

# Encounter

## The Pastor's Pen

Last month five of us from St. Andrew attended the annual Metropolitan Chicago Synod Assembly. Judy Boyd, Gary Burchardt, Leslie Parriott, Corrine McGonagle and I, along with over 400 other members of Chicago-area ELCA congregations, gathered inside the Tinley Park Convention Center on June 10 and 11. We worshiped, attended workshops, voted on resolutions, approved the synod budget, and were inspired by the assembly theme, "Transformed & Transforming." The theme was based on the Apostle Paul's statement in Romans 12:2: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect."



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I'm writing this article just two days after the horrific shooting that took 49 lives and injured 53 others in Orlando, Florida. As we pray for the victims of this hateful and violent action, and as we debate how to prevent similar tragedies in the future, it reminds me of how important – and how relevant – our synod assembly theme is. In a world that is desperately in need of change, God calls you and me to be people who are both transformed and transforming. God is working to change us

so that we, in turn, can be agents of change – so that we can be salt and light and leaven in our families, our communities, and beyond.

On the Sunday morning of the Orlando attack, three little girls were baptized at St. Andrew. As we prepared to receive them into God's family, the girls' parents and sponsors, along with the whole congregation, promised to help them grow in the Christian faith. We promised, in other words, to help them grow into people who are being transformed by their relationship with God, and who, by the power of the Holy Spirit, will be used by God to transform the world. As we said together following the baptisms, "We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world."

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## Vacation Bible School



## VBS 2016

**(August 1st-August 5th  
from 9am-Noon):**

Please join us as we *Submerge*:

*Finding truth below the surface.* This year campers will embark on an adventure like no other, scouring the mysterious fathoms of the deep sea. Thrilling discoveries await just beyond the portholes of your submarine.

Come on out for a new adventure and best of all it's FREE!!!

You can register your child at: <https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myChurch/?id=32831>

## Worship While Away

Sermons and the underlying Gospel reading are now available on St. Andrew's web site. Just take a look at [www.standrewmundelein.com](http://www.standrewmundelein.com) then click on Church Life and follow the links to the sermon of interest.

# Quilters' Crossing

We met our goal of quilts in a year's time for Lutheran World Relief to send to needy people in a great many places over the world. The quilters have a blessed feeling to know our quilts are giving comfort and happiness to so many people.



Once again, we have started our new goal for the coming year for LWR. Even though we have missed Thursday morning quilting at the church in June, many still do things at home and go to garage sales when the weather cooperates to get supplies for quilting along with baby items for infant care kits that we concentrate on during the summer months.

As we begin assembling the Baby Care Kits for LWR, we find that we are in need of several items. Full-sized bars of mild bath soap such as Ivory etc. If you go to garage sales, baby sleepers can be found there, 6 months to 24 months, with or without feet are in need.

Thank you for all the support that you give to the Quilters throughout the year!

Any questions? Call Judy at 847-566-5398 or Shirley at 847-548-5540

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I give thanks for the ministries of our congregation and of the wider church, ministries through which individuals and communities are indeed being transformed. And I give thanks for the ways in which all of you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, are growing in faith and are putting your faith into practice in daily life. Please know that you are one of the means through which God is bringing transformation to an often hurting and broken world. May God continue to guide and strengthen us in our mission.

And by the way, you can learn more about the work of our synod and about what took place at the synod assembly by going to the synod website at [www.mscelca.org](http://www.mscelca.org).

