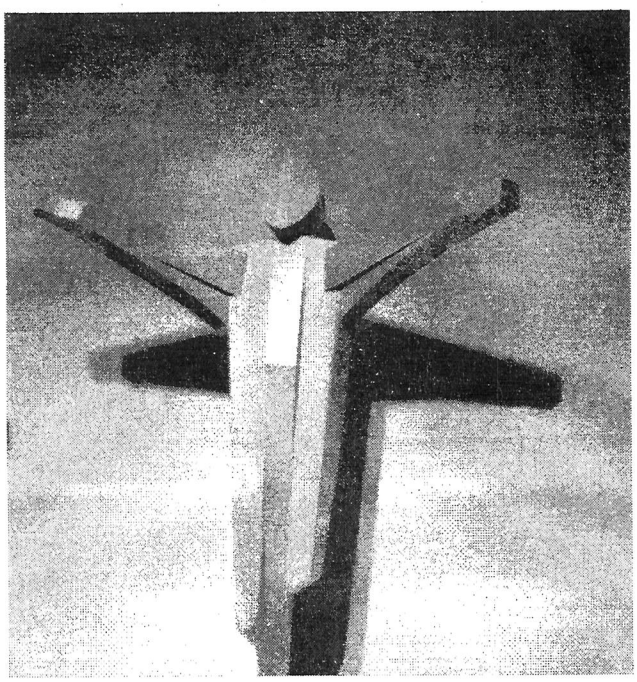


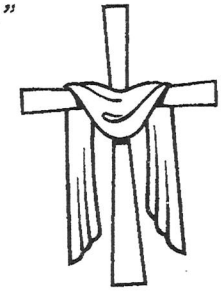
It should be installed the last week of March! I can't wait!

Blessings in our Risen Christ!

Pastor Matt

Rev. Matt Hoffmann, Pastor

LWML/NID LENTEN INSPIRATION
"God-Given Gifts"
"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God which is in you."
2 Timothy 1:6a



SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
1177 East Howard Street - Des Plaines IL 60018
847-824-4923

Please join us for a day of inspiration and a sharing of gifts. Speakers and "Acts" will feature members of NID displaying their talents and gifts. Cost is $15, which includes morning coffee and lunch. Registration/Fellowship begins at 9:00 a.m. Lenten Inspiration Program begins at 9:30 a.m. Registration deadline is MARCH 16, 2015.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

CONGREGATION _____

Please make your check for $15.00 payable to "LWML NID" and send to:

Diane Kettelson
16801 North Ridge Road
Minooka IL 60447-8914
815-467-2458
vpchristianlife@lwmlnid.org

ST. ANDREWS SCHOOL NEWS

STRONG MINDS - FAITHFUL HEARTS

Visiting our Community

Our fourth, fifth and sixth grade students were asked to sing at the Divine Service for the Northern Illinois Convention at Concordia University Chicago. What a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase our school and their beautiful voices.

Our fourth–eighth grader band students' performed with five other schools at the Band Concert held at St. Zachary on February 19th. Our beginning band members from fourth grade are Naomi, Kevin, Mia, Eliza and Aidan. Our Intermediate band members from fifth grade are Daniela, Adeline, David, Grace and Johnny. Our advanced band members are Ryan, Michael, Simon, Lydia, Adam and Theodore. It is such a pleasure to hear and see our band members share their talents with others. .

Community Outreach

Save the Date:

Wednesday	March 18	1:00 p.m.
Thursday	March 19	7:00 p.m.
Friday	March 20	7:00 p.m.

Tickets go on sale March 2

We made the newspapers! St. Andrews shared "100th Day" with Ronald McDonald . On our 100th day of school, Ronald McDonald came in to share "book time" with our students in grades K-2. What an exciting day! Check out the article at http://patch.com/illinois/niles/100th-day-school-st-andrews-lutheran-school-and-ronald-mcdonald.

Enrollment

Our enrollment for next year is going very well. During our Open House in January we had eleven new families visit and eight of them have registered already. We have currently expanded Mrs. Boge's (our pre-kindergarten teacher) role to become our Admissions Counselor. She will be able to share her talents as we work on increasing our enrollment. The role of Admissions Counselor involves working with prospective families, community outreach, and marketing. Praise be to God!

