

# St. Andrew Lutheran Church

# Encounter

## The Pastor's Pen

Dr. Oswald Hoffman tells the story of a woman who brought a picture at a rummage sale for \$3. She was attracted to it because she thought it was pretty. It showed Mary and the baby Jesus with two saints. Nobody at the sale wanted that painting. It did not seem to have much value. It looked just like other discarded items that people frequently bring to rummage sales.



The woman took the painting home, hung it on a wall, and didn't think much more about it. Later on, an Italian art expert recognized it as the original work of Luca Longhi, a 16th century master. Suddenly, the appraised value of the painting rose from \$3 to \$25,000. Collectors clamored to buy it. Finally, someone had recognized it for what it really was.

You and I live in a world that does not recognize the value of the most priceless masterpiece of all - the Savior born as a baby in a stable. Jesus' birth is often seen by the world as unimportant - incidental to what Christmas is *really* about, namely Santa and Rudolph, parties and decorations, giving and receiving presents. The world tries to direct our attention away from the center of Christmas to those things that are peripheral.

Don't let the world blind you to the value of the Christ-child.

We don't have to follow the dictates of the world, however. We can recognize the value of God's masterpiece, even if the rest of the world doesn't. Through personal and family devotions, through participation in worship and Sunday school, through momentary times of quiet reflection in the midst of the day's activities - in all of these ways we can be reminded of the true

meaning of Christmas and of the priceless gift God has given us.

Don't let the world blind you to the value of the Christ-child. Don't be seduced by the world's insistence that the baby in the manger is not important. As Christians, we know that the baby in the manger is at the center of history. His life, death and resurrection are at the heart of God's plan to restore all of creation to himself. Let your celebration of Christmas reflect the priceless quality of God's most precious gift. Be like the Italian art expert who recognized the true value of the masterpiece.

Christmas blessings to all of you!

Pastor Selbo

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS Schedule

All Are Welcome!

### Mid-Week Advent Services:

Wednesday evenings,  
Nov. 30, Dec. 7, &  
Dec. 14, at 7:00 p.m.

### Advent/Christmas Hymn Festival:

Sunday, Dec. 18, at 8:30 a.m. -  
a special musical service featuring  
the Senior Choir, the Bell Choir  
and the Brass Ensemble

### Kids for Christ Christmas Program:

Sunday, Dec. 18, at 10:45 a.m.

### Christmas Eve, December 24:

**5:00 p.m.** Family Candlelight  
Communion Service featuring the  
Contemporary Praise Band and  
Kids for Christ (Sunday School)  
singers

**7:30 p.m.** Traditional Candlelight  
Communion Service

**10:30 p.m.** Christmas Eve  
Musical

**11:00 p.m.** Traditional Candlelight  
Communion Service

### Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25:

**10:00 a.m.** Festive Traditional  
Worship Service

### New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1:

**10:00 a.m.** Festive Traditional  
Worship Service

# Dramatic Presentation of the Gospel of Mark

On Sunday, January 8, you are invited to attend a dramatic word-for-word performance of the Gospel of Mark as presented by Max McLean, an award-winning actor and storyteller. Lasting about 90 minutes, this DVD presentation will be shown in the St. Andrew sanctuary beginning at 12:30 p.m. A light lunch will be available prior to the performance, and a short discussion led by Pastor Selbo will follow.



During the coming year, most of our Sunday morning Gospel Readings will come from the Gospel of Mark. Watching McLean's performance will allow us to hear Mark's story in its entirety. Don't miss this opportunity to experience an extraordinary performance of "the greatest story ever told."

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## *Thank you* to All Veterans & Military Personnel

On this morning, Sunday, November 13, we celebrated Veterans Day. St. Andrew recognized, honored and thanked all members of the congregation who have served or are serving in our country's armed forces in war or peacetime.

It was wonderful to see such a great turn-out of our veterans!

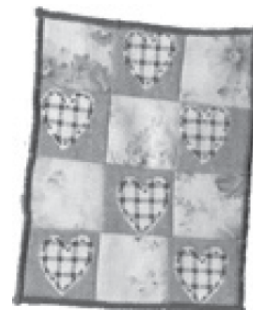
Thank you. We salute you!



