



Annunciation of Our Lady

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Magnificat

May 2017

Important Date

May 12th - PADS - Lunches Start
May 13th - BINGO
May 13th - Church Work Day
May 19th - Turks Greenhouse
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Church Work Day



Spring Clean Up

Save the date - Saturday, **May 13** (May 20) is rain date) - beginning at 9am. Join forces with the Buildings & Grounds folks to spruce up the church, inside and out, for spring. Lots of jobs for everyone! We'll end our time together with a wonderful cookout. More details soon!

LET'S DO LUNCH - PADS SUMMER LUNCHES

Things change. The seasons come and go. Winter is over and spring is officially here with summer soon to follow. But some things are constant. One of those "constants" is the need for food.



In response, we will once again provide "bag lunches" for those in need during the summer months. Beginning in May we will gather at church on a monthly basis to make sandwiches and prepare lunch bags with other nutritious foods.

We will prepare 40 bagged lunches at **12:00 noon** on the second Friday of each month. Our assigned days are: **May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, and September 8**. Watch the Parish News and the PADS sign-up board for more details on how you can volunteer to help with this ministry. Volunteers and donations of peanut butter, bottled water, fruit cups, and chips/pretzels will be needed to help serve the needs of

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those confronted with hunger on a regular basis. So - let's do lunch!

PADS
LAKE COUNTY
Helping the Homeless Find a Way

For more information or to help, please contact Jane Schaefer at 224-372-7940 or at cs.js@comcast.net.

BINGO Night



It's not too late to make your reservations for the best Saturday night ever! Come to Annunciation Saturday, **May 13th**, from 6-9pm to play BINGO for prizes, and enjoy some great food and fun with fellow parishioners and friends! Sign up in the narthex. BINGO cars are \$5 each and proceeds will go to PADS and the capital improvement fund. Question? see Jane Friess.

Turks' Greenhouse - Spring Flowers

On **May 19, 20 and 21** make your way to Turks' Greenhouse in Grayslake to purchase your flowers, vegetables, planters, etc, for summer, and support Annunciation's Outreach ministries. 15% of purchases made at Turks during those 3 days will come back to Annunciation. Visit and shop as many times as you like, and present a copy of the Annunciation flyer each time, to record your purchase. Gift certificates may also be purchased to be used at a later date. Flyers are available at the Communication Center in the Narthex. Questions? Please see Gin Bosserman.



Important Reminder!!!



As you plan, shop and enjoy your summer adventures, please remember those less fortunate. We will be continuing to collect socks and underwear (**in all colors and sizes**) for men, women and children all summer. We would also appreciate any of your unused hotel toiletries and donations of travel sized items too. Thank you for your continued generosity!! If you have any questions, please see Sue Whipple or Terry Kline.

American Flags



What do you do with tattered American Flags?

- Through them in the garbage can - **NO**
- Put them in your recycling bin - **NO**
- Drop them off at your local fire dept - **Yes**

Best answer - Bring them to church and drop them in the FLAG box. Then come on Tuesday, June 13th @ 7 pm and participate in a service with the Boy Scouts to formally retire your flags.

Starbucks Food Donations



Come see what the youth put together on Sunday May 7th at the 10am service.

Sunday Night Live will start up again in Sept.



**Sunday's at 9:00 am
In the education room**

**We have GREAT discussions
Come join us**

Rector's Study Groups

The Rector's Study Groups - meet **Wednesday** mornings at **10am** and **Thursday** evenings at **7pm**.

Spring: Adam Hamilton's Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture.

Book Club 2017

The book clubs (East & West) will be getting together at the church on **Monday May 8 at 6 pm** for our semi-annual potluck of appetizer and desserts, along with some wine and conversation. If you have books you have read and want to offer for someone else's enjoyment, please bring them along. Everyone is welcome to join us - this year our award winning resident author, Ruth Chatlien, will release her latest novel, Blood Mood: a Captive's tale, and I expect it will be the highlight of our reading schedule. See you there!



Date:

Wednesday, 5/24/2017

Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm

Location: Lunch gathering for women of the parish at 1 pm. Location will rotate and date will



Interested in helping?