Registration

Registration is underway for the 2015-2016 school year. If you know of a family interested in an excellent Christian Education, this would be a good opportunity to acquaint them with St. Andrews. Please continue to pray God's blessings for our ministries here.

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Prayers
Please keep Mrs. Johanson (pre-school teacher) in your prayers as she recovers from shoulder surgery. Mrs. Johanson will be recuperating at home for the next few weeks. We are pleased to have Mrs. Patti Forbes with us in her absence.

Geography Bee Champion
It's sad to say farewell to our Geography Bee champion, but unfortunately Jacqueline Johanson will be leaving St. Andrews as her family moves to a new home. Consequentially, our runner up, Daniela Milutinovic, will take on the title of Geography Bee Champion. Daniela will compete in the nationwide Geography Bee exam finals, and, if successful, will represent St. Andrews in the state Geography Bee in March. Congratulations Daniela, and good luck!

American Heart Association
Learn and Live

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Congratulations St. Andrews we raised over $3000 for the American Heart Association!

IT TAKES HEART TO BE A HERO!

Second Grade raised the most money! The top donors are: Frankie DiFranco, Khloe MacHarg, Henry Daniel, and Ciena Metzger.

Thank you all for your donations and the time that you put into making this a successful event!

6TH GRADE
Paul DiFranco
Haddon Pareja
Daniel Riordan

7TH GRADE
Jaaziel Abdon
Alison Grimm
Nathan Mendez

8TH GRADE
Simon Grimm
Zachary Lasch
Matthew Lauterbach
Kirsten Lengfeldt
JJ Sergey

HIGH HONOR ROLL

6TH GRADE
Emma Heller
Lydia Keller
Laura Martinez
Adam Samuelson

7TH GRADE
Carlo Kwon

8TH GRADE
Victoria Creed
Kayla Di Franco
Ryan Spero

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Alumni News

Congratulations to the following students who now attend Notre Dame High School who achieved Honor Roll Status for the first semester. We are so proud of all of our alumni.

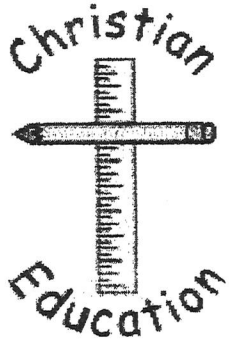
Raymond Bridges	Magna Cum Laude
Adam Cieply	Summa Cum Laude
Benjamin Fuhr	Summa Cum Laude
Sean Johnson	Summa Cum Laude
Andrew Knorowski	Magna Cum Laude
Matthew Krogstad	Magna Cum Laude

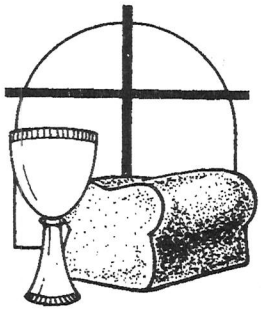
Summa Cum Laude – GPA of 3, 80 or better with no grade lower than a C-
Magna Cum Laude: GPA of 3.50-3.79 with no grade lower than a C-

Thank you for keeping us in your prayers!

Laura Boggs

Ms. Laura Boggs
Principal





EARLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

As we look ahead to Easter, we're preparing for our EARLY COMMUNION CLASSES. Students in grade 5 and up are invited to participate to learn about communion ... what it is and why we do it. If you know anyone who might have kids who are interested, please call the church office at 847-823-6656.

The schedule for this year of 2015 is:

***Monday, March 9*– Class #1**
6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. Andrews

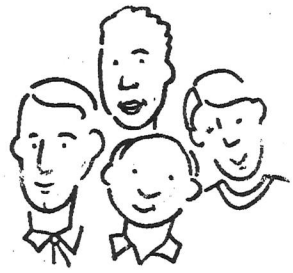
***Monday, March 16*– Class #2**
6:30-7:30 p.m. at Paint N Party in Golf Mill Mall; students will have the opportunity to paint their own communion chalices, which they will use for their First Communion

***Monday, March 23*– Class #3**
6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. Andrews

***Wednesday, March 25* –**
Students receive their First Communion during our 7:00 p.m. service. We are doing this the week *BEFORE* Holy Week as this year Holy Week coincides with Spring Break.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Matt or Katie Otto.

