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Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, November 19, 2023

Worship Bulletin

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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Rooted in Abundance Stewardship Campaign

Sunday will be our in-gathering and celebration of our stewardship campaign! If you haven't turned in your pledge and ministry cards, please bring them on Sunday and put them in the offering plate. We will bless our promises of support for the parish for the coming year at the offertory.

Thank you to everyone for prayerful contemplation of your gifts to the parish!

COOKIE WALK

December 17, 2023

Lucky #7! Can you believe this is our 7th Cookie Walk? We've learned so much over time, and our event just keeps getting better and better!

BAKERS: Please submit your BAKER FORMS by Thanksgiving. They are available in hard copy at church or digitally through this [link](#).



We have a new goal this year... more varieties! A takeaway from last year was that we can do a better job of minimizing duplicate recipes. A running list of committed cookies will be published weekly. Look for that information (as well as recipe ideas!) on the communication board in the hall and on Facebook via the "Annunciation Connected at Home" group. Questions about baking can be directed to Samantha Robison.

MARKETING: Spreading the word about the Cookie Walk is also a fantastic way to get involved in supporting this ministry. You can share the Facebook event and send invitations to your friends. We will also have small postcards that you can take and give to your coworkers, neighbors, etc.

RAFFLE: We're bringing back the raffle! A group of volunteers are actively seeking donations around town of goods, services, and gift certificates. Our committee will use those donations to create gift baskets. If you know anyone who owns a business and would be interested in donating, please speak with Deb Gallinger.

Thank you for your enthusiasm... let's get this Holiday Season underway!

1	<i>Baklava</i>	Elizabeth Danos
2	<i>Chocolate Chip Cookies</i>	Stacy Miller
3	<i>Chocolate Covered Pecan Pie Balls</i>	Elaine O'Neil
4	<i>Christmas Swirl</i>	Sue LaMagdeleine
5	<i>Cranberry Bliss Bars</i>	Jane Schaefer
6	<i>Cranberry White Chocolate Macadamia Cookies</i>	Tom Crafton
7	<i>Cream Wafers</i>	Deb Gallinger
8	<i>Decorated Sugar Cookies</i>	Samantha Robison
9	<i>Double Chocolate Chip Candy Cane Kiss Cookie</i>	Stacey Wallace
10	<i>Dunked Rice Krispie Cookie</i>	Sue LaMagdeleine
11	<i>Festive Macaroons</i>	Stan Gallinger
12	<i>Ginger Snaps</i>	Susan O'Morchoe
13	<i>Gingerbread Cookies</i>	Stacy Miller
14	<i>Italian Christmas Cookies</i>	Laura O'Connor
15	<i>Mint Chocolate Chip Cookies</i>	Laura O'Connor
16	<i>Mint Chocolate Meringue</i>	Gin Bosserman
17	<i>Oatmeal Raisin Cookies</i>	Stacy Miller
18	<i>Old Fashioned Caramels</i>	Beth Hagan
19	<i>Old Fashioned Mincemeat Bars</i>	Deb Modde
20	<i>Peanut Butter Blossoms</i>	Andrea Lindblad
21	<i>Raspberry Angel Bars</i>	Jane Schaefer
22	<i>Rolo Cookies</i>	Pondeliks
23	<i>Santa's Whiskers</i>	Jane Schaefer
24	<i>Scotch Crispies</i>	Jane Penticoff
25	<i>Spritz Christmas Trees</i>	Carol Anderson
26	<i>Sugar Cookies</i>	Stacy Miller
27	<i>Three Layer Brownies</i>	Pam Moore
28	<i>Coffee Squares topped with Chocolate</i>	Sandi Hucker
29	<i>Twix Cookies</i>	Will Hagan
30	<i>White Chocolate Raspberry Bars</i>	Pam Moore

Publicity Committee

We are looking for volunteers to join with the Wardens and Rector to form a publicity committee to start working on spreading the good news of our parish. If you are interested, please speak with Charles O'Morchoe or Pastor Jenni.

Readers and Wreath lighters for Advent

Our practice during the Advent season is to invite members of the congregation to read the opening meditation and light the candles of the Advent wreath. If you would like to do this part of our Advent services, please let Pastor Jenni know. You will get a copy of the meditation and instructions for lighting the candles.

Journeying Through Grief

Elizabeth Danos has order forms for the booklets in the Journeying Through Grief series from Stephen's Ministries. The forms will be available on the Communication Wall.



