



Annunciation Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, November 17, 2024

Worship Bulletin

The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
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Happening this week:

- Sunday - Worship |9:00am
- Monday - Morning Prayer |8:30am on Zoom
- Tuesday - Morning Prayer |8:30am on Zoom, Scouts |7:00pm
- Wednesday - Morning Prayer |8:30am on Zoom, **Wednesday Study |10:00am**, Karate |6:00pm
- Thursday - Morning Prayer |8:30am on Zoom, Mah Jongg |12:00 pm
- Friday - Morning Prayer |8:30am on Zoom, Karate |6:00pm

Keep on the Calendar

November

17 26th Sunday after Pentecost |9:00am
Vestry |10:45 am
Tamil Palli |1:30pm
20 Lunch Bunch |12:30pm
24 Christ the King Sunday |9:00am
28 Thanksgiving Day |10:00am

December

1 1st Sunday of Advent |9:00am
Blood Drive |10:00-3:00pm
7 Community Meal prep |11:00am
Ornament Exchange |7:00pm
8 2nd Sunday of Advent |9:00am - Lessons and Carols
Tamil Palli |1:30pm
Community Meal |12:30pm
14 Cookie Walk Set-up
15 3rd Sunday of Advent |9:00am
Cookie Walk |10:30am-12:30pm

16 Vestry | 6:00pm
19 Blue Christmas | 7:00pm
22 4th Sunday of Advent | 9:00am
Tamil Palli | 1:30pm
24 Christmas Eve | 7:30pm
25 Christmas Day | 10:00am
29 1st Sunday after Christmas Day | 9:00am



Cookie Walk 2025!!

Sunday December 15, 10:30 – 12:30

Calling All Bakers! The baker cards are available on the communication wall. Please consider filling out one or more cards to provide cookies for the sale. You have until December 8 to submit your cards. If you are concerned about the amount of time this will take close to Christmas, please consider that many cookies can be made ahead and frozen for up to three months.

Volunteer to Help! There are a number of ways you can help to make the Cookie Walk a success. Please look at the signup sheets on the communication wall and sign up to help wherever you can.

Not Able to Bake? Please consider donating ingredients or money to the bakers to lessen some of their costs. A list of ingredients and envelopes for donations will be found on the communication wall.

Promote This Event! In the coming weeks we will be advertising on Facebook and other social media and you can help get the word out by sharing and promoting the posts that will be added to these platforms. Invite your friends and family and let your neighbors know about this great event.

Buy Raffle Tickets Starting November 17, raffle tickets for the 50/50 raffle will be sold during coffee hour. The tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for 5 tickets.



C4K Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is up in the Narthex! We will continue to support Caring 4 Kids Clothing again this season, now in its 14th year! Founder, Christine Thompson, is excited to be working with us again. This year we will sponsor 12 needy children by providing them with new clothes from head to toe, along with winter outerwear to keep them safe and comfy in the cold winter months. Miriam and I will be coordinating the effort so let us know if you have any questions.

Here's how it works. The tree will be decorated with tags including each child's name, age/grade, and sizes, along with their favorite colors and interests to make shopping easier, and more fun! There will be multiple tags for each child so hopefully you can find something to fit your budget. You don't have to provide "extras" like toys, books, games, etc., but you're certainly welcome to do so. Donations are due back by December 1st.

Next to the tree will be a table with sign out sheets for the tags you select. Please write your name in the corresponding space to help me keep track of the donations. **Save your tag, return it with your unwrapped items by December 1st and place them under the tree.** Not a shopper? No problem! Gift cards, cash, and checks made out to Annunciation will all be used to shop or disbursed to C4K.

Once all the donations are collected, Christine and I will meet at church to sort and package everything up in her signature purple bags. Everyone is welcome to participate, and we really have fun! Then, it's "Giving Day" when we spend a few hours at school and

the kids receive their items. It's a wonderful experience, and as her motto says, from your heart to their hands. I can tell you, their hearts are touched! Let me know if you would like to be part of the day so we can coordinate schedules.

Thank you for all you have done in the past, and in advance for what I know will be another great giving season! We ask that you do what is comfortable for you, because every little bit helps. Here's some information from the Caring 4 Kids website, but you can learn more by visiting yourself at www.c4kclothing.org.

What C4K is About and How You Can Help

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! Questions? Email me at lindbladandrea@gmail.com, or call me at 847-962-4807.



Greening of the Church

The Greening of the Church will be on November 24th after the service. Please join us for this annual decoration time. Christmas Carols will be played!!