St.
Andrews
Retired
Gentlemen



Ready for some great conversation, good food, and fellowship? Join this group of retired and semi-retired St. Andrews men for lunch once a month at a local restaurant (it changes every month). The guys meet on the second Thursday of the month, with social hour beginning at 11:30 a.m. and lunch around noon. For more information, call Bud Wille (847-823-8907) or Chuck Reiner (847-825-4650).

SCHOOL LIBRARY RENOVATION

As many of you know, our newly-decorated school library sustained quite a bit of water damage. We are pleased to tell you that our contractor, Zuly Hernandez, of AEZ Restoration in Palatine, graciously donated $3,700 back to St Andrews! In addition, she did not charge us for the cost of the counter tops in the art room. Zuly and her company have done an outstanding job in restoring the library and art room. She worked hard to keep the costs down and effectively allocate the insurance funds to the maximum benefit to St. Andrews. St. Andrews is also most grateful to Steve Bateman for his countless hours and professional expertise in working with Church Mutual, our insurance carrier, and AEZ. His work saved St. Andrews thousands of dollars.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Park Ridge Civic Orchestra is seeking volunteers to help at concerts (tickets, ushers, programs, etc.). If you are interested in volunteering, please call the PRCO office at 847/692-7726, or email at prco1@att.net.

WOMEN OF ST. ANDREWS

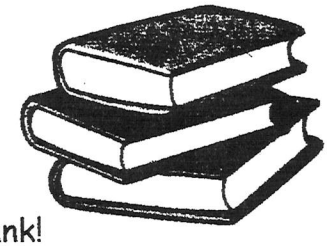
ALL women of St. Andrews are invited ...

Come for **Bible Class** on Tuesdays in March at 10:00 a.m. – we quilt afterwards for Lutheran World Relief and are usually done around noon. Please join us in the Social Room to study the Word and for great fellowship!

Our monthly meeting for March will be held on the 24th at 10:00 a.m. in the coatroom. Join us for refreshments and a short business meeting.

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.



The St. Andrews Girl Scout Troops will be sponsoring a book drive to benefit Bernie's Book Bank!

We will collect gently-used children's books from February 23 through March 9. All books will be donated to at-risk children in the Chicagoland area. Books are one of the most important investments we can make in our children and many of us have been fortunate enough to provide that investment in abundance! Let us spread the gift of reading to those children who have not been as fortunate! If you would like to donate, please leave your donation in the box next to the Welcome Center in the narthex or in the special collection bins next to the school office. ***Thank you in advance!***

BEHIND THE SCENES AT ST. ANDREWS
Our Volunteers -- Our Unsung Heroes

They work behind the scenes. We don't see them at work, often we don't know their names. We may see the results of their labors, sometimes without even realizing it. During this year we're highlighting these dedicated folks, one group at a time, and discovering who they are and what it is they do.

As believers in Christ, it is our responsibility and privilege, in His Name, to help those in our community, the nation, and the world who are in need of assistance in material ways. The **Board for Social Ministry** is dedicated to this task.

We probably know them best for their very visible, active, and on-going food collection and distribution to the hungry and often homeless in our own neighborhood through the St. Paul of the Cross Food Pantry, and the south side of Chicago St. Matthew's Soup Kitchen neighborhood. The bright red bags they supply make it easy to donate.

They further assist through their warm coat collection for homeless people served by St. Matthew, and their participation in the annual Crop Walk in the fall. They participate in preparing food packages for the "Feed My Starving Children" program, and also participate in a program to serve a Sunday evening supper to hungry families in our own area.

An international project has been to sponsor families fleeing from poverty, war, and persecution in other countries. The board's "Coming to America" projects have helped to get these families settled in new living quarters to begin their fresh start.

Members of the Board for Social Ministry are **Rev. Lee Joesten**, chair; **Mary Christiansen, Marion Hemler, Deb Ness, Mark Paulik, Judy Szkwarek, Becca Weisheit**, and **Betty Yost**.

On a different type of social level closer to home, but also important to the fellowship of the members of St. Andrews, is the social time on Sunday mornings between services. We thank **LouAnn Grabowski** for coordinating the host schedule and thank all those who provide those wonderful, delicious treats. And we can't forget **Corrine Antemann** and **Terri Mirow** who faithfully prepare the coffee.