Beginning of Advent Fest

Our day of preparing for Advent will be Sunday, December 3, following the service. Pam Moore is heading up this new intergenerational event. Come join her in creating traditional items like the Advent wreath, Advent chains, and ornaments with a twist. This would be a great time to bring your kids or grandkids!



Spaghetti Supper Update

Thank you so much to everyone who led and worked the spaghetti supper last Saturday. The parish hall looked beautiful, the sauce was excellent, and the servers were very attentive. We are waiting on final numbers, however the evening was outstanding! Thank you Scouts, Men's Group, and Hospitality!

Photo Consent for Parish Publications

We have a new photo consent form for the Parish. You can download and print a copy of the form [here](#) and return it to the office.

Also, you can fill the form out electronically, [here](#).

It is the goal to have everyone in the parish provide your preferences for you and/or your children. Please fill it out as soon as possible.

C4K Giving Tree

Coming soon . . . The Giving Tree in the Narthex! We'll continue to support Caring 4 Kids Clothing again this year through the Giving Tree ministry. Founder, Christine Thompson, is excited to be working with us again this year and very much appreciates our



donations. I have participated in "Payday" as she calls it when we go to the school to distribute the donations. It is a truly wonderful experience to see the kids' faces when they receive the items we donate. As her motto says, from your heart to their hands. And I can tell you, their hearts are touched! This year we'll sponsor 12 needy children by providing them with new clothes from head to toe, along with winter outerwear to keep them safe and comfy in the cold winter months. Miriam and I will be coordinating the effort so let us know if you have any questions.

Here's how it works. The tree will be decorated with tags including each child's name, age/grade and sizes, along with their favorite colors and interests to make shopping easier, and more fun! There will be multiple tags for each child so hopefully you can find something to fit your budget. You don't have to provide "extras" like toys, books, games, etc., but you're certainly welcome to do so.

Next to the tree will be a table with sign out sheets for the tags you select. Please write your name in the corresponding space to help me keep track of the donations. Save your tag, return it with your unwrapped items by December 10th and place them under the tree. Not a shopper? No problem! Gift cards, cash, and checks made out to Annunciation will all be used to shop or disbursed to C4K. Once all the donations are collected, Christine and I will meet at church to sort and package everything up in her signature purple bags. If you'd like to participate, let me know, it's really a lot of fun!

Thank you for all you've done in the past, and in advance for what I know will be another great giving season! We ask that you do what's comfortable for you, because every little bit helps. Here's some information from the Caring 4 Kids website, but you can learn more by visiting yourself at www.c4kclothing.or.

What C4K is About and How You Can Help

Every year hundreds of children go without proper clothing. Caring for Kids Clothing is a non-profit organization that helps provide these children with the clothing they so desperately need. Since our beginning in 2010 Caring for Kid has helped outfit hundreds of children every year. We provide an immediate need in warm winter gear, school uniforms, everyday clothing, gym shoes, snow boots, socks, under garments and so much more. Goods and services donations are especially welcome as we hold several fundraisers each season and can always make use of raffle prizes and silent auction items. You can make a difference in a child's life; even the smallest donation can make a difference! Questions? Email me at lindbladandrea@gmail.com, or call me at 847-962-4807.

Actions for Peace and Justice

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Since the attack by Hamas on Israel on October 7, many people have died, been injured, been displaced, and are suffering. Pray for the people who have died or are suffering in Gaza and Israel. Pray also for an end to this war and for a lasting peace.

We could use this litany for the Holy Land written by The Rev. Leyla Kamalick King, a Palestinian-American priest based in Texas. [Here is a link for this prayer.](#)

Practicing an attitude of hope and joy as we see a suffering world is a form of prayer and

of resistance. Song can stimulate this attitude, since it touches the heart. Here is such a song, [One Day](#).



Wednesday and Sunday Study

We have just one more class before we will have completed our study of the Acts of the Apostles. We have been focusing on Paul these past few weeks. Our total of 20 people is still holding and everyone is enjoying the class. We have lots of questions which is good and everyone says they are learning a lot. This week we went to Rome with Paul and long the way we were shipwrecked on Malta. Luckily, there was another grain ship from Alexandria in port so Paul, Luke, the Centurion Julius and many other people could take that ship close to Rome then walk the rest of the way on the Appian Way. The biggest reason why they shipwrecked was that they were sailing on the Mediterranean during the "wrong"

time of the year. The safest time to sail the Mediterranean was May through September when the skies were clear. From October to March, the skies were normally overcast making it impossible to use a Sexton to navigate. Paul's ship was out there in October but would have probably been alright had they not gotten hit by a huge storm that lasted for two weeks and pushed them way off course. They got hung up on a sandbar approaching Malta and the ship went down. Everyone was saved, however. We also started learning about the Epistles Paul wrote to give inspiration and help to the early churches he had helped to "plant".