Christmas Poinsettias

Giving toward our Christmas flowers is a lovely way to honor a loved one and/or celebrate a blessing in your life. Donation forms are in the bulletin. A suggested donation is \$25. Thank you!



Toys for Tots Volunteers needed

If you are interested, please talk with Deacon Anne



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Lay Licensure

Lay licensing is the process by which the Bishop grants formal and official permission to people who are not ordained to carry out certain ministerial acts in accordance with the Canons of the Episcopal Church. If you are interested, let any the clergy know.



Curb Appeal!

The Annunciation Neighborhood Team is looking at ways to make Annunciation a Neighborhood Center.

To increase our curb appeal we are planning to add color around the sign at the corner of Sterns School and Dilleys Rds. The first step will be to plant daffodil and tulip bulbs this fall. If you have or want to purchase some bulbs for this project please bring them in

by Nov. 17. There will be a box in the narthex. If you're interested in helping plant the bulbs, let me know.

Thank you, Pam Moore

Be Someone's Hero

Give Blood



The Church of the Annunciation of Our Lady Blood Drive

Community Room

5725 Stearns School Rd
Gurnee, IL 60031

**Sunday, December 1, 2024
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**



I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Our current study about a few saints has now been completed. We may choose some others to learn about in January and February until we are ready to jump into our Lenten study.

Today our discussions were far reaching. Besides talking about the first Native American Episcopal priest, Enmegahbowh, and Harriet Bedell, a deaconess who ministered to Native Americans, we discussed a lot of other things. The discussions ended up on the hierarchy of the Episcopal church, what makes a saint and other interesting questions.

Enmegahbowh was born in 1820 in a village outside Toronto to an Ojibwe chief and his wife. Their village had a lot of Methodist influences but Enmegahbowh became discouraged as an interpreter and looked for other things to do. He met an Episcopal priest who gave him a Book of Common Prayer and talked with him about Anglicanism. Later on, he became a deacon then a priest. He diligently worked for peace both between the tribes and the US Army. Peace was his main focus for the rest of his life.

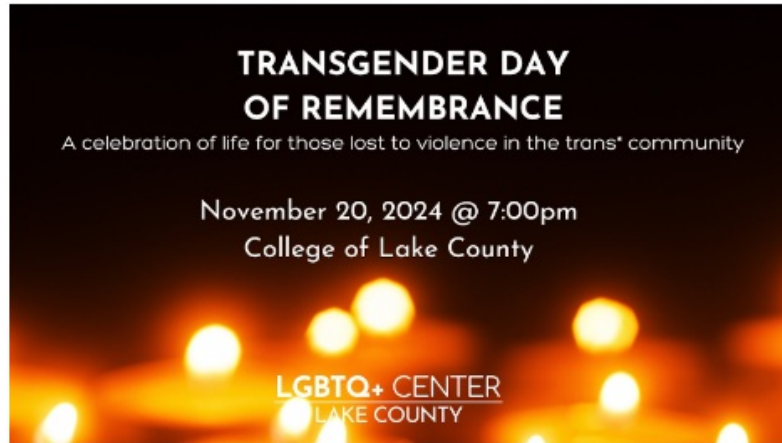
Harriet Bedell was born in Buffalo, NY in 1875. She became a deaconess (this word is no longer used, by the way!) and served the Native American tribes in Oklahoma, Alaska and especially the Seminole people in Florida. She spent thirty years living in the Blade Cross Mission and working with the Seminole tribe. She died at 94 years of age.

Next week, November 20, we will begin our Advent study using *An Advent Book of Days* by Gregory Kenneth Cameron. The author is the Anglican Bishop of St. Asaph in Wales and is an artist as well. We used his Lenten book *A Lenten Book of Days* for our Lenten study and it was well received. There are 25 short chapters each about a character of Christmas like St. Lucia, Herod, the Shepherds, the Ox & the Ass and others. We will read and discuss 6 chapters each Wednesday since they are short. We learned a lot of interesting things from the Lenten book so I am quite sure we will learn a lot from this one as well. Come join us on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM starting November 20. We will not have class on November 27 since it is the day before Thanksgiving and we will end on December 18.

Oh and we have coffee and treats each week as well. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Jenni or Miriam Berry.

