

Annunciation is a place...
To be included
To be honest
To be empowered
To be challenged
To find hope



Annunciation of Our Lady

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Parish News

for the Week of Sunday November 27, 2022

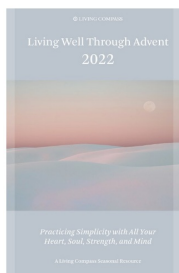
Worship Bulletin

1st Sunday of Advent

Click [here](#)

Christmas Poinsettias

Giving toward our Christmas flowers is a great way to honor a loved one and/or celebrate a blessing in your life. Donation forms and envelopes are on the Communications Center in the Narthex. Thank you!



Advent Devotionals

The Living Compass Advent devotionals are available on the Communication Wall.

From the introduction:

...Culture puts many demands on us this time of year, wanting us to complicate our lives by doing more, buying more, eating more, etc. Focusing on simplicity, especially a profoundly spiritual interior simplicity, is indeed counter-cultural. This makes it a perfect focus for Advent because the season of Advent itself is counter-cultural. So let us

embrace whole-heartedly the seasons of Advent, along with these reflections, as the support we need to practice simplicity in a way that will help us prepare us for the true meaning of Christmas.

Photo Directory

Tuesday, November 29, is the photo date for our new church directory. The photo times are from 2 PM through 8:30 PM. We will be using the rooms in the Sunday School wing for

check-in, photos and photo viewing. We will be using the exterior door from the parking lot into the Sunday School wing. There will be a sign directing you to the correct door.

We had said last week that we would give you some tips for your photo session. These are taken from the appointment flyer you received when you made your appointment. Just to be sure you have the tips, here they are:

CLOTHING: Solid colors work best and will make you look thinner.

HAIR: Be yourself and avoid changing your hairstyle or cutting your hair right before your session.

JEWELRY: If you have jewelry that has special meaning to you, wear it. (I plan to wear one of my necklaces from Madagascar, for instance.)

MAKE-UP: Apply make-up as you would normally for an evening out. Pay special attention to your eyes; they are the focal point in a portrait.

GLASSES: If you wear glasses all the time, you'll want to wear them in your portraits. Don't worry, the company will take care of any glare.

If you would like to be photographed with your pet, please feel free to bring him or her. Also, you can bring any props such as musical instruments, flowers, sports equipment, etc. if you would like.

After you have had your photos taken, you will have a short time to choose the picture to go into the church directory and your FREE OF CHARGE 8x10. You will also be able to order additional pictures, picture Christmas cards, etc. from Universal church Directories' long line of gift items if you would like. These will be back in time for Christmas giving and will be sent directly to your home. BUT remember, you DO NOT have to buy anything for these pictures to be taken.

Picture directories are very important for newcomers to cement in their minds who people are so we would like to thank you for being a part of the directory.

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Gallinger or Miriam Berry



Caring 4Kids

- Donations need to be in by **Sunday, December 4th** so they can be prepared for distribution.
 - Please note the tag you take on the sign-out sheet on the table next to the tree.
 - Donations can be dropped off in store bags, gift bags aren't necessary, and please do not gift wrap the items.
 - Items can be purchased at the store of your choice. Some favorites are Target, Kohl's, Old Navy, Walmart, and Amazon.
- Thank you, again, for your support. Any questions, please contact me at lindbladandrea@gmail.com or 847-962-4807.

Andrea Lindblad

Every year hundreds of children go without proper clothing. Caring for Kids Clothing is a non-profit organization that helps provide these children with the clothing they so desperately need. Since our beginning in 2010 Caring for Kid has helped outfit hundreds of children every year. We provide an immediate need in warm winter gear, school uniforms, everyday clothing, gym shoes, snow boots, socks, under garments and so much more.

Goods and services donations are especially welcome as we hold several fundraisers each season and can always make use of raffle prizes and silent auction items. You can make a difference in a child's life; even the smallest donation can make a difference!



Community Meals at Christ Church, Waukegan

Our next day of service is December 11, from 12:30 – 3:30. If you are interested in planning and preparing meals before these Sundays or pack and distribute meals on second Sundays, contact Deacon Anne.