At our last class, we will complete our study of the Epistles then find out what happened to "the boys" after Acts. Some of the Apostles are never heard from again, but some we do know some things about. Some things are facts but many are traditions or legends. Either way, we will find out what there is to find.

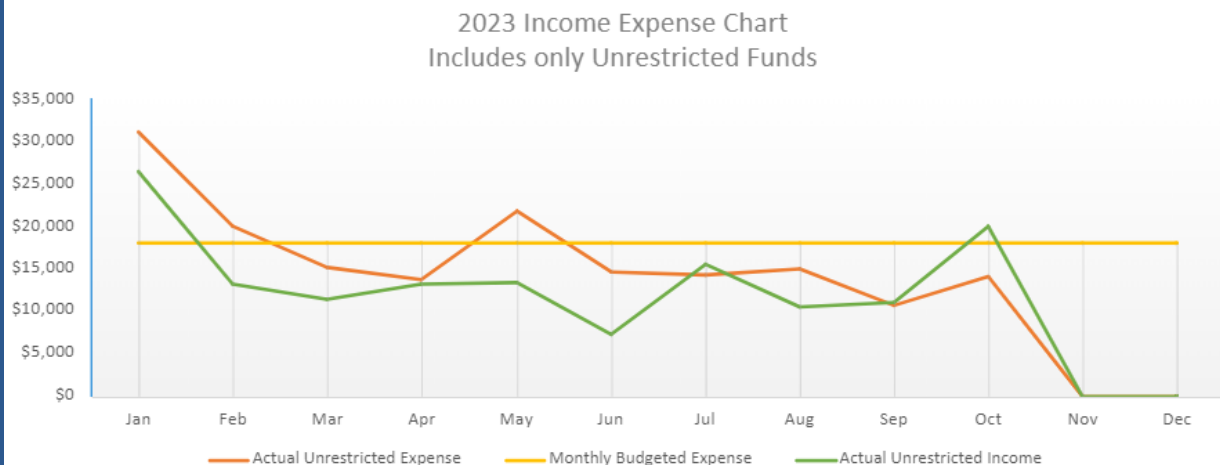
We will not have class on November 22 or November 26 because it is Thanksgiving week. We will have our last classes on Wednesday, November 29 or December 3 depending on which class you attend. Please mark your calendars appropriately.

If you would like to hear about Paul's about the Epistles and what happened to as many of the Apostles as we know something about, come join us for our last classes. We would love to have you.

If you have any questions, please see Miriam Berry or Pastor Jenni.

Pledge and Expenses Update

Please take some time and look over our pledge and expenses update.



Community Meals

Our next Community Meal at Christ Church is on December 10. We will need our full team on December 10 and a few people to come on Saturday at 11 am for meal prep and assembling bags. Please let Tom Crafton or Deacon Anne know if you will be able to come either Saturday or Sunday. Look next week for information on what folks can bring for the meal.

Please contact [Tom](#) or [Deacon Anne](#) if you would like to participate or have questions.



Photo Directory

Thank you to the people who went over to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Lindenhurst to have your pictures taken for our photo directory. My new friends over at St. Mark's said things went well (after they got our directory code) and they enjoyed meeting each of you.

If you have not signed the authorization form to allow your pictures to be published, please do so as soon as possible. We have lots of action pictures from past events that we want to include in the directory but can't do it if we do not have your authorization. We hope to have the directories available in the next month or two so please do this. We have authorization forms available for you or you can fill out the electronic form linked to via this Parish News.

If you have any questions, contact Jane Penticoff.



Parish Life Corner

Well, I messed up and we had two separate groups signed up for coffee hour. As it turned out, the coffee hour was perfect. Barb Purcell was going to do it for the first time but Marge Hocking and Terry Kline had also signed up. They combined their treats and it was wonderful. Thank you all so much.

This week, Andrea Lindblad is going to host and we all know the food will be marvelous. Thank you ahead of time, Andrea.