God's peace be with you.  
Pastor Selbo

## Scripture Readings for July

### July 03 --

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14  
Psalm 66:1-9  
Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16  
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

### July 10 --

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:9-14  
Psalm 25:1-10  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Luke 10:25-37

### July 17 --

#### 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-10a  
Psalm 15  
Colossians 1:15-28  
Luke 10:38-42

### July 24 --

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:20-32  
Psalm 138  
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]  
Luke 11:1-13

### July 31 --

#### 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14;  
2:18-23  
Psalm 49:1-12  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21

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## Worship Attendance for May

Date	8:30	10:45	Total
5/3	82	187	269
5/10	117	146	263
5/17	90	85	175
5/24	88	84	172
5/31			176

5/3 Affirmation of Baptism  
(8th grade)

5/10 Mother's Day / Quilt Sunday

5/24 Pentecost / Memorial Day  
Weekend

5/31 Festival of Music –  
only one service at 9:30

# Women's Fellowship

Thank you to all the ladies and their guests for coming to the "Little Black Dress" Ladies Tea on April 30. We witnessed the change in fashion with the classic LBD. A special thank you to Lois Laedtke and Laurie Ann Bender who transformed our church to a classy tea party complete with red roses for everyone.

- Barbara Binversie



We enjoyed our final gathering at Omega's restaurant on Thursday, June 9. There were 15 of us planning next year's schedule. Thanks for getting together. It was wonderful visiting with everyone. Thanks for your ideas and suggestions. Looking forward to our 2016-2017 schedule.



# Music Ministry Picnic

St. Andrew's Music Ministry Picnic from June 5 was in appreciation of everyone who contributes their time and talents to the music we hear at church every week.

A special thank you to hosts Jim Garbrecht and Paul Cramer and held at host home of Negley's.



# Thank you Lucky Ducks!

The Lucky Ducks 4-H Club meets at St. Andrew on a monthly basis. Saturday, June 4th, was 4-H Beautification Day. To celebrate that day, the Lucky Ducks gifted St. Andrew with several pots of beautiful annual flowers, as well as in some of our flower beds. We wish to say, "Thank You!" to the club and to Chuck Fitz-Hugh (for his guidance). You have definitely added a touch of beauty to our church grounds. Thank you for your time and effort on that rainy morning!!

# St. Matthew Lutheran School

St. Matthew Lutheran School is actively recruiting new families. Located at 24480 N. Old McHenry Road in Hawthorn Woods, St. Matthew is a pre-K-6 school that offers full-day Kindergarten, affordable before and after school care, small class size for individualized attention, and quality Christ-centered education.

For more information call 847-438-6103, or visit [www.stmattschool.net](http://www.stmattschool.net).

## Editor's Notes:

Thank-yous, articles, notes, stories or pictures, please email to:

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*Next Due Date will Be  
Friday, July 15th*

## PEOPLE POWER – 8:30 A.M. – JULY 2016

<b>Sunday, July 3</b>			
Assisting Minister:	Stan Sanderson	Lay Reader:	Kris Bacci
Acolyte:			
Welcomer:	Laurel Caldara		
Greeter:	Tom Girmscheid		
Ushers:	Ed Arroyo, Lew Boyd, Steve Jacobson, Roger Bacci		
Sound Tech:	Tom Girmscheid		
Nursery Attendant:			
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman		
Altar Guild:	Barb Binversie		
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Carol Clark		
<b>Sunday, July 10</b>			
Assisting Minister:	Dave Bender	Lay Reader:	Jeff Hayes
Acolyte:	Jacob Perraud		
Welcome Team:	John & Rose Felde		
Greeters:	Bill & Laurie Turner		
Ushers:	Jean Fagerstrom, Marion Collins, Gary Schuessler, Lew Boyd		
Sound Tech:	Carl Schoenfield		
Nursery Attendant:			
Phone Receptionist:	Ruth Duran		
Altar Guild:	Barb Binversie		
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Bob Hernquist		
<b>Sunday, July 17</b>			
Assisting Minister:	Judy Boyd	Lay Reader:	Harold Hanson
Acolyte:	Claire Schoenfield		
Welcomer:	Laurel Caldara		
Greeters:			
Ushers:	Dave Bender, Tom Girmscheid, Donn Hamm, Vern Potillo		
Sound Tech:	John Bestler		
Nursery:			
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman		
Altar Guild:	Judy & Lew Boyd		
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Laurie Nielsen		
<b>Sunday, July 24</b>			
Assisting Minister:	Stan Sanderson	Lay Reader:	Debbie Jacobson
Acolyte:			
Welcome Team:	John & Rose Felde		
Greeters:	Diane Sanderson & Marion Collins		
Ushers:	Laurie Ann Bender, Laurel Caldara, Lois Laedtke, Debbie Jacobson		
Sound Tech:	Ray Potillo		
Nursery:			
Altar Guild:	Barb Binversie		
Phone Receptionist:	Ruth Duran		
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Julie Kangas		
<b>Sunday, July 31</b>			
Assisting Minister:	Leslie Parriott		
Lay Reader:	Judy Boyd		
Acolyte:	Hailey Negley		
Greeter:	Laurel Caldara		
Ushers:	Samantha Martinez, Ellen Van Zeeland, Myrna Wells		
Sound Tech:	Tom Girmscheid		
Nursery:			
Altar Guild:	Barb Binversie		
Phone Receptionist:	Ruth Duran		
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Linda Porres		

