

ANNUNCIATION PARISH NEWS

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This Week's Calendar

Sunday, February 18 - First Sunday in Lent

Worship - 8am
 Adult Forum - 9am (Sue/Simon Babbs)
 Sunrise Ministry - 9:15am (offsite)
 Worship - 10am
 Confirmation Class - 11am
 Sunday Night Live - 5pm

Monday, February 19

Book Club East - 6pm (offsite)

Tuesday, February 20

Vestry Meeting - 6:30pm (offsite)
 Boy Scouts - 7pm

Wednesday, February 21

Lenten Potluck Supper & Program - 6:30pm

Friday, February 23

Morning Prayer - 7am
 Stations of the Cross - 7pm

Saturday, February 24

Feed My Starving Children - 9am

Sunday, February 25 - Second Sunday in Lent

Worship - 8am
 Adult Forum - 9am
 Sunrise Ministry - 9:15am (offsite)
 Worship - 10am
 Confirmation Class - 11am
 Tamil Language School - 11am

Sunday Night Live! - Sunday, February 18



Join us for our once-a-month evening Sunday School program today, **Sunday, February 18, beginning at 5pm.** We'll be joined by our special guests, Sue and Simon Babbs, talking about their mission word in Madagascar. Education hour from 5-6pm, a special Malagasy meal at 6pm, and Eucharist at 6:30pm. Parents/grandparents are welcome to sit in for the whole evening, and share in the meal and Eucharist, as well. Questions? Please see Maggie Attiyeh or Rev. Elizabeth.

A Note about music in Lent



In Lent, we are going to simplify some of the accompanying instruments we use so we can celebrate our voices and truly hear the words of the hymns we are singing. Music is a huge part of the liturgy - well, it is the liturgy. What do we say liturgy is? The work of the people. In Lent, we will rely on our voices to carry the music. But, don't fear—there will still be piano and organ, just not as present as other seasons. - Westley

(to read Westley's full article re: Lenten music, see the February Magnificat.)

Outreach News



Feed My Starving Children:

Come make a difference in the lives of children suffering from famine and natural disasters. This Saturday, February 24, is our time to pack shelf-stable food at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville, beginning at 9am. Children (with parents) and adults are welcome. Questions? See Deacon Linda Lutter.

Thank You!



Today's Coffee Hour Hosts: 8am - Jan Harastany, Dottie Herdliska; 10am - OPEN



The Sanctuary candle is offered today by Molly and Todd Shumate in thanksgiving for 23 years of marriage, and by Betsy and Pat Donegan in thanksgiving for Erin's birthday.

A Thank You from Rev. Shay Craig: "My Dear Annunciation Family: Imagine my surprise when I received the very generous "going away" gift. I am moved and humbled by your thoughtfulness and generosity. You have been and continue to be a place that exemplifies God's abundant love. You are, and will always be, a congregation that I think of as home. Very sincerely, Shay."



Wednesday Night Lenten Program - *begins 2/21*

Join us on Wednesday evenings this Lent for a potluck soup and salad supper, followed by a program and discussion. On February 21 and March 21, we'll be looking more deeply at some of the scriptures of Lent. On February 28, March 7, and March 14, we'll be joined by local therapist/counselor, Sue Panger, who will be talking about False Guilt (see below for more information). The supper begins at 6:30pm, with the program following, from 7-8pm. Sign-up sheets for people to contribute soups, salads, etc., and to help with setup/cleanup, can be found on the communication wall in the parish hall. Questions? See Rev. Elizabeth (re: program) or Mike or Deb Bill (re: supper).

False Guilt: On three consecutive Wednesdays, February 28th, March 7th, and March 14th, Sue Panger will be presenting on the topic of False Guilt. As Lent is a time when we look inward to discern where we have sinned and to repent for these sins, Sue will encourage a different self examination. What is False Guilt? Do we as Christians perhaps carry unnecessary burdens by feeling guilty when we have done nothing wrong? With active participation, small group discussions, and a look into Scripture, Sue will invite you to look at how we are raised as Christians to feel guilt as a state of being rather than a careful journey toward personal responsibility and growth. The discussions will begin at 7 pm with a light supper preceding at 6:30.