Thank you for your willingness to help feed those in need, and to make use of food that would otherwise go to waste! A number of parishioners have been trained. If you are interested in the support, see Deb Gallinger or Mike Bill and they can get you set up with a partner who is trained.

be 4th Wed of each month. For reservations contact Jane Schaefer at 224-372-7940 or at cs.js@comcast.net



Appalachia Service Project



Outreach Opportunity

What a GREAT week!

Watch the parish news for our presentation date.



Outreach

Opportunities

Feed My Starving Children

for I was
Hungry
and you
gave me food...
Matthew 25:35

If you would like to be a part of this ministry of feeding the hungry please join us. Mark your Calendars ... Here are the Saturday dates,

9:00 am to 11:00 am

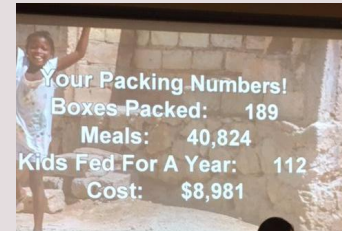
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Last Saturday every Month

God's Peace and Blessings! After the packing session for FMSC, Sat Dec 31 New Years Eve, there will be a New Years Eve Party for all the people who attend. The party will be just down the street from FMSC @ Deacon Linda's house. Please let her know if you are planning to volunteer that Sat and come to the party afterward. linda.lutter@hotmail.com or text/call @ 847-340-3253



A while back I was asked why didn't I "wash" my hands prior to serving the bread at the altar like Rev. Elizabeth does. Frankly I was not sure because that was not in our Deacon training curriculum. So I asked Rev. Elizabeth and she provided me with this information. She is not washing away germs over the Lavabo (the small silver bowl used to catch the water when poured over her hands) prior to communion she is preparing her heart for the consecration. It is an outward sign asking God to wash away her iniquity, create in her a clean heart ... she is preparing her heart for the consecration of the bread and wine. As for the germs we let soap, water, and hand sanitizer remove them.



RECAP



From Our Rector



Elizabeth Molitors

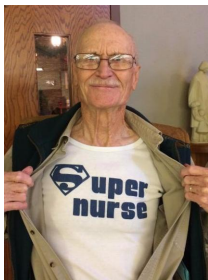
The author, Robert Fulghum, tells a story about how when his daughter was little, she would periodically offer him a small, crumpled bag that contained (he later learned) her treasures, bits and pieces of her life's flotsam: pebbles, seashells, hair ribbons, a marble, a few chocolate kisses. The first time she gave him the bag, he ended up discarding it in the trash along with the remains of his day's lunch, not realizing the value of what he'd been given. Like most adults, I suspect, he ascertained value primarily based on aesthetics, or monetary value, or usefulness. The items in his daughter's bag fit into none of those categories, and so he threw them away. Later, when he returned home, his daughter asked for her bag back. Her eyes filled with tears when he didn't immediately produce the bag, so afraid was she that he'd lost her special things. Fulghum learned, then, that value didn't derive only from usefulness or beauty, but from the intention of the giver. The crumpled bag of his daughter's treasures became a treasure for him because it came from her, given freely and with love.

At each week's worship, about halfway through the service, the bulletin announces The Offertory. The offertory starts off the second half of the service - Holy Communion, Liturgy of the Table, whatever you'd like to call it - and signals a shift in our attention from encountering God in God's word (in the readings, psalm, sermon, hymns, prayers) to encountering God at God's table. The "encounter" happens not only when we receive the consecrated bread and wine in our hands, but long before, at The Offertory. Our offerings take many different forms: the congregation sings a hymn or the choir leads an anthem in praise of

God; the cruet of wine and plate of bread are carried from the small table by the piano to the altar; the ushers pass the offering plates into which are deposited our checks and cash, and then the plates are brought forward. *All* of these things represent Us - our breath, our hands (making the bread, creating the wine), our labor, our time, our intellect - and we offer *All* of Us to God, like the little girl offered her crumpled bag to her dad. The things we offer are not things that God "needs" per se, and they are not things which we're required to give in order to attract God's attention or earn God's love. They are things we give because we can and want to give them. They are things we give in gratitude to the God who first gave them to us. And they are things in which God delights because they are treasures given by the people God adores, and are given freely and with love.

God's gifts and ours meet at the altar table.

