
ANNUNCIATION PARISH NEWS

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This Week's Calendar

Sunday, July 22

Worship - 9am
Sunrise Ministry - 9:15am (offsite)

Tuesday, July 24

Boy Scouts - 7pm

Wednesday, July 25

Lunch Bunch - 1pm
Music Lessons - 3pm

Thursday, July 26

Holocaust Museum Outing - 9am (offsite)
ATOMA Youth Group party + bonfire - 7pm

Friday, July 27

Morning Prayer - 9am
PADS Lunches - 12noon

Saturday, July 28

Feed My Starving Children - 9am (offsite)

Sunday, July 29

Worship - 9am
Sunrise Ministry - 9:15am (offsite)



Labyrinth - Eagle Scout Project: *Come & See!!*

Matthew Adamski, a member of Boy Scout Troop #627, is just putting the finishing touches on the prayer labyrinth he has created as his Eagle Scout project. Please stop by to see it - it's right next to the prayer garden Merritt Penticoff created a few years ago as his Eagle Scout project. (If there are stakes and string still up, please don't walk the path, as that's an indication that construction is still underway.) The labyrinth will be blessed and dedicated later this summer; look for more details about that later. *Again, many thanks to Matt, his parents, his crew of volunteers, and the troop leaders of Troop #627 for this great addition to our church grounds.*

Save the date for these upcoming events:

- **Parish Picnic** - Sunday, August 26th. Worship at 10am, with picnic to follow. Please plan to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Look for sign-up sheets soon to help with setup, cleanup, etc.
- **Blessing of Backpacks/Bags/Briefcases** - Sunday, September 9 - as we kick off the new program year, bring your backpack or bag or briefcase or whatever you carry with you to school or work, and we'll ask God's blessing on the work you do in the world.

In Gratitude ...

Today's **Coffee Hour Host:** 9am - Mlyniec family

Today's **Sanctuary Candle** is offered by the Whipple family in memory of Danny Larsen

Thank you - in advance - to **Pam Harmon Herbert** for providing musical leadership on Sunday, July 29th (Betsy Donegan and Westley Hodges will be at the Mississippi Music Conference) and to **Rev. Jane Schaefer** for filling in while Rev. Elizabeth is on vacation in Michigan.



Outreach News

Save the date - August 12th - Gurnee Parade 12noon Annunciation, in conjunction with Boy Scout Troop #627, will once again be part of the Gurnee Days Parade. This is a great opportunity to wear your Annunciation attire and walk with us or sit along the parade route and cheer us on! Please join in the fun during coffee hour on July 29th as we decorate our "Celebrating The Decades" signs and fill the gift bags we will distribute during the parade.

Check out ongoing Outreach information on the Communications Wall and in the Magnificat for updates and ongoing ministry opportunities and special events!! Please see Sue Whipple, Deb Gallinger or Miriam Berry for questions.

Parish Choir Fall Retreat



Do you have an interest in singing or music and would like to try singing in our parish choir? Our rehearsals start back in September and to get us ready we are having a Fall Retreat. Join us at church on Saturday, September 8, 2018, from 8:30am - 2:00 pm for a time of prayer, learning, and fellowship. This is a great time to see how we rehearse, meet the people who are already in the choir, and learn a little bit more about singing. We are honored to have Russ Boulton from First Federated Church in Peoria, IL as our guest clinician for this retreat. If you have more questions or you would like to R.S.V.P to this event, please email Westley at whodges@westleyhodges.com.

Music lessons with Westley



Westley will be resuming piano, voice, and/or organ lessons in August at Annunciation on Wednesday afternoons. If you or anyone you know is interested in taking lessons from Westley, please contact him at whodges@westleyhodges.com.

Lunch Bunch, Etc.

Lunch Bunch, Etc. will meet on Wednesday, July 25 at 1:00 p.m. By request we are returning to RJ's Eatery, 1913 E. Grand Avenue, Lindenhurst, where, weather permitting, we will enjoy lunch served on the screened porch with a view of Sand Lake. 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 at cs.js@comcast.net before Monday, July 23

Fabulous Fourth Friday - July 27th

9:00 am Morning Prayer

9:45 Breakfast at Bakers Square

12noon: Make lunches for PADS (Providing Advocacy, Dignity, and Shelter) for the Homeless and Hungry

Come join us for one, two, or all three of the events. Starting your morning off with prayer is always a good way to start your day. A good breakfast with fellowship is always enjoyable. And helping to feed the hungry is a good thing ... win, win, win ... Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. PADS Lunch sign-up sheets for July 27th are on the Communication Board in the Parish Hall. Donate food, money, and/or your lunch preparation talent! Contact Deacon Linda with any concerns or questions. Text or call, 847-340-3253 or email, lindalutter@hotmail.com.

Adult Education Outing: Thursday, July 26th



Join us as we visit the **Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie, on Thursday, July 26th**. We'll meet at Annunciation at 9am, and then carpool together to the museum. After spending 2 or 3 hours at the museum, we'll make our way to a local restaurant for lunch. Please RSVP to Rev. Elizabeth if you're planning to attend.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY** SIGN-UP

Sign-up sheets for the Fall/Winter (September 2018 to February 2019) liturgical ministry schedules are on the communication wall in the Parish 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:

- 1) 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,
- 2) 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 July 8 – July 29. Questions re: liturgical ministry scheduling or responsibilities can be directed to Susan O'Morchoe (susanom58@yahoo.com) or to Reverend Elizabeth.

*** Liturgical ministries include: Acolytes and crucifers, readers (1st or 2nd reading, prayers of the people), chalice bearers, ushers.*

YES Concert tickets

The Annunciation outing to Ravinia to see the band, YES, will take place Friday, September 7. Bill Hagan has procured the tickets for all who expressed interest in attending. You should have received an email from Bill with a request for payment. If you have questions about your tickets or the logistics for the evening, please contact Bill Hagan.

All Request August - check the list for your request!

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the request for our inaugural "All Request August" at Annunciation. If you submitted a song, please check the list for it so you know what Sunday it lands on. The songs will be done

as congregational songs, choir anthems, solos, or instrument preludes or postludes. Again, thank you for all of your contributions and I look forward to a fun August singing all of our favorite songs!

Peace - Westley Hodges



Financial Giving Update:

Giving Statements through the end of June are available on the Communication Center in the narthex. Please pick up your statement to help us manage postage costs.

	Received	Pledged	Net \$	Net %
First Quarter	\$52,396	\$52,335	\$61	0.12%
Second Quarter	\$50,734	\$52,335	(-\$1,601)	(-3.1%)
YTD #s	\$103,130	\$104,670	(-\$1,540)	(-1.5%)

Staying Connected:

Office Hours - Week of July 22:

Tuesday: 9am - 1pm; Wednesday: 9am - 12noon; Thursday: 3-4:30pm

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

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.

Treasurer: Deborah Bill - hailstonesailor@gmail.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.