Trans Memorial Day remembrance with the LGBTQI+ Center

Our connection with the LGBTQIA+ Center of Lake County is growing. Several members of our Annunciation Community served at our booth at Pride Fest and at the Grayslake Pride Parade in June. Pastor Jenni and Deacon Anne attended the open house at the Center recently. There is a very special event that would be wonderful for members of Annunciation to attend, the Trans Day of Remembrance on November 20 at CLC. Let Deacon Anne know if you would like to attend, so that we could go together to show our support of our LGBTQIA+ community as members of Annunciation.



Readings for this Sunday, 11/17

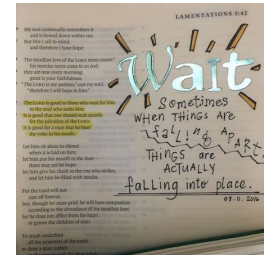
Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

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Community Meals

Mark your calendar for the next Community Meal, December 8th. Meal prep day will be December 7th. Any questions, please talk with Tom Crafton or Deacon Anne.



Parish Life

Thank you to Marge Hocking and Terry Kline for hosting coffee hour last week. Everything was very, very good. This week Linda and Tony Waynick will be hosting. Thank you in advance, Waynicks.

And now the BIG question....have you gotten your ornament yet???? The annual Ornament Exchange will occur on Saturday, December 7 from 7 - 9 PM. In case you don't know what our ornament exchange is all about, it is similar to a White Elephant

party. We all bring a beautifully wrapped ornament to the church along with drinks (wine is definitely appropriate) and appetizers or desserts. We have a short time to socialize and a break about halfway through the event for some more food and drinks. (The food, by the way, is REALLY good and there is normally lots of it!)

Someone. Debbie Rakestraw again this year, will instruct us in the proper way to handle ourselves at this auspicious event. After suitable instruction (no test involved), we will let the fun begin. Experience has shown that once you have attended the Ornament Exchange, you return every year. People are already letting me know that they have the ornament of the year. By the way, I have mine!!!!

So come join us on December 7; the signup sheet is up on the sign up wall.

The Nativity jigsaw puzzle that did not get finished last Advent will be out on the table in a week or two. It was about half finished so you puzzlers will have a few weeks to complete it.

If you haven't checked out the puzzle swap table, go on over. We are approaching Christmas and there are a huge number of really nice Christmas puzzles there.

If you have questions about coffee hour or other Parish Life events, please see Andrea Lindblad or Miiam Berry.



News from Fort Dauphin and the Friends of Toliara

Here is the latest words I have had on the possibility of selling Days for Girls (DfG) kits to UNICEF. First, I was wrong about the number of women a big contract from UNICEF could keep employed. That number is currently TWELVE. Here is the newest news on this front from Sue Babbs at St. James the Less. She sends out prayer requests to the church prayer network of which

I am a part, so I get this "stuff".

Thank you very much for your prayers. I heard today that there has been an encouraging response. There is currently some special activity happening through UNICEF in the area (Diocese of Toliara), which includes a measles vaccination drive and a youth conference. When these are over, they are inviting one or two women from Toliara to visit them and train them in the use of DfG kits. UNICEF will pay their expenses. Please pray that this will lead to orders of kits from the DfG Enterprise in Toliara.

It is cyclone season in the Southern Hemisphere, so please pray that no huge storms hit the island this year. So far, so good.

There are 12 kids who have been identified by Fidanana of the Education and Sponsorship department who are in need of sponsors for their schooling. To refresh your mind, for \$30 per month you would sponsor a child for his or her tuition, monthly fees, school supplies, medical checkups and uniforms (if necessary).

Even if you are not currently sponsoring a child in Madagascar, you can pray for them all. Please remember each of them in your prayers each day. If you notice, we pray for 5 different kids each week in the Prayers of the People so each month we name them all. They are all doing well in school but please pray for their safety since Madagascar is not a safe place, especially after dark!!!

If you have questions about child sponsorship or anything else about the "Great Red Island", please see Miriam Berry.

Annunciation Book Club

The schedule for the new year of book club gatherings is here!

[Click here to see the schedule and book list.](#)

We meet most months on the first Monday of the month, moving to the second Monday in holiday months. A highlight of our year is the book exchange and potluck in December.

The book list and schedule can be found on the communication wall at church, on the website or in the parish news. If you have any questions, please email [Deb](#).

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Monday Morning Prayer | 8:30am

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Meeting ID: 854 3455 6030

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Tuesday Morning Prayer | 8:30am

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Meeting ID: 828 3206 9054

Passcode: 528453

Thursday Morning Prayer | 8:30am

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Friday Morning Prayer | 8:30am

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To be empowered
To be challenged
To find hope

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