NOTES FROM THE NURSE



Nurse's Week

National Nurse's Week is May 6 to 12. This year's theme is Nursing; The Balance of Mind Body and Spirit. Something to ponder. So find a nurse to hug!! (This one could use two.)

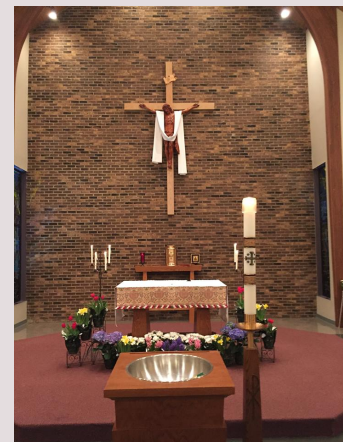
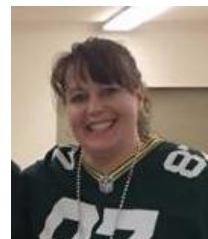
Summer is here!! Don't forget to use the sunscreen. The bigger the # the better. (Us old guys use the # to mean number not hashmark) The insect repellent goes on second. The ones that have DEET are recommended. Drink lots of H2O and have a lot of fun!!

From Our Vestry

Liaison to Hospitality
Andrea Lindblad

Alleluia! Ah, that feels good to say again! Easter has finally come, and what a celebration we had, and will continue to do so. I

grew up here at Annunciation and then became a regular parishioner again in 2010. My upbringing planted the seed, and now my return has allowed my faith to flourish. It's a very personal and glorious journey, one I'm so glad to be able to enjoy with all of you. For me, being part of *this* church family is one of the greatest joys of my life. It's why I agreed to be on the vestry. And one of the things that makes this church so great is our preparation for, and celebration of, Easter. Of course other churches do the same thing, I'm just sharing that I really enjoy how we do it here at Annunciation. From Fat Sunday through Easter Sunday service, I am especially filled with joy and anticipation. I tell people how much I love Lent and they say, "Really?" Yes, really! For me, it's a chance for a spiritual tune-up that I look forward to because there are so many wonderful opportunities to enrich and deepen my connection with God. Some years I've



participated in everything, some years just a few. But each year I learn and grow, and most importantly, feel God's love more and more.

It truly charges my soul and fills my heart more than words could ever say. That may sound corny, but for many years I went without that in my life. Through Annunciation, I found it again, and can't imagine life without it.

My vestry "assignment" as hospitality liason is propelling me to extend this same experience to you. Hospitality is more than our wonderful coffee hour, and I hope to make everyone who comes through our doors feel as welcome as I do. The hospitable atmosphere of this parish goes beyond feeling welcome and being well fed. It creates an environment conducive to growing your faith, taking ownership, and enjoying real fellowship. It's so much more than just going to church every Sunday morning. It fills me up and stays with me all week in my daily interactions with the world and God's people. It's what allowed my faith to grow and I hope it can be the same for you. Look for opportunities in the near future to participate in activities and share your feedback and ideas about how to grow your own faith.

From Our Sr. Warden

Deb Gallinger

While I was in Florida the people of Annunciation were continuously in my heart and my prayers, but I was not present to experience the worship and fellowship along with you. Now that I have been home for a month I realize how much I was missing. These past several weeks have reminded me how warm and comforting Annunciation is and how whole-heartedly we express and live into our faith.



Dent told us to buckle up when he arrived and I realize now what he meant. We were promised the marriage of innovative liturgy and language, inspiring music, and Reverend Elizabeth's meaningful sermons to create a full worship experience, and the result for me has been profound. I heard the multiple voices in the readings with renewed understanding and I was invigorated by the blending of Dent's innovation on the piano and organ with the moving voices of the choir. I felt the effect of these changes most powerfully at the Easter vigil, where the stirring music, creative readings and an inspirational sermon combined with an order of service that progressed from darkness to light and incorporated all of our senses. The result was breath-taking and inspiring.

Our worship was combined with warm fellowship, as we participated enthusiastically in the Agape dinner, and deep devotion, as we sat in quiet reverence while several of our fellow parishioners re-enacted the Passion of Christ on Good Friday.

We at Annunciation are the beneficiaries of a truly remarkable worship experience every week and many of the people in our communities deserve to share in this experience. Let us find ways to show our faith and hospitality to the world and welcome newcomers to partake of everything we have to offer.