## PEOPLE POWER – 10:45 A.M. – JULY 2016

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**Sunday, July 3**                    **10:45 a.m.**  
Worship Leader:                Lisa Willems  
Welcome Team:                Mivelaz Family  
Greeters:                        Jackie Schmidt and Elissa Towle & Family  
Phone Receptionist:         Anita Pahlman  
Nursery Attendant:  
Ushers:                         Tom Beyer, Bob Adams, Elissa Towle  
Altar Guild:                    Barb Binversie  
Counters:                      Andrea Ammons & Carol Clark

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**Sunday, July 10**                **10:45 a.m.**  
Worship Leader:                Jenny Prescia  
Greeters:                        Mivelaz Family  
Phone Receptionist:         Ruth Duran  
Nursery Attendants:  
Ushers:                         Tom Beyer, Kari Payne, Tim Mivelaz  
Altar Guild:                    Barb Binversie  
Counters:                      Andrea Ammons & Bob Hernquist

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**Sunday, July 17**                **10:45 a.m.**  
Worship Leader:                Jenny Prescia  
Welcome Team:                Mivelaz Family  
Greeters:                        God Squad  
Phone Receptionist:         Anita Pahlman  
Nursery Attendants:  
Ushers:                         Tom Beyer, Tim Willems  
Altar Guild:                    Judy & Lew Boyd  
Counters:                      Andrea Ammons & Laurie Nielsen

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**Sunday, July 24**                **10:45 a.m.**  
Worship Leader:                Bill List  
Lay Reader:                    Tim Willems  
Welcome Team:                Mivelaz Family  
Greeters:                        Green Family  
Phone Receptionist:         Ruth Duran  
Nursery Attendants:  
Ushers:                         Tom Beyer, Phil & Teresa Maki, Bob Adams  
Altar Guild:                    Barb Binversie  
Counters:                      Andrea Ammons & Julie Kangas

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**Sunday, July 31**                **10:45 a.m.**  
Worship Leader:                Bill List  
Welcome Team:                Mivelaz Family  
Greeter:                         Chris Ihlenburg  
Nursery Attendant:  
Ushers:                         Tom Beyer, Bob Adams  
Altar Guild:                    Barb Binversie  
Phone Receptionist:         Ruth Duran  
Counters:                      Andrea Ammons & Linda Porres

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

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<b>Nursery Attendants:</b>	Jessica Beyer	566-0474
<b>Ushers:</b>	Tom Beyer	566-0474
<b>Counters:</b>	Andrea Ammons	548-8092