Lent & Easter at Annunciation

Schedule of Worship, Events, Education

Sunday, February 18 - First Sunday in Lent - services at 8am and 10am

*** Wednesday, February 21 - Lenten Supper and program - 6:30pm*

Friday, February 23 - Morning Prayer - 7am; Stations of the Cross - 7pm

Sunday, February 25 - Second Sunday in Lent - services at 8am and 10am

*** Wednesday, February 28 - Lenten Supper and program - 6:30pm*

Friday, March 2 - Morning Prayer - 7am; Stations of the Cross - 7pm

Saturday, March 3 - Lenten mini-retreat, 8:30am-12noon

Sunday, March 4 - Third Sunday in Lent - services at 8am and 10am

*** Wednesday, March 7 - Lenten Supper and program - 6:30pm*

Friday, March 9 - Morning Prayer - 7am; Stations of the Cross - 7pm

Sunday, March 11 - Fourth Sunday in Lent, services at 8am and 10am

Sunday, March 11 - Evensong, with reception to follow - 6pm

*** Wednesday, March 14 - Lenten Supper and program - 6:30pm*

Friday, March 16 - Morning Prayer - 7am; Stations of the Cross - 7pm

Sunday, March 18 - Fifth Sunday in Lent, services at 8am and 10am

*** Wednesday, March 21 - Lenten Supper and program - 6:30pm*

Friday, March 23 - Morning Prayer - 7am; Stations of the Cross - 7pm

Sunday, March 25 - Palm Sunday, services at 8am and 10am

Thursday, March 29 - Maundy Thursday, service with Agape feast, 7pm

Thursday, March 29 thru Friday, March 30 - altar of repose, 9pm thru 12 noon

Friday, March 30 - services at 12 noon and 7pm

Saturday, March 31 - The Great Vigil of Easter, 8pm with reception following

Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday, service at 10am

Saturday Lenten Prayer Morning



A Lenten morning will be held at Annunciation on **Saturday, March 3rd**. The morning will begin at 8:30 with coffee and conversation, then continue with prayer and reflection from 9:00am until noon. Please join us to spend this time to discover a deeper relationship with our Lord. If you will be attending this Lenten morning, please sign up on the sheet provided on the communication wall in the parish hall. Please call, text, or email Linda Lutter with any questions, 847-340-3253 OR lindalutter@hotmail.com.

Let's Do



Lunch Bunch, etc.

Lunch Bunch, Etc. will have lunch at Tina G's Cafe, 10 Park Street, Mundelein, on **Wednesday, February 28 at 1:00 p.m.** This restaurant advertises an upscale, "outside the box" menu of salads, sandwiches and pasta. All women of the parish are invited. Separate checks will be requested. If you plan to attend,

please contact Jane Schaefer at 224-757-5436 or atcs.js@comcast.net before Monday, February 26.

Music at Annunciation: Choral Evensong - Sunday, March 11, 6pm



Join us for a service of prayer and song on Sunday, March 11 at 6pm, with a festive reception to follow. Invite your friends and neighbors to experience the sacred beauty of sung Evening Prayer.

Appalachia Service Project - Warmer, Safer, Drier



For the fourth year in a row, Annunciation is sending a team to Appalachia to help make someone's home *warmer, safer, drier* (the tagline for the Appalachia Service Project organization). Trip dates are Saturday, April 14 thru Saturday, April 21. If you are interested in being part of the crew and want to learn more, please contact Rev. Elizabeth (emolitors@yahoo.com or call/text 847-727-0862). Whether you are a skilled tradesperson or a complete novice when it comes to home repair, your gifts are welcome - all you need is a willingness to learn and try! We are getting close to our commitment date, of needing to tell the ASP staff our group size and skill set, so please get in touch soon!

Staying Connected:

Office Hours - Week of February 19: Monday - Presidents Day, office closed; Tuesday, 9am - 2pm; Wednesday, 11am - 1pm, 6:30pm - 8pm; Thursday, 9am - 11:30am; Friday, 9am - 12 noon

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Parish News Deadline: Wednesdays at 12noon. Contact - emolitors@yahoo.com

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

Website Updates: Contact - MarkRJohnson52@gmail.com

To make an appointment with the rector: emolitors@yahoo.com or call/text - 847-727-0862

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

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

Wardens & Vestry: Mike Bill - Sr. Warden; 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. Elizabeth at 847-727-0862.