

IN GRATITUDE

Special thanks to the Johnson family (8am) and the Anderson family (10am) for hosting today's coffee hour!

Special thanks to Rev. Eileen for serving as our priest today!

SAVE THE DATES

Long John Sunday—January 13, 2019
 Annual Meetings — January 27, 2019 (One Service, 9am)
 Soup-er Bowl of Caring—February 3, 2019

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<p>SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 Worship — 8am Search Committee — 8am Worship — 10am Degreening — 11:15am Choir Rehearsal — 11:45am</p>	<p>THURSDAY, JANUARY 10 Bible Study — 7pm</p>
<p>MONDAY, JANUARY 7 Book Club West — 7pm</p>	<p>SATURDAY, JANUARY 12 Men's Group — 9am Tamil Group — 10am</p>
<p>TUESDAY, JANUARY 8 Cub Scouts — 6pm Boy Scouts — 7pm</p>	<p>SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 LONG JOHN SUNDAY! Worship — 8am Worship — 10am Choir Rehearsal — 11:45am</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9 Study Group — 10am Choir Rehearsal — 730pm</p>	

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE

Thank you for your financial generosity. Your pledges and contributions are essential for continuing the mission and ministries of the church.

	Received	Pledged	Net \$	Net %
First Quarter	\$52,396	\$52,335	\$61	0.12%
Second Quarter	\$50,734	\$52,335	(-\$1,601)	(-3.1%)
Third Quarter	\$47,090	\$52,335	(-\$5,245)	(-11.1%)
October	\$12,951	\$17,445	(-\$4,494)	(-34.7%)
November	\$15,634	\$17,445	(-\$1,811)	(-11.5%)
YTD #s	\$178,805	\$191,895	(-\$13,090)	(-9.3%)

STAYING CONNECTED

Office Hours — Week of Jan 6th:
 Tuesday: 9-12pm; Wednesday: 1-5pm

[If the front door isn't open/unlocked, please ring bell to the right of the front doors]

Parish News Deadline: Mondays at 12:00pm.
 Contact — parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org.

Magnificat Deadline: 20th of each month.
 Contact — jnpenticoff@sbcglobal.net

Website Updates:
 Contact — MarkRJohnson52@gmail.com

Director of Music:
 Westley Hodges — whodges@westleyhodges.com.

Treasurer:
 Deborah Bill — hailstonesailor@gmail.com

Food Tidings Meals Ministry:
 Contact — Robison_Samantha@yahoo.com

Wardens & Vestry: Maggie Attiyeh — Jr. Warden; Vestry members: Miriam Berry, Andy Campbell, Michael Chatlien, Beth Hagan, Cindy Hibbard, Andrea Lindblad, Susan O'Morchoe, Dan Whipple; Clerk of the Vestry - Charles O'Morchoe (non-voting).

If you have a pastoral emergency, please call or text Rev. Linda Lutter at 847-340-3253.



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Welcome to Annunciation! We are pleased that you've chosen to worship here today. Everything you need to participate in the service is in this bulletin or in one of the two hymnals in the pew rack in front of you. Congregational prayers and responses are indicated by **bold, italic** type. At communion time, we invite everyone — whether you grew up in the Episcopal church or not — to receive the bread and wine at the Lord's table.

Children are invited to participate fully in the service, as well — in the prayers, in singing, in communion. The more that kids can see, the more they'll feel part of the service, and so parents are encouraged to sit wherever their children can view the action the best. We recognize that kids can't always sit still for a full service, and we're not bothered by their rustlings or outpourings of energy. If you feel like you need to step out of the service for a moment, though, know that you'll still be able to see and hear the service from the narthex (entryway) area. Age-appropriate KidsWord activity sheets, which help explain the day's scripture readings, are available on the table by the church office.

If you are visiting here for the first time, please sign our guest register before leaving and know that you are welcome to join fellow worshipers at coffee hour in the Parish Hall following the service. If you would like to receive more information about Annunciation, or to receive the weekly parish news or monthly newsletter electronically, please include your email address in the guest register and/or email the church at parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SEARCHING FOR OUR NEXT RECTOR

The search committee (Brian Penticoff, Bill Hagan, Tony Waynick, Leanne Ulmer, Samantha Robinson, Ryan Mlynic, Darlene Campbell, Megan Dailey and Andy Hucker) has been commissioned by the Wardens, Vestry members, and Rev. Victor Conrado (of the Bishop's Staff, Diocese of Chicago) to go forth and identify our next Rector. What an exciting time for all of us at Annunciation!