# Quilters' Crossing

Quilters annual Christmas potluck luncheon will be December 15<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited. It is always a festive event with special food.

The response to our Christmas quilt raffle has been great. We thank you all.



Proceeds will be used for sewing supplies, machine repair and shipping.

We continue to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief and hope to have at least 100 completed by Christmas. Many donations of supplies have been received recently, and we are very grateful. Thread, woven cotton yarn goods, batting, blankets and mattress pads are always needed. We cannot use knit (stretchy) material or thin where material as these are not suitable for quilting. We also cannot use embroidery hoops and other non-quilting craft items. We do continue to collect large T-shirts of any color or design to use to make diapers for Baby Care Kits next summer.

Have a blessed Christmas and do come to our potluck on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions please call or talk to one of us

*Questions??*

*Call Jean at 847-918-0411 or Shirley at 847-548-5540*

# Women's Fellowship



Calling all Carolers!

Spread the Christmas Cheer  
to others!!!

Please plan to join us on our 2nd Thursday of the month evening event. We will be Christmas caroling to homebound members on Thursday, December 8. We will meet at the church at 5:30 PM to organize and "practice" the carols. Please invite your family members to join us. This is a wonderful way to truly enjoy the spirit of Christmas. Afterwards, we will gather for dinner at a local area restaurant. Bring a plate of Christmas cookies to share with the homebound members. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Binversie 847-566-8708 or [bbinversie@att.net](mailto:bbinversie@att.net) or the church office.

Also, mark your calendars for the first Women's Fellowship gathering in 2012! We will have our annual Bunco White Elephant party on Thursday, January 12. Keep those unusual gifts so that you can "exchange" them at our game event. We will meet at church at 7:00 PM. Refreshments will be provided. It is an evening of joy and laughter. Plan to join us for the fun!!

# Children's Christmas Program



Children's Christmas Program:  
Dec. 18th at late service/10:45 a.m.

This year's Christmas Pageant is "The First Christmas" by *Louise Egan*. We hope everyone will come out for this wonderful presentation.

We celebrate Jesus' Birthday that day with a cookie reception following the program. More details to follow in the Sunday bulletins.

Lislie Tarrriott, Musical Director  
Lisa Willems, Assistant

# Worship Attendance for December

Date	8:30	10:30	Total
10/2	80	108	188
10/9	82	123	205
10/16	82	97	179
10/23	90	124	214
10/30	94	140	236

**10/2 Baptism 2nd service**

**10/9 Baptism 2nd service**

**10/23 Baptism 2nd service**

**10/30 Reformation -**

**Kids for Christ Sunday School Sang**

# PADS

## Ministry News

"Providing Advocacy,  
Dignity, and Shelter"

THANK YOU for your support for the first service date for PADS. Our team of cooks did another spectacular job of preparing dinner and breakfast for our guests. We are still in need of donations and volunteers.

Please check the Social Ministry table in the Narthex for sign-up sheets or contact Tom Girmscheid at [tgirm58@gmail.com](mailto:tgirm58@gmail.com), Bill Turner at [jimmy48@yahoo.com](mailto:jimmy48@yahoo.com), or the church office for more details. THANK YOU for your support.

### The schedule for the next couple of months:

- December 17<sup>th</sup>-  
Dinner/ Breakfast
- December 31<sup>st</sup>- January 1<sup>st</sup>:  
Set-up to Clean-up Service
- January 21<sup>st</sup>- Dinner/ Breakfast

# STEWARDSHIP

-- A Way Of Life

## “BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING”

THE WISE WOMAN

—author unknown

A wise woman who was traveling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she met another traveler who was hungry, and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food. The hungry traveler saw the precious stone and asked the woman to give it to him. She did so without hesitation.

The traveler left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime.

But, a few days later, he came back to return the stone to the wise woman. “I’ve been thinking,” he said. “I know how valuable this stone is, but I give it back in the hope that you can give me something even more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me this stone.”

“We are blessed to be a blessing. Each of us should use whatever gifts we have received to serve others.” What is inside you that you so willingly give???

