



Annunciation of Our Lady

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, November 17, 2019



Christmas Choir - Now's the Time!

There's still time! This Choir will sing Christmas Eve. We rehearse in the church immediately following the 10:00am service. Questions? Talk to Kay Sutton: kaysutton@comcast.net



Advent Pageant: Rehearsals Start this Sunday!

All children ages 3 to 18 are invited to participate! Rehearsals will be from 9:15 - 9:45am every Sunday **beginning this Sunday, Nov 17**. The pageant team this year will be Phil Fabry, Beth Hagan, Tara Joyce, and Samathan Robison. Sign up on the Sign-Up Wall or on Annunciation's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/annunciationgurnee/>.



Adult Forum: Navigating the Bible

Join Rev. Dan for a two-part Adult Forum **starting this Sunday, Nov 17**. This will be an easy primer on the books of the bible, where they came from, how they're put together, and which books are good for different spiritual needs in your life.

On Nov 17, we'll tour the Hebrew Bible (a.k.a. the Old Testament) and on Nov 24, we'll tour the New Testament. Adult Forum meets at 9:15am in the Adult Forum Room, off the Parish Hall.

Support Annunciation in 2020



We invite you to make a pledge of financial support for Annunciation in 2020. A pledge is simply a way of letting the parish leadership know how much you plan to give in the coming year. It's a very important way of ensuring we make a responsible operating budget. It's also a chance for you to make a prayerful and purposeful decision about how much you can and want to give to this community. Pledge Cards are available on the Communications Wall. After you fill it out, just drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Please return your Pledge Card **by Sunday, Dec 1**.



Giving Tree Update

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Giving Tree Project so far! All donations go to needy families via Caring 4 Kids Clothing through public schools in Lake County and a few other surrounding areas.

We still have some tags left, so please check out the tree. There are lots of options, and I'm happy to help shop, or with anything else you may need. A few things to remember—jot down your name on the sign-up sheet on the table next to the tree indicating the tag(s) you're taking. Donations can be left by the tree and are due back by Sunday, Dec 1, but earlier is okay, too. Please return your tag along with your items, which can be left in the regular store shopping bags, as they will be sorted and organized before being distributed. Please email me at lindbladandrea@gmail.com or call me at 847-962-4807 with any questions or concerns. Peace and blessings!



Greening of the Church

On Sunday, Nov 24, stick around after the 10:00 service to be part of greening the church for Advent and Christmas. Afterward, we'll bask in the lovely glow of the lights and enjoy some cocoa!



Advent Wreath Lighters Needed

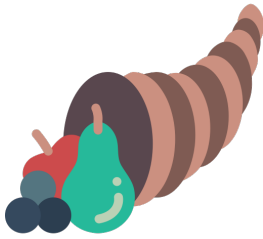
If you would like to light the Advent wreath on a Sunday in Advent, please sign up on the Signup Wall in the Parish Hall or email Rev. Dan during the week. As last year, the Wreath Lighters will also read to the congregation a very short meditation at the start of the service.



Coffee Hour Hosts

Thank you, everyone, for signing up for the last few slots on the 2019 coffee hour sheet. Your willingness to volunteer has just been wonderful for the entire year!

Now that we have had our planning session for the first half of the year, 2020 sheets will be available in the next couple weeks. Any questions, please contact Miriam Berry



Thanksgiving Service

Start your holiday by giving thanks to God with a simple yet delightful service on **Thanksgiving Day at 9:00am**.

Help Out

If you're available to serve (acolyte, usher, reader, etc.) at the Thanksgiving Day service, please sign up on the server sign-up sheet in the parish hall. If you'd like to serve in a role you haven't done before, please contact Susan O'Morchoe (susanom58@yahoo.com) in order to get training.



Wreath & Poinsettia Pickup

Thank you to everyone who graciously purchased items from the Scouts last Sunday!

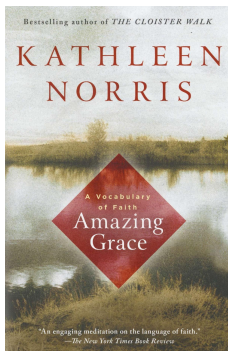
Note new dates: The wreaths and poinsettias will be available for pickup after services on **Sunday, Dec 1, and Sunday, Dec 8**. For more information, get in touch with Andy Dallstream (andyddall@gmail.com) or Annunciation parishioner Brian Penticoff (bapenticoff1742@gmail.com).



Lunch Bunch

On **Wednesday, Nov 27**, Lunch Bunch will meet at Timothy O'Toole's Pub, 10 W. Grand Ave, Lake Villa, at 1:00pm. This is O'Toole's newest location and features their "house made menu items including salads, pub favorites and desserts." Separate checks will be requested.

