

Encounter

From Pastor Jenna Pulkowski Pastor's Pen

"One of the most powerful experiences in a life of compassion is the expansion of our hearts into a world-embracing space of healing from which no one is excluded."

-Henri Nouwen



Dear St. Andrew Family of Faith,

I recently received a lovely, eye-catching card from Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. The background shows the shape of a heart that has been colored in with vibrant watercolors that make use of the rainbow. The colors splatter and leap