The Spaghetti Dinner was wonderful. Thank you to "The Best Decorating Team in All of Christendom" for all your help decorating. That group is comprised of Deb Gallinger, Deb Modde, Linda Gigiago, Susan O'Morchoe and Elizabeth Danos. We have many of our special event decorations down pat so we are getting quite efficient in both building the decorations and taking them down. You are the best!!!!

We still have one date available for coffee hour hosts for the remainder of this year. And, that is December 24. December 17 will be the Cookie Walk so we will only have coffee, tea and juice off to the side of the cookie extravaganza, We only have that one date left for the year so check your calendars and sign up. And remember, if we don't have a host, it will be only coffee and juice.

I have made the executive decision NOT to use Sign Up Genius anymore for coffee hour sign ups. Most people, it seems, still like using the paper form so Deb Gallinger has made a new one for next year with the last 2023 slots and all of 2024. So, just sign up on the paper and we all will know instantly what dates are available. Thank you so much for all

your support in 2023, we had wonderful food options all year long.

The hot air balloons puzzle is moving right along. It is only 500 pieces so I thought it wouldn't take very long to complete. However, I was wrong. I am going to put this one away for awhile (no, I will not be taking it apart) and bring out the Nativity one for Christmas. Look for it either this weekend or next. I think the people who have been working on the puzzle would tell you it is fun to do so go on over and add your expertise. You might get to talk with some people you don't know very well.

It has been suggested that we do a puzzle swap. So, if you have a jigsaw puzzle you have done and don't want any more, bring it in and we will make it available for someone else to take it. I am starting the puzzle pile on the table where the retiring flags, printer cartridges, etc. are. There are a few puzzles there already so help yourself. After you have done it, bring it back for someone else to do. Thank you, Beth, for the idea.

We are thinking about having family movie night starting in January. Everyone would bring their own drinks and lawn chairs and we would make popcorn. We'd set the chairs up in the Parish

Hall and enjoy a family-friendly movie. We still have a couple months before we start this but it is an idea for something else social for us to do. We might try a game night sometime as well.

If you have any questions about Parish Life, please see Miriam Berry or Andrea Lindblad.

[To sign up to host coffee hour, please click here.](#)

Ornament Exchange

Anybody got your ornament yet??? Well, I do and it's a good one, too.

In case you don't know what our ornament exchange is all about, it is similar to a White Elephant party. We all bring a beautifully wrapped ornament to the church along with drinks (wine is definitely appropriate) and appetizers or desserts. We have a short time to socialize and a break about halfway through the event for some more food and drinks. (The food, by the way, is REALLY good and there is normally lots of it!) Someone, normally Debbie Rackstraw, will instruct us in the proper way to handle ourselves at this auspicious event. After suitable instruction (no test involved), we will let the fun begin.

This year we will meet in the Narthex on Saturday, December 9 at 7 PM. Please put this great event on your calendar and start the creative shopping. Now the question is, will a Mer-Man grace us with his presence this year? The only way to know for sure is to come and see.

The white board will be out for you to sign up so we know what the seating arrangements need to be.

Please join us, you'll have a lot of fun.

If you have any questions please see Miriam Berry.



Lent Madness 2024

Well, believe it or not, the brackets for the 2024 Lent Madness have been set in stone!!!! I have already ordered the poster which will probably arrive in early January. Some of the recognizable names are: Thomas Cramner, Polycarp, Albert Schweitzer, Julian of Norwich. And for those who have been in the Acts of the Apostles class: Cornelius the Centurion and Thomas the Apostle. There are a bunch of one name people I have never heard of but I guess we'll all learn about them since that is what Lent Madness is all about.

So, stay tuned and let the games begin....soon, Ash Thursday to be exact.

Remember, to subscribe to the daily email, go to lentmadness.org and click on the subscribe button on the upper right corner.

Any questions, see Miriam Berry.



PADS Lunches and volunteers!

The PADS team would like to invite additional volunteers to help in making the lunches. If you are interested, please speak with Pam Meyers.

Our team provides lunches to PADS twice each month. We purchase the food and supplies to make those lunches a reality. If you would like to contribute to this ministry of PADS, please note on the check or mark on the envelope, **PADS**.



12@12 Service

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We will not meet on 11/21 and will resume on 11/28 with Chapter 6.



of Toliara

The November 8 "Friends of Toliara" newsletter was dedicated to the "Rooted in Jesus" visit and training sessions at the Cathedral complex.

