

IN GRATITUDE

Special thanks to Outreach for hosting today's coffee hour for Long John Sunday!

Special thanks to The Rev. Karen King for serving as our priest today!

SAVE THE DATES

Long John Sunday—January 13, 2019
 Craft Day — January 26, 2019
 Annual Meetings — January 27, 2019 (One Service, 9am)
 Soup-er Bowl of Caring—February 3, 2019

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<p>SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 LONG JOHN SUNDAY! Worship — 8am Worship — 10am Choir Rehearsal — 11:45am</p>	<p>THURSDAY, JANUARY 17 Bible Study — 7pm</p>
<p>MONDAY, JANUARY 14 Search Committee — 7pm</p>	<p>FRIDAY, JANUARY 18 PADS Cooking — 2pm Tamil — 6:30pm</p>
<p>TUESDAY, JANUARY 15 Cub Scouts — 6pm Boy Scouts — 7pm Vestry — 7pm</p>	<p>SATURDAY, JANUARY 19 Men's Group — 9am Tamil Group — 10am</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16 Study Group — 10am Knitting Group — 7pm</p>	<p>SUNDAY, JANUARY 20 Worship — 8am Worship — 10am Choir Rehearsal — 11:45am</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 13th:
 Tuesday: 9-12pm; Wednesday: 9-12pm

[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.

Search Committee — searchcommittee@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:
 Jane Penticoff and Stan Gallinger — treasurer@annunciationgurnee.org

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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**Annunciation
 of Our Lady**
 EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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:

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Happy New Year, Annunciation! The search committee hit the ground running at the start of 2019, refreshed from a brief holiday break and ready to take on the tasks ahead of us. We will be conducting Progress Update Sessions on Sunday, January 20. There are two opportunities to join us and engage with the committee as we discuss where we are in the process of searching for our next rector. Sessions will be held at 9:00am (during Adult Forum) and 11:15am (immediately following the 10:00 am service).

There will also be a visual "at a glance" timeline displayed at church so that our parish community can clearly see the steps of our search process and what the current status is on any given Sunday.

We welcome your questions and comments along the way! Please email us at any time at searchcommittee@annunciationgurnee.org

ANNUNCIATION SERVICE PROJECT

Over the last several weeks, parishioners were surveyed to gauge interest in participating in the Annunciation Service Project and to determine whether we consider a service project closer to home (as suggested by Outreach) or should we continue to travel to Appalachia to support the Appalachia Service Project. Based on the survey results and discussion at the meeting on January 6th, the congregation decided to participate in a service project with Habitat for Humanity of Lake County.

With the project closer to home, more of our parishioners have expressed interest in volunteering. We are planning to work a Friday and Saturday, either in late May or early June. Be on the lookout for more information shortly! Please contact Megan Dailey or Cindy Pullinger with questions.

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.

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!

STUDY GROUP

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

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.

WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Wednesday morning study group is continuing with our study and discussions of *My Grandfather's Blessings* (Stories of Strength, Refuge and Belonging) by Rachel Naomi Remen, MD. We plan to meet each Wednesday during January and February. We will break during Lent so we can give the Lenten Series our full attention. We will start back up after Easter.

We rotate the facilitator role through the group as well as the provider of snacks. So each week, a different person will lead the discussions and another person will provide the snacks.

A schedule of the readings is on the communications wall in the Narthex. Since each chapter is only a few pages long and stands alone, you can join us at any point. We meet at 10am in the Adult Forum room and this is a group well attended by both men and women. If you have any questions, please contact Miriam Berry.

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).