Thanks to all of you!

YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

Volunteers
at the heart of the Church

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS 2015!!!

Mark your calendars for **June 22-26, 2015**, to attend VBS this summer! Each day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. as kids (ages preschool 3 – 5th grade) participate in

EVEREST:
Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power

Participant registration begins **April 6.**

Middle School Youth Group ~ Schedule Change

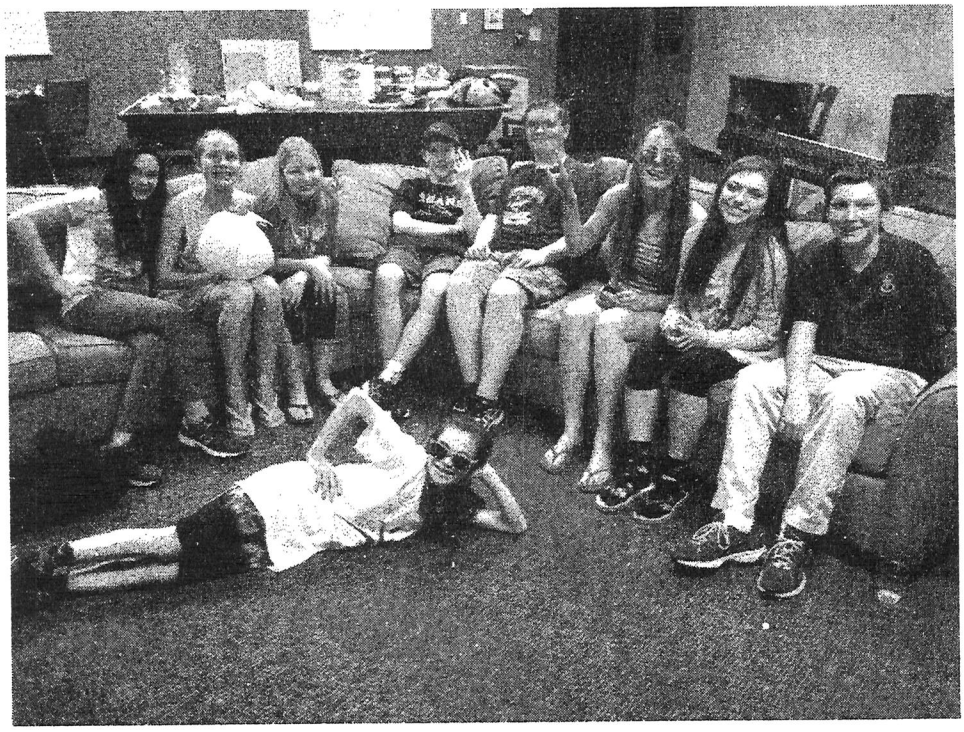
With the Lenten season upon us, the middle school youth group will be meeting Sunday afternoons, 4:30-6:00 p.m., through Sunday, March 22. Any questions? Contact DCE Katie Otto at dcekatie23@gmail.com.

First Communion

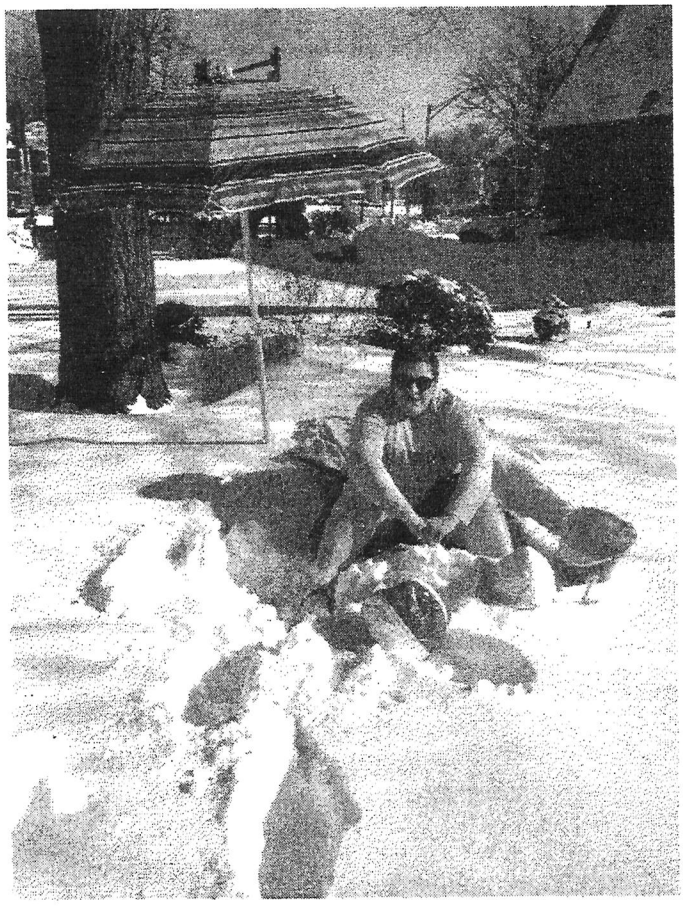
Please plan to attend the Wednesday night Lenten worship service on Wednesday, March 25, to show our 5th graders the support of their St. Andrews church family as they receive their first communion that evening.