The committee has been working on the items that are necessary for the search to be launched on the Diocese's website, and for us to begin accepting potential candidates. In the weeks to come, you will be hearing about the CAT (Church Assessment Tool), which is a survey that each parishioner will be asked to complete. This survey will provide us with 4 key areas of feedback: 1) A snapshot on the health of Annunciation, 2) A sense of where the parish thinks Annunciation should head in the future, 3) a description of Annunciation as a unique group of people, and 4) What Annunciation is looking for in our next Rector based on our collective experience with past Rectors (what did we like, what would we like to improve on).

The committee will also be updating our church profile. This is an instrument that will provide potential candidates with the background story of who we are as a parish. Essentially, the parish profile is like listing your house for sale where we want to present our parish community honestly and positively. The profile is our story to tell the world! Not everyone knows we are a congregation of YES! After the profile is completed and released to the Diocese, the committee will begin reviewing candidates who have expressed interest in our parish.

The committee is asking for your prayerful support throughout this process. We will be as diligent as we can to keep you informed as we proceed along this spiritual journey. Below, is the email address for everyone to be able to reach out to the search committee to ask questions, share their ideas, and/or concerns. All emails will be responded to by the search committee in a timely manner.

searchcommittee@annunciationurnee.org

OUTREACH UPDATE

Check out our communication wall and watch for the monthly Magnificat articles and more information about ongoing ministries and special events! If you have any questions or have ideas to share, please contact Sue Whipple.

PADS UPDATE

The mission of the program is to provide support, resources, and shelter to individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis. We will again offer our support as a parish to St. Mark Lutheran Church in Lindenhurst and we welcome you to join us! If you would like to learn more, please check out our communication board for more information. If you have any questions see Sue Whipple (site manager) or Carol Anderson (food coordinators.)

LONG JOHN SUNDAY

Wear them, share them, and eat them!!! Please join us on January 13th for a special coffee hour following both services as we celebrate our second annual Long John Sunday!! You're invited to wear your long johns, or just come and enjoy some delicious long john donuts and time together. It is also a wonderful opportunity to help others, so we will be accepting new donations of long johns and any underwear for men, women, and children for the St. Mark's Pads site and the Midwest Veteran's Closet. All colors and sizes are welcome, especially boxers and extended sizes. Thank you!

SOUP-ER BOWL OF CARING

You are invited to join us on Sunday, February 3 for the annual Soup-er Bowl of Caring. It is a wonderful opportunity to join others across the nation by donating a can of soup to help feed those less fortunate. If you would like to donate, please bring any canned or packaged soup and add it to our soup pyramid. We also welcome you to join us, following our 10am service, for a SOUPer coffee hour!! Whether your team is playing in the Super Bowl or not, wear your favorite NFL attire and come and warm your heart, and your belly by enjoying some tasty homemade soups and fellowship!! Although this day is a request for a special item, we continue to collect canned food items each week to benefit our local food pantry. Hope to see you!

BOOK CLUB

Book club will meet at Cheri Johnson's house on January 7th at 7:00pm. The book we will be discussing is *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. Thanks so much!

STUDY GROUP

Thursday Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 7pm to study the appointed scriptures for the following week.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SIGN-UP

Sign-up sheets for the Spring/Summer (March to May and June to August) liturgical ministry schedules are on the communication wall in Strang Hall. It is a good idea to check if your name is on the list or not, but you really only need to do anything about this if:

- you have not previously been on the liturgical ministry schedules and want to participate in this vital ministry (new and returning volunteers are always welcome), or
- you want to continue to serve in this vital ministry, but are unable to serve on any specific date(s).

Training (or retraining) is always available. The sign-up period will be from January 6 to January 27. Questions regarding liturgical ministry scheduling or responsibilities can be directed to Susan O'Morchoe (susanom58@yahoo.com).

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

There is an opportunity for children ages 6-13 to come sing in the Spring! The Children's Choir will be singing in our Palm Sunday service on April 14 and will rehearse three evenings before the service: 2-20, 3-13, and 3-17 at 6:00pm in the choir room. This is a great opportunity for children to learn more about the liturgy of our church and to learn more about music. Please contact Westley with any questions.

ADULT CHOIR

The Adult Choir will be rehearsing at 730pm on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. And, we would love to have new voices join us! The number one reason people say they don't want to join the choir is that they can't sing. Don't let that stop you! We are a loving community that welcome all voices and we have a great time learning the music of our liturgy. Come and join us! Please contact Westley with any questions.