The Stewardship Team would like to thank everyone sincerely that has considered what blessings they have committed to share with St. Andrew and our community. Our congregation is truly blessed to have such strong and faithful members (servants)!!!

If you haven’t yet filled out and returned your Time and Talent and/or Pledge, it is NEVER TOO LATE!!!

GOD’S BLESSINGS TO EVERY ONE OF YOU!!



Each one should use whatever gifts he has received to serve others...  
*1 Peter 4:10*

## Scripture Readings for December

December 4

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1–11

Psalms 85:1–2, 8–13

2 Peter 3:8–15a

Mark 1:1–8

December 11

3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11

Psalms 126

1 Thessalonians 5:16–24

John 1:6–8, 19–28

December 18

4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16

Luke 1:46b–55

Romans 16:25–27

Luke 1:26–38

December 25

Nativity of Our Lord,

Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7–10

Psalms 98

Hebrews 1:1–4 [5–12]

John 1:1–14

### Editor’s Notes:

Information to share, thank-yous, articles, notes, stories or pictures, (many photographers needed!) please continue to email them to me.

Please put **ENCOUNTER** in the subject header.

**dehamm@comcast.net.**

**Next Due Date will Be**

**Friday, Dec. 16th,**

*Thank you again, Donn Hamm*



# H2H

## IMPORTANT DECEMBER ACTIVITIES FOR HEAD TO THE HEART MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS!!!

Please be sure to note all of the following on your personal calendars!

- **CHRISTMAS TREE SALES begin NOVEMBER 28TH!**  
Please make sure you have signed-up on the sign up sheet on the Head to the Heart bulletin board in the Narthex. **ALL STUDENTS AND ONE ADULT FROM THEIR FAMILY ARE REQUIRED TO WORK AT LEAST ONE SHIFT PER YOUTH.** This is our most important fundraiser. Our program could not survive at the current tuition fees without these funds! We need your help!
- **Concession sales and ushering at St. Andrew production of "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" on December 1, 2, and 3.**  
Head to the Heart students will provide concessions and usher at all shows! Please speak to your Guide for your assignment.
- **Learning events on December 4 and 18!**  
—**Special Holiday party at the December 18 event.**  
(Make-up sessions for the previous lesson will be held from 5:15 – 6:00 prior to the scheduled Learning events. Make-up sessions are required for those who miss a Learning event.)

*We hope all of our Head to the Heart families have a wonderful holiday season!!!*

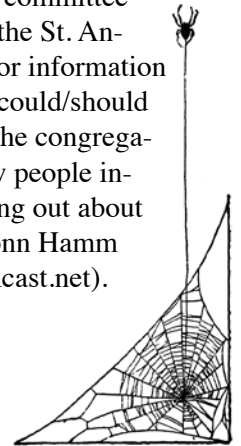
On Vacation or  
Headed to A Warmer  
part of the Country or  
Not?

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on the Web

St. Andrew Web site,  
anywhere, any place.  
*Hear the sermons and more!*

Look at the St. Andrew web-site  
([www.standrewmundelein.org](http://www.standrewmundelein.org)) and keep in touch!

If your event or committee  
needs space on the St. An-  
drew web-site for information  
or pictures that could/should  
be shared with the congrega-  
tion or with new people in-  
terested in finding out about  
St. Andrew. Donn Hamm  
([dehamm@comcast.net](mailto:dehamm@comcast.net)).



## Treasurer's Report For October 2011

Income	Sep-11	Budget	YTD '11	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
REGULAR GIVING	\$24,318	\$25,729	\$197,554	\$219,030	\$267,100
SEASONAL GIVING	\$145	\$300	\$5,176	\$6,350	\$11,100
DESIGNATED GIVING	\$1820	\$1430	\$5,861	\$5,336	\$5,880
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$153	\$555	\$11,010	\$6,362	\$12,000
Total Operating Income	\$26,435	\$28,014	\$219,601	\$237,078	\$296,080
Total Expenses	\$21,755	\$22,367	\$233,403	\$249,045	\$295,261
Benevolence Giving *	\$2,113	\$2,340	\$14,687	\$21,323	\$25,315