Middle School Youth Beach Party

On Wednesday, February 11, the middle school youth gathered for a "beach party" with the goal of shaking off the cold...at least for a little bit! After having dinner and smoothies together, the youth played basketball, cornhole, and beach ball volleyball. A great time was had by all.



It was warm and "sunny" in the Youth Room!



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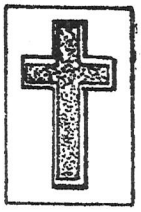
OFFICIAL ACTS
~ JANUARY ~



Arlene Nemes
Born: June 16, 1929
Died: January 2, 2015
Funeral: January 8, 2015

St. Andrews Lutheran Church
LCMS Northern Illinois District Congregational Statement
November 1, 2014 - January 31, 2015

Distribution of Receipts	***Period Total***	***Year-to-Date Total***
Lutheran Church Charities	$ 4,269.00	$ 4,269.00
World Missions	610.00	610.00
World Relief	886.00	886.00
Armed Forces Commission	200.00	200.00
Pastor Conference	0.00	150.00
Lori Wilbert Prison Ministry	1,522.00	1,522.00
Inner-City Schools	15.00	15.00
Def Inc/District Convention	0.00	600.00
School Accreditation	0.00	100.00
Synod Convention	0.00	1,239.74
Stewardship	0.00	600.00
Def Inc ECC Events	0.00	831.00
Total Received	$ 7,502.00	$ 11,022.74

The Women of St. Andrews (WOSA) extend great thanks to all those involved in making the February Bake Sale so successful! The variety of baked goods was delicious and there was something for everyone! We are grateful to Nancy Wilson and her crew for organizing the sale, to Bob Ungar and his crew for setting everything up on Saturday night. It made it so much easier to come in Sunday morning to work on the finishing touches. Thank you especially to the congregation for their support of this fund-raiser. All monies raised go to worthy causes within the Lutheran community.

A CONGREGATIONAL FINANCIAL UPDATE IS SCHEDULED *following each of the three services on the weekend of March 14-15. A very positive response was received following the last update in November, and members were promised then that they would receive another update prior to the end of the fiscal year. This is your opportunity to learn where we are financially at this time and what is projected for the remainder of the year. Your questions will be appreciated and answered to the best of our ability. For your convenience in attending, identical updates are scheduled to follow each of the worship services that weekend.*

MARCH 2015

BIRTHDAYS

1 Richard Stein
2 Al Carter
Steve Guther
4 Salena Jason
5 Rosemary Boyd
Nathaniel White
7 Samantha Mendez
8 James Selzer
9 Fred Koenig
12 Roger Wilson
13 Susan Bragg-Suwinski
14 Michael Bulinski
Wes Davis
15 Carole Par
16 Jamie Olsen
Alexander Warren
17 Chris Anderson
18 Elsa Hoffmann
19 Amy Maggiore
20 Katy Engelstad
Jackie Maas
21 Chuck Reiner
22 Janet Jack
Walter Obrochta