PADS donations

If you would like to contribute to the ministry of PADS, we are currently in need of monetary support. Please note on the check or mark on the envelope, **PADS**.



Adult Forum

11/27 Episcopal 101: The Bible - What is God saying?
12/4 Episcopal 101: Sacraments and Sacramental Rites: Is it 2, 3, 4, 7, or 8?
12/11 Episcopal 101: How do we tell the Good News?

Join us for a multi-week exploration of the Episcopal Church including sacraments and sacramental rites, Daily prayer, The Bible: What does God Say, and Why is the Christian Life so important. This class is for anyone who would like to dive deeper into the life and practices of the Episcopal Church as well as those seeking Confirmation and Reception.



Cookie Walk!

COOKIE WALK - DEC 18
"Cookie Re-Connections"

The Holiday Cookie Walk is an "All Hands on Deck" event. Maybe you aren't a baker, and that's ok! There are many opportunities to jump in and help make this annual community event successful. Most importantly, we need lots of "Elves" after worship on event day to ensure operations are smooth, guests are helped quickly, & everyone is feeling festive! Additionally, we're hosting a new event this year... a Mass Production Cookie Decorating Night! We will provide the cookies for you to dip and sprinkle!

Follow this link to volunteer: Click [here](#) (there is also a hard copy signup in the parish hall, if you prefer).

We still need bakers! Please turn in your Baker Forms on the Cookie Walk HQ Wall in the parish hall or submit a digital form [here](#).

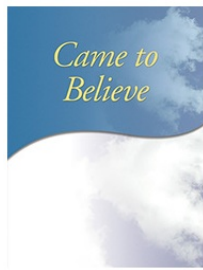
Please reach out to a Cookie Walk Team Member if you have any questions. We are so excited to be back this year!! Thank you for all of your enthusiasm with baking, advertising, & volunteering.

With gratitude... the '22 Cookie Walk Team (Samantha R, Deb G, Sue L, Elizabeth D, & Sandi H)

12@12 Service

This week we will be reading Chapter 2.

Click [here](#) (on AA.org) or [here](#) (on Amazon) to order.



Parish Life Corner

Thank you to Bob Coates and Tom Crafton for hosting coffee hour last Sunday.

This Sunday, Dale and Sandy Sander will be hosting to celebrate their anniversary. I betcha a nice cake will be awaiting us..

Our Annual Ornament Exchange is quickly approaching. Have you gotten your ornament yet???? I now have my ornament order which includes a really cute one for the Ornament Exchange. I know of one couple who buy their ornaments on their travels during the year which makes them extra special. Another friend of mine has ordered an ornament but it may not be delivered in time for December 10. If you have not gotten yours, please do so quickly.

For those who do not know what the Ornament Exchange is, let me tell you about this annual tradition. We all wrap an ornament in beautiful paper or gift bags and bring it along with an appetizer/dessert and something to drink (wine is very acceptable). We meet in the Narthex of the church and have some good food, some good drink and are initially instructed in the time tested rules of the Ornament Exchange. Each person is given a number and we start from number one choosing packages and oohing and aahing about each ornament. Like a white elephant party, stealing is not only expected but encouraged. The stealing gets funnier and funnier as the wine flows more and more. At the end, each person owns up to his or her ornament and tells where it came from. It gives us good ideas for the next year. Everyone who has attended, comes back the next year or laments missing it. This year it will be on Saturday night, December 10, from 7 to 9 PM...ish. We will have the white board sign up going this Sunday. Please clear your calendar, you won't want to miss this one!!!!

If you have any questions, please see Miriam Berry

[To sign up to host coffee hour, please click here.](#)

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Links to Zoom Worship for this Week

Sunday Worship

November 27, 2022 9:00am

[Join Sunday Worship](#)

Meeting ID: 854 2303 3118

Monday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 899 6756 6965

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Tuesday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 837 2223 9298

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Wednesday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 848 5595 0812

Passcode: 047321

Thursday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 811 9177 8341

Passcode: 917299

Friday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

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Meeting ID: 820 1881 2369

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Parish News and Prayer Requests
Submissions due Thursday morning.
Send to 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: 847-336-3730
The Church office is open by
appointment.

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