\* (Must Be Designated on Envelope)

# PEOPLE POWER – 8:30 A.M. – DECEMBER 2011

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**Sunday, December 4**      **8:30 a.m.**  
Assisting Minister: Stan Sanderson  
Lay Reader: Kris Bacci  
Acolytes: Anna Erickson & Zach Green  
Ushers: Jess Porres, Andrew Laedtke, Lew Boyd, Steve Jacobson  
Greeters: Bender Family  
Welcome Team: John & Rose Felde  
Nursery Attendant: Jake Bacci  
Phone Receptionist: Ruth Duran  
Altar Guild: Tana Hamm & Mary Grandt  
Counters: Andrea Ammons & Linda Porres

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**Sunday, December 11**      **8:30 a.m.**  
Assisting Minister: Dave Bender  
Lay Reader: Pam Haley  
Acolytes: Sarah Haley & Emily Haley  
Ushers: Jean Fagerstrom, Gary Schuessler, Lew Boyd  
Greeters: George & Laurel Caldara  
Welcomer: Judy Rehberger  
Nursery Attendant: Nancy Milne (if needed)  
Phone Receptionist: Anita Pahlman  
Altar Guild: Tana Hamm & Mary Grandt  
Counters: Judy Boyd & Julie Kangas

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**Sunday, December 18**      **8:30 a.m.**  
Assisting Minister: Al Hitzke  
Lay Reader: Laurie Ann Bender  
Acolytes: Jena Sorby & Scott Haseman  
Ushers: Dave Bender, Tom Girmscheid, Donn Hamm, Vern Potillo  
Greeter: Anne Kisha  
Welcome Team: George & Laurel Caldara  
Nursery: Jake Bacci  
Phone Receptionist: Anita Pahlman  
Altar Guild: Tana Hamm & Mary Grandt  
Counters: Laurie Nielsen & Nancy Hundley

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**Sunday, December 25**      **10:00 a.m.      CHRISTMAS DAY -- Only One Service**  
Assisting Minister: Judy Boyd  
Lay Reader: Teresa Maki  
Acolytes: Eric Nielsen & Karlie Payne  
Ushers: Laurie Ann Bender, Laurel Caldara, Lois Laedtke, Debbie Jacobson  
Greeters:  
Welcome Team: John & Rose Felde  
Nursery: Jake Bacci  
Altar Guild: Tana Hamm & Mary Grandt  
Counters: Andrea Ammons & Carol Clark

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**If you have a schedule problem, or can volunteer, please contact the following:**

<b>Acolytes:</b>	Jenn Waltenburg	949-5683
<b>Assisting Ministers/Lay Reader/Greeters/Phone Receptionist:</b>	Anita Pahlman	566-8081
<b>Nursery Attendants (Both Services)</b>	Jessica Beyer	566-0474
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jess Porres	362-7692
<b>Counters:</b>	Andrea Ammons	548-8092

## PEOPLE POWER – 10:45 – DECEMBER 2011

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**Sunday, December 4**      **10:45 a.m.**  
Worship Leader:      Jenny Prescia  
Greeter:      Jackie Schmidt and Elissa Towle & Family  
Phone Receptionist:      Ruth Duran  
Nursery Attendants:      Corrine McGonagle  
Ushers:      Tom Beyer, Bob Adams, Elissa Towle, Tami Shubin  
Altar Guild:      Tana Hamm & Mary Grandt  
**Counters:**      Andrea Ammons & Linda Porres

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**Sunday, December 11**      **10:45 a.m.**  
Worship Leader:      Al Hitzke  
Greeter:      Rich & Karen Rieck & Family  
Welcome Team:      Bruce and Molly Dir & Family  
Phone Receptionist:      Anita Pahlman  
Nursery Attendants:      Tom and Rachael Girmscheid  
Ushers:      Tom Beyer, Dustin Brown, Tyler Payne  
Altar Guild:      Tana Hamm & Mary Grandt  
**Counters:**      Judy Boyd & Julie Kangas