MORE BIRTHDAYS

25 Mark Flechsig
26 Marlin Maas
28 Ray Froio
Bill Haase
Catherine Marquis
29 Shirley Malone
30 Donald Guther
Len Weith

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

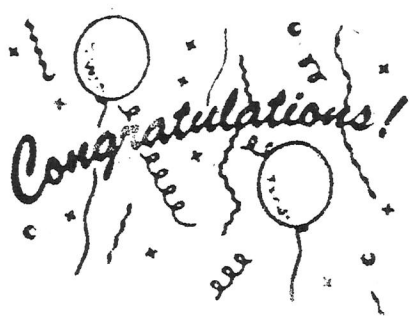
Ron Asien
5 Hannah Flaherty
Caitlin Riordan
6 Leah Flechsig
9 Estéban Schildwachter
10 Samantha Mendez
Will Mendez
13 Connor Firth
Jeri Froio
Dan Suwinski
15 Marilyn Bergmann
Delores Brandfellner
Catherine Cupp

MORE BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

17 Jake Boyd
19 Leila Goliber
Allyna Lee
21 Grace Asien
Sean Obrochta
22 Abby Christiansen
25 Emma Asien
27 Ken Kendzy
28 Bill Haase

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

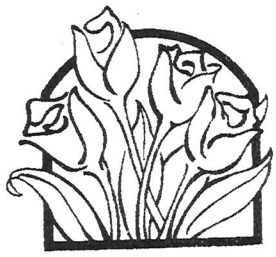
11 Henry & Anna Schmidt
15 James & Gail Selzer
19 Bill & Judy Haase
31 Jeff & Kathleen Heller



Please call Adrienne
in the church office
(847-823-6656, X-100)
if your special day
is missing from this list!
Thanks.

Easter Flowers

Our sanctuary will be decorated with a variety of spring flowers that will be available for purchase:



hydrangeas (6-1/2")	$ 20.75
tulips (large)	12.25
azaleas	18.00
ranunculus	4.75
hyacinths	12.50
palm trees	12.50

Orders will be taken in the narthex during the month of March and can also be submitted via ... mail: Corrine Schreiber, 6035 North Nickerson, Chicago, Illinois 60631
phone: 773-774-4951
email: b.schreiber @comcast.net

Easter Lilies

It is an Easter Sunday tradition at St. Andrews to decorate our chancel with Easter lilies. Their beauty adds to the joy that is in our hearts because Christ has risen!

In order to set up our traditional display around the eternal light, we need many lilies. If fewer lilies are ordered than needed for this display, we will place them attractively on the altar and church windows.

Orders will be taken in the church narthex during March following the 8:30 service and prior to the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday mornings. Cost of the lilies will be determined shortly.

All lilies and other flowers must be ordered by Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015
and should be picked up *after* the 11:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 5.

If you would like to purchase a lily or other Easter flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one - or if you would like to make a purchase to be given to our St. Andrews homebound or a local nursing facility, please so indicate on the individual order forms.

Together...we rise to the best we can be,
serving and growing in the Lord's mission.

New Starts...New Believers

Offerings of God's people to the District and Synod in 2014 have helped us together reach into the community and touch lives with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

New Starts
New Believers

LCMS Northern Illinois District
2301 S. Wolf Road
Hillside, Illinois 60162
Phone: (708) 449-3020
1 (888) 708-LCLMS
www.ni.lcms.org

Our Prayer Breakfast

"Sharing Our Stories, and Building Our Community"

In association with Loquate.tv

You're Invited !! ...

50th Annual Park Ridge Men's Prayer Breakfast
Saturday-March 14, 2015 ... 7:30AM - 9:45AM
Park Ridge Country Club

Individual tickets $30 each ... You can order your ticket(s) now, or respond to further communications you will receive from us ... but, **Please Save the Date !**

Keynote Speaker

James D. McLennan, *President of McLennan Companies, will share his first story of closing a gap in his life that could be filled by no other than God. Appreciate his other turning points, facing difficulties to create and endure, as he tried to align his life with God's intentions for him over a lifetime. Understand a power of values in a family company that endured for 100 years to now the fourth generation.*

More information: contact Bill Scharringhausen, 847-825-4630 wlsxrx@att.net

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Individual tickets $30 each ... Use this form to mail your check payable to Park Ridge Men's Prayer Breakfast, PO Box 249, Park Ridge, Il. 60068

Name:_____

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