Rooted in Jesus is a group course in Christian discipleship written specifically for use in Africa. It is the only material of its kind written especially for the use of ordinary African Christians, rather than translated from material developed for

people who face different problems and challenges in their Christian lives (read cyclones, drought, poverty, etc.).

It was created in 2002 as part of a link relationship between the Diocese of Leicester and the Diocese of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. From 2002 to now, it has been introduced to over 90 dioceses in 18 African countries and translated into many different languages, Malagasy being one of them. There are over 100,000 people meeting in Rooted in Jesus groups across Africa.

The groups are lead by pastors, evangelists, catechists or newly commissioned lay leaders all both men and women. Many of the groups have seen people becoming Christians, experiencing answered prayers, deepening their commitment to one another and to the church and living changed lives.

It is an interactive and practical course with an emphasis on the active participation of each member through the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

Interestingly enough, only the leader needs to know how to read and write since the material is practiced orally. There is also a Rooted in Jesus Junior course for use in Sunday School.

A small Rooted in Jesus team went to Toliara in October after not having been there for 12 years since they had originally brought the material to the six dioceses of Madagascar. Many things had happened over that timeframe including Covid and cyclones, especially Freddy but more importantly the number of churches that had been planted. The team was amazed at how awesome the people were doing.

The meetings were attended by 80 clergy and lay leaders including 15 Rooted in Jesus Junior leaders. All these groups were meeting where ever they could: under a tree, in people's homes, in the church, in a field. The report said that the program was especially strong in Fort Dauphin. When they came together for the conference, the members all had Rooted in Jesus t-shirts and the 3 youngest members (13, 14, 15) had completed the Junior program and wanted to train to lead the groups themselves. (I am going to find out if any of these three are "Our Kids". Wouldn't that be something!!!)

Bishop Samy and Venerable Canon Donne were both in attendance. Bishop Samy has set a target of groups in each parish of at least 30 people. Like I keep saying, they are really all fired up for Christ!!!!

Ven. Donne and his family own a printing business and he and his wife, Vero, printed all the material and Rooted in Jesus books for the conference. I know Donne was pretty tired after the conference!!!! He worked hard. Just a reminder, he was the town drunk when Todd McGregor first met him and brought Jesus to him.

Brace yourselves my fellow fabric washers, I have four boxes of bolts of fabric needing to be washed and ironed. Knowing that the Spaghetti Dinner was coming, I have not brought them in for volunteers to take yet. That will be changing in the next week. Hopefully you will take a bolt or two. I was talking to Betsy, the scoutmaster, about this because she has taken fabric before. She had the idea that the scouts could learn the fine art of ironing by helping us out with washing and ironing. I don't know if that will actually happen but it might be a good idea. Everyone should know how to iron!!!!

If you have any questions about Madagascar, sponsoring kids or anything else about our involvement, please see Miriam Berry.

Digital Vergers

We are calling for a few more volunteers to help with the broadcasting of our Sunday worship. If you are interested in being one of our Digital Vergers, please talk with Mike Robison or Pastor Jenni.

Music Minister

We are still accepting names for a music minister and are asking for you to spread the news. If you know of potential candidates, please talk with Debbie Rakestraw.

Nursery Attendant

We are still accepting names for a second attendant for the nursery. If you know of candidates, please talk with Pastor Jenni.

Annunciation Book Club

The book list is set for the 20th year of the Annunciation Book Club. The club is open to all and if you would enjoy getting together over zoom or at a host's home, if there is sufficient interest, to discuss a book and enjoy some treats, we would love to have you join us. We meet most months on the first Monday of the month, moving to the second Monday in holiday months. A highlight of our year is the book exchange and potluck in December. The book list and schedule can be found on the communication wall at church, on the website or in the parish news. If you have any questions, please email [Deb](#).

[Click here to see the list of books](#)



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Passcode: 848263

Monday Morning Prayer | 8:30am

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 899 6756 6965

Passcode: 676070

Tuesday Morning Prayer | 8:30am

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 837 2223 9298

Passcode: 848952

Wednesday Morning Prayer| 8:30am

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 848 5595 0812

Passcode: 047321

Thursday Morning Prayer| 8:30am

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 811 9177 8341

Passcode: 917299

Friday Morning Prayer| 8:30am

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Meeting ID: 820 1881 2369

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During the week:
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