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**Sunday, December 18**      **10:45 a.m.**  
Worship Leader:      Jenny Prescia  
Greeters:      God Squad  
Phone Receptionist:      Ruth Duran  
Nursery Attendants:      Jessika Dalluge  
Ushers:      Tom Beyer, Samantha Hamil, Tim Willems  
Altar Guild:      Tana Hamm & Mary Grandt  
**Counters:**      Laurie Nielsen & Nancy Hundley

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Lay Reader:      Teresa Maki  
Acolytes:      Eric Nielsen & Karlie Payne  
Ushers:      Laurie Ann Bender, Laurel Caldara, Lois Laedtke, Debbie Jacobson  
Greeters:  
Welcome Team:      John & Rose Felde  
Nursery:      Jake Bacci  
Altar Guild:      Tana Hamm & Mary Grandt  
**Counters:**      Andrea Ammons & Carol Clark

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<b>Nursery Attendants:</b>	Jessica Beyer	566-0474
<b>Ushers:</b>	Tom Beyer	566-0474
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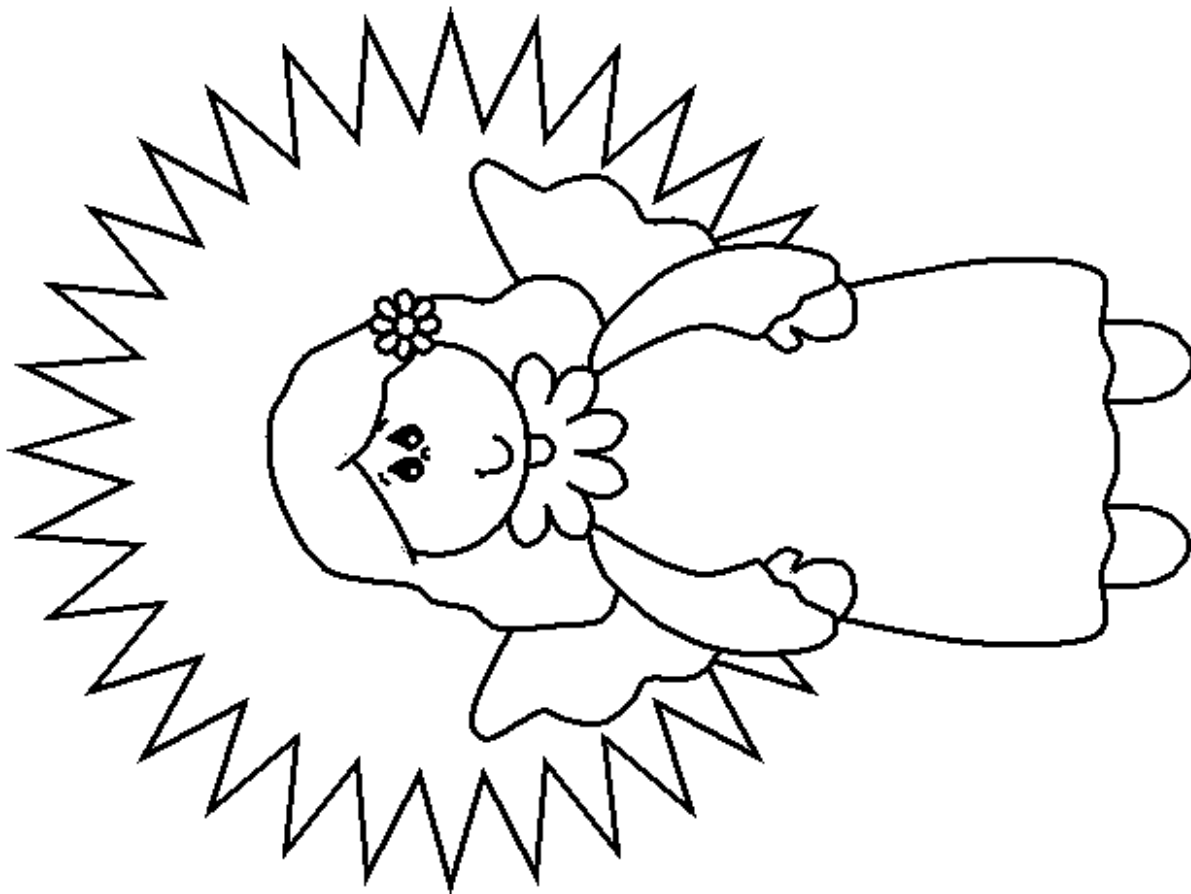
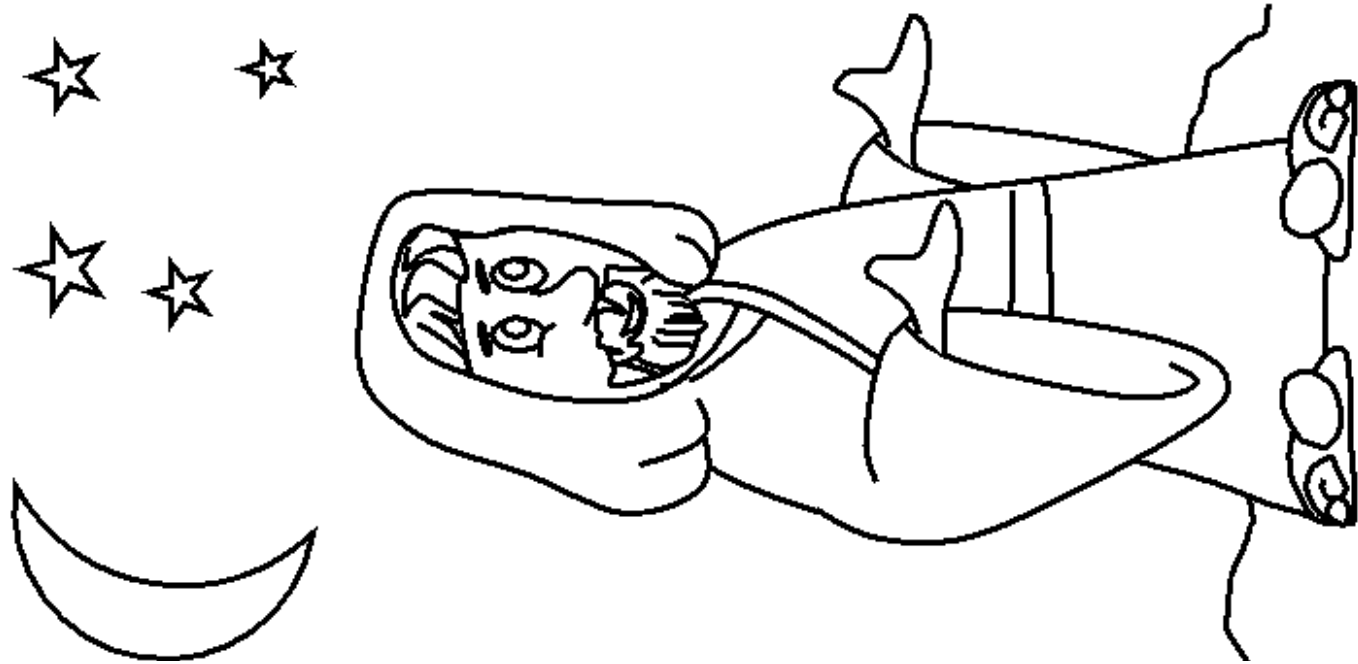
### ***Piano Lessons:***