# July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10 am POP Rehearsal 5 pm <i>Brownies Party</i> 7:30 pm Kirk Mtg
3 8:30 Traditional 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:45 Contemporary  2 pm Memorial Service for Carlene Fitz-Hugh	4 6:30 pm <i>Early Bird AA</i>	5 7:30 pm Troop 198 8:30 pm <i>Mund. AA</i>	6	7 9 am Quilters	8 5-7 pm <i>Early Bird AA</i>	9 10 am POP Rehearsal
10 8:30 Traditional 9:30 BP Screening 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:45 Contemporary	11 6:30 pm <i>Early Bird AA</i>	12 8:00 am Men's Breakfast  7:30 pm Troop 198 8:30 pm <i>Mund. AA</i>	13 6:30 pm <i>Lucky Ducks 4-H</i>	14 9 am Quilters	15 Work Campers Depart  . Encounter Articles Due Today  5-7 pm <i>Early Bird AA</i>	16 10 am POP Rehearsal
17 8:30 Traditional 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:45 Contemporary	18 6:30 pm <i>Early Bird AA</i>	19 7:30 pm Troop 198 8:30 pm <i>Mund. AA</i>	20	21 9 am Quilters - - Brown Bag Lunch Day  7 pm Troop 198	22 5-7 pm <i>Early Bird AA</i>	23 9 am Quilters  10 am POP Rehearsal
24 8:30 Traditional 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:45 Contemporary Work Campers Reurn	25 6:30 pm <i>Early Bird AA</i> 7:30 pm <i>Mund. Coin Club</i>	26 8:00 am Men's Breakfast  7:30 pm Troop 198 8:30 pm <i>Mund. AA</i>	27	28 9 am Quilters	29 5-7 pm <i>Early Bird AA</i>	30 10 am POP Rehearsal
31 8:30 Traditional 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:45 Contemporary						

# PRAYER VENTURES

July 2016

*These petitions 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** Many congregations are tending community gardens and are now harvesting vegetables and fruit to share. We pray for abundant harvests and blessings on their efforts to engage members and neighbors in gardening—and learning to garden—for the benefit of those who are hungry.

**2** We ask God to watch over youth and adults who venture into unfamiliar places on mission trips and service learning experiences, that they be safe yet open to unexpected opportunities for seeing the world through God’s eyes, having assumptions and prejudices challenged, and experiencing mutual care.

**3** As we are sent into the world and everyday life to do God’s work, we pray that we be willing servants and disciples, trusting in the presence and power of God with us and in us—for the sake of the world.

**4** Independence Day We give thanks to God for the freedom and abundance that we experience as a nation, and pray that we will continue to challenge ourselves to embrace and demonstrate in our lives and laws values of freedom, justice, equality and care for all people.

**5** ELCA Glocal Mission Gatherings take place across the country throughout the summer, and help equip us for God’s work—globally and locally. We pray the Spirit will fill participants and gathering leaders and musicians with energy, hope and wisdom for God’s mission in the world.

**6** We pray for The Episcopal Church, an ELCA full communion partner, and for the continuing growth of our relationship as we work together and discover how our gifts, leaders and ministries complement each other in sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

**7** Pastor Elisabeth Johnson, Anne and Willie Langdji and Susan Smith are ELCA missionaries serving in Cameroon and the Central African Republic. We give thanks for their ministries and faithful service, and ask God to bless their work in education, health ministries, sustainable development and helping our partner churches prepare leaders.

**8** We remember in our prayers families, communities and nations recovering from natural disasters, including the earthquakes in Japan, Nepal and Ecuador, wildfires in Canada and the U.S., severe weather and flooding in the U.S., and areas of drought around the world.

**9** In the midst of our presidential campaigns, we ask God to create in us mutual respect, wisdom and concern for each other, particularly for people—of all ages and situations—who are often excluded, unnoticed or reviled.

**10** The “neighbor” that Jesus directs our attention and concern to goes beyond the familiar person next door. We pray God will open our eyes and hearts to our neighbors who are strangers, who cause us discomfort, who disagree with us, who live in places we’ll never see or who are scorned by society.

**11** We ask God to forgive us when we stray from God’s truth and ways, that we will stay on paths of humility, love and justice.

**12** We remember in our prayers leaders of the church in the past and present who have committed themselves to furthering ecumenical unity and a united Christianity, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**13** For our parks, wilderness areas and public lands we give thanks to God; we praise God for the wonders of earth and the heavens that inspire us and give us joy in every season.