For reservations, contact Jane Schaefer at (224) 757-5436 or at cs.js@comcast.net before Tuesday, Nov 26.



Wednesday Morning Study Group

We are reading and discussing *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith* by Kathleen Norris. Our reading assignment for **Wednesday, Nov 20**, will start with "Imagination" on page 305 up to and including "Wickedness," ending on page 332. Come join us at 10:00am in the Adult Forum Room.

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Questions? Contact:

Miriam Berry (mamamastercard@comcast.net)

Deb Gallinger (deb gallinger1@gmail.com)



Fabulous Fourth Friday

Breakfast Items Now on Donation Sheets for Fall/Winter

You're invited to join in prayer, service, and fellowship on the 4th Friday of every month.

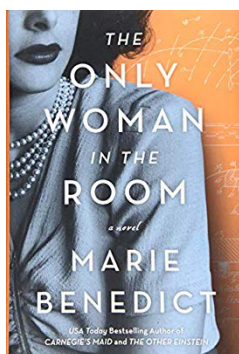
At 9:00am, we gather for Morning Prayer in the Chapel (and sometimes go out to breakfast right after).

At 11:30am, we make lunches for PADS, the homeless people in Lake County.

Can't be there on Friday? You can also help by donating the food or money for the meals. During the winter months we will also include fixings for their breakfast on Saturday morning. We have additional items to give.

Note: this month's Food is due this Sunday, Nov 17.

Signups for both worker bees and donations are on the Signup Wall. Questions? Contact Pam Myers (847-740-2206) or Christine Hughes (847-363-7303).



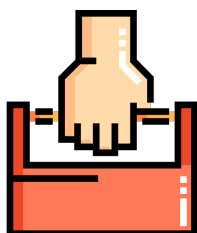
Book Club

November's book club selection is *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. The novel tells the story of young Jewish actress Hedwig Kiesler, who fled Austria for the U.S. in 1937. She landed in Hollywood and became screen star Hedy Lamarr -- and also a scientist whose groundbreaking invention revolutionized modern communication.

Book Club East | Monday, Nov 18 at 6:00p
Potesta's Pizza: 434 S Green Bay Rd, Gurnee

See the Signup Wall for more information.

Christmas book club potluck! This year, some members of the group are planning to make the event more festive with decorations and partyware, and if you want to come in your Christmas sweaters or PJs, that would be great! The format and activities are the same as in the past—appetizers and desserts, wine or whatever you want to bring to drink, the book exchange, the fun hilarious drawing game where we draw and guess categories, and the traditional reading of "The Night Before Christmas." Also, if you have books you have read and want to offer to others, please bring them along. Please join us and bring an appetizer or dessert to share.



Helping Hands

Though no longer an official activity of the Men's Group, Rev. Linda will still help you find help within the congregation for any work you might need help with in your home. If you're in need of minor repairs or labor, text or call her at (847) 340-3253.

Save the Dates

Nov 28 | Thanksgiving

Dec 8 | Cookie Walk

Dec 14 | Ornament Exchange

Dec 15 | Advent Lessons & Carols

Dec 22 | Advent Pageant

Dec 24/25 | Christmas

This Week's Calendar

Sun, Nov 17

Worship | 8:00am

Adult Forum | 9:15am

Worship | 10:00am

Tamil Language School | 1:00pm

Sunday Night Live | 5:00pm

Mon, Nov 18

Book Club East | 6:00pm

Tues, Nov 19

Cub Scouts | 6:00pm

Scouts | 7:00pm

Vestry Meeting | 7:00pm

Wed, Nov 20

Wed. Study Group | 10:00am

Knitting Group | 7:00pm

Fri, Nov 22

Morning Prayer | 8:00am

PADS Lunches | 11:30am

Sat, Nov 23

Feed My Starving Children | 9:00am

Sun, Nov 24

Worship | 8:00am

Adult Forum | 9:15am

Worship | 10:00am

Greening of the Church | 11:00am

Staying Connected

Rector Search Committee

[searchcommittee](mailto:searchcommittee@annunciationgurnee.org)

[@annunciationgurnee.org](mailto:searchcommittee@annunciationgurnee.org)

Parish News and Prayer Requests

Submissions due Mondays at noon

Send to [parishadmin](mailto:parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org)

[@annunciationgurnee.org](mailto:parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org)

Website Updates

Send to MarkRJohnson52@gmail.com

Food Tidings Meal Ministry

Surgery? New birth? If you need a little help with supper,

contact Samantha Robison:

Robison_Samantha@yahoo.com

During the week:

Pastoral emergencies: (773) 220-2562

The church office is open Wednesday and Thursday mornings.