**Pam Haley**, our former Children's Music Director, has openings for piano students. You may contact her at 847-949-6243 for more information. Pam lives in Mundelein and teaches from her home.

**Carol Hemmer**, one of our substitute accompanists, has openings for piano students – all levels, all ages! She currently resides in Gurnee. Feel free to phone her at 847-367-2747 for more info.



*For our young readers*



And she shall bring forth a son, and you shall call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins.  
*Matthew 1:21*

# PRAYER VENTURES

## December 2011

*Prayer petitions for Sundays follow the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle and can be incorporated into the prayers at weekly worship. Weekday entries are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the church. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.*

- 1** On this World AIDS Day, pray for all people affected by HIV and AIDS and for those who minister to them, including the AIDS Circle of Hope of North Texas, located in Wichita Falls.
- 2** Pray for the Latin American and Caribbean companion churches and organizations that have developed ministries with individuals living with HIV and AIDS in the region. Grant that their love, compassion, and advocacy on behalf of those living with HIV and AIDS bear witness to a love for all of creation.
- 3** Pray for congregations who gather holiday gifts for children in need. Make these gifts a sign of God's loving presence and love for all God's children.
- 4** **Second Sunday of Advent** - God of the nations, we entrust to you the countries of Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau and Senegal. Give hope where there is despair, strength where there is weakness and faith where it is sought.
- 5** Give thanks for the 33 ELCA members who volunteered for 3 to 11 months through the ELCA Global Mission Volunteer program in 2011. Thank God for the generosity of these teachers, medical trainers, financial consultants and pastors.
- 6** Pray for those living along coastal lines, that they may be protected from the devastation of annual typhoons and hurricanes, and those living in arid places that they may be saved from drought and famine.
- 7** Pray for Robert Kasworm who serves the Machame Lutheran Hospital in Moshi, Tanzania. He is strengthening health-care delivery by creating strategic alliances between Tanzanian and U.S.-based health providers.
- 8** Pray for the ELCA Malaria Campaign, which provides mosquito nets, insecticides, medication, health care, education and more to help eliminate deaths from this disease throughout the world.
- 9** As we give thanks for the gift of God's Son and the growing presence of Christ in our world, pray for missionary children who live, learn and grow in their faith in a variety of settings around the world.
- 10** Pray for the continued advocacy of human rights as we celebrate the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, that we might engage and remind people of the internationally recognized rights.
- 11** **Third Sunday of Advent** - We pray, O God, for the people of Benin, Côte d'Ivoire and Togo. Give strength to the churches in these lands as they witness to your peace and joy in the midst of great challenges and changes in their countries.
- 12** Pray for the Rev. Philip, Lou-Marie Knutson and their family, who serve with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa. Philip works as a resource person for the Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa's Christian education program. He also serves ELCA Global Mission as regional program assistant for Southern Africa.
- 13** Pray for your local, state and federal elected officials, as they consider decisions that will affect you, your community and all of God's people.
- 14** Give thanks for the ministry of presence that young adults serving through ELCA Global Mission provide throughout the world. Bless Megan Bucholz, Alma Gast, Lauthin-Whitney Gottbrath, Sara Nobbs, Michelle Steiner and Courtney Weller, young adults serving in Jerusalem/West Bank. Bless Julie Rossate and Jeff VonWald, the country coordinators.
- 15** Pray for Welcome Home, a cooperative ministry of welcome between Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Philadelphia and Lutheran Children and Family Service that provides transitional housing for refugees who have just arrived in the United States.

- 16** Give thanks for the ministry of the regional representatives as they accompany ELCA companion churches in various regions around the world. Pray for Phillip Baker in Asia and the Pacific; Lou Marie and Philip Knutson in Southern Africa; Andrew and Barbara Hinderlie in East Africa; Anne and Willie Langdji, and Viking and Marissa Dietrich in West Africa; Arden Haug in Europe; and Kathryn Lawler, David Wunsch and Stephen Deal in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- 17** Pray for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, which serves to empower, provide relief and educate for future preparedness in response to devastating situations.
- 18** **Fourth Sunday of Advent** - Gracious God, look with favor upon the churches in Ghana and Nigeria, that, in the midst of great challenges of witnessing to your mercy, they may find strength and nourishment in your word.
- 19** Pray for Mary Borgman who serves as an HIV and AIDS worker at the Diakonia Aids Ministry in Soweto, South Africa, a program of the Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa.
- 20** Pray for ELCA World Hunger, which supports people who live with chronic hunger and poverty around the corner and around the world, though relief, development, education and advocacy.
- 21** Pray for Katie Miyamoto who teaches English at Luther Gakuin High School in Kumamoro, Japan. She also is engaged in ministry at Kengun Lutheran Church and at the English-language gathering of Kumamoto Lutheran Church.
- 22** Pray for all who suffer loneliness and heartache during the holiday season.
- 23** Pray for David Vikner, as he engages supporters of the International Christian University in Japan through his leadership of the Foundation of the university.
- 24** Pray for peace in Bethlehem and all of the Middle East on this holy night.
- 25** **Christmas** - Almighty God, give to all your people the love of peace and guide the leaders of all nations so that your kingdom will go forth in peace and the earth will be filled with your love.
- 26** Give thanks for the example of Stephen the first martyr, who looked to heaven and prayed for his persecutors. Pray for an end to the continued persecution of the Christian church.
- 27** Pray that churches throughout the world find ways to cooperate in love and trust in the common goal of pointing to the in-breaking reign of God in Christ.
- 28** Remember today the slaughter of the innocent children of Bethlehem by order of King Herod. Pray for God to receive into the arms of mercy all innocent victims and to frustrate the designs of evil tyrants establishing God's rule of justice, love and peace.
- 29** Pray for an end to the greed and sexual exploitation that creates the demand for the trafficking of women and youth for exploitation and profiteering.
- 30** Pray for the Turnaround Synod Initiative of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the ELCA, which seeks to equip congregations for ongoing renewal.
- 31** Give thanks for the year past and pray that in the new year we may more fully know God's presence, see God's love at work and live in the light of Christ that grants us joy forever.