**14** There are regions of the world and the United States continuing to suffer from drought conditions. We pray they receive the rain and water necessary for life and self-sufficiency, and for the wisdom and creativity to manage limited water resources in new ways.

**15** We pray the Spirit will help us discern what is true and consistent with God's Word in the mix of all the messages and influences that come at us each day, and that we will have clarity and courage in sharing the gospel.

**16** We remember in our prayers people who devote their lives to caring for, restoring and understanding nature and the environment, and we give thanks for the ways in which they draw our attention to the beauty and wonder of God's amazing handiwork.

**17** We give thanks to God, creator of all things in heaven and on earth, for reconciling all humanity and creation through the sending and sacrifice of Jesus Christ—an undeserved gift of love and forgiveness.

**18** We pray for the end of oppression, enslavement, inhumane treatment and practices that victimize people for economic gain, power or personal advantage, that we will instead behold and treat each other as beloved and valued brothers and sisters in Christ.

**19** We remember in our prayers and give thanks for the more than 900 women and men who have studied at colleges, universities and seminaries in the United States and around the world with the assistance of global companion churches and the ELCA International Leader Program.

**20** In the face of persistent gun violence in the United States, we remember the victims and their families in our prayers, and pray that God will strengthen our will to tackle the complex causes of violence for the sake of human lives and safe communities.

**20** When we feel weak, experience trouble or fear our enemies we pray to God for strength, giving thanks and praise for the promise of God's enduring love and refuge.

**21** We remember in our prayers the six young adults serving in Cambodia through the Young Adults in Global Mission Program. We pray that God will guide and bless their work with local congregations and organizations in areas of rights-based development and teaching English.

**22** Throughout history women have served in orders, organizations and ministries serving the poor, hungry, sick and oppressed. We give thanks and affirmation for their faithful service and devotion to doing

God's work in the world, in some of the most difficult of situations.

**23** We come to God in prayer, trusting in God's patience and responsiveness to our concerns, appeals and expressions—spoken and unspoken—and ask that God will deepen our faith and teach us to pray without hesitation or self-consciousness.

**24** James, the Apostle James, a son of Zebedee, is remembered for his humanness and martyrdom as a follower of Jesus. We pray that we too, imperfect as we are, will trust in God's mercy and be fearless in sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor in the name of Jesus Christ.

**25** We remember in our prayers youth of the United Church of Christ (UCC), an ELCA full communion partner, who are gathering in Florida for their National Youth Event. We pray for God's blessings on their experience, that all may envision God's purpose and plan for their lives.

**26** We give thanks for the growing impact of The Campaign for the ELCA and the generosity of members eager to share the gospel and grow the church, as demonstrated by the 62 new-start ministries welcomed into the ELCA.

**27** For the faith and gifts of all musicians and composers who bless our lives and worship, helping us praise God, sing for joy and express our faith, we give thanks to God.

**28** As congregations, pastors, leaders and delegates prepare for our Churchwide Assembly, we pray God's Spirit will ready their hearts and minds for fruitful discussions and work to advance the ELCA's mission of sharing the gospel, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in the world.

**29** World Day against Trafficking in Persons We ask God to embolden us in our actions and advocacy to end crimes of human trafficking that exploit women, children and men everywhere for purposes including forced labor and sexual exploitation. We pray for freedom, healing and hope for all victims.

**31** We pray that our identities are not wrapped up in the comforts of personal success, abundance of possessions or greed, but rather in the love of God that grounds our lives in generosity, service, concern for others and humility.



Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.



Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.



Give us this day our daily bread;



And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;

Building  
Faith  
In Our  
Future

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## All are Welcome...

*The Sunday Morning  
Worship Schedule is:*

**Traditional Service:**  
8:30 a.m.

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

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*Tomorrow's  
forecast:*



*God reigns  
and the  
Son shines!*

**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.**