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***"Do not withhold good from those who deserve it,  
when it is in your power to act."  
Proverbs 3: 27***

## **HOW CAN WE HELP ? SURVEY**

We know there are members in our congregation who can use an occasional helping hand. If you or someone you know has a need for help, or if you are able to provide help in one or more of these services, please mark which item would be of service.

Name of a person needing a helping hand:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer willing to provide service:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***MAY NEED HELP WITH***

### ***I CAN PROVIDE HELP WITH***

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ Grocery shopping _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Errands: pick up Rx, P.O., library, cleaners, bank, etc.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Companionship: pick up/ visit another friend or shut-in,<br>play games & cards, read, write letters or Christmas Cards, | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ Time off for caretaker _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ Well-being check _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ Meals for sick or injured _____   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ Pet care, yard work _____   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ Bring or receive communion _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*Please return this form to the office, or put in offering plate.*

## Creative Gift Ideas

Would you like to give a gift to a loved one and at the same time support the ministries of the ELCA? Then check out “ELCA Good Gifts” at [www.elca.org/goodgifts](http://www.elca.org/goodgifts).

ELCA Good Gifts lifts up 65 gift ideas filled with meaning and love. ELCA Good Gifts are a special way you can help make a significant impact on the mission of the church while giving a gift to a friend, teacher, neighbor, family member or other loved one. Whether you are looking for a gift to equip, nourish, nurture, heal, inspire, respond or partner, your gift will provide valuable support to the outreach ministries of the ELCA.

# Annual Meeting

## Announced for Jan. 29th

*Please Be a Part by Taking Part*

The Annual Meeting of St. Andrew Lutheran Church will be held January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

We must have a Quorum present, which is 50 members, before we can begin the meeting and officially vote on budgets and other business.

If you are completing an end of year report for your committee or activity please send it as soon as possible to [dehamm@comcast.net](mailto:dehamm@comcast.net) so that it can be included in the annual report.

Child care will be available, and a light lunch will be served prior to the beginning of the meeting.

*Please plan on attending!*



# Help Celebrate the Joy of Christmas

Once again you have the opportunity to help beautify our sanctuary for Christmas.

All members and friends are invited to place a poinsettia order in celebration of the Birth of our Savior.

The cost is \$15.00. Plants may be taken home by the donor after the worship Service on Christmas Day.

The form to the right, together with your cash or check, may be placed on an offering plate or mailed to the church office. We cannot guarantee that forms received after December 13th will be listed in the Christmas bulletins.



I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia(s)

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(\$15.00 each) **Total Amount** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Traditional Service:**  
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**Contemporary Service:**  
10:45 a.m.

**Educational Hour:**  
9:40 a.m.

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Our mission as a congregation is to *Share Christ*. More specifically, it is to help people come to *know Christ*, to *grow* in their relationship with Christ and his Church, and to be equipped to *serve* and *witness* in Christ's name. We would love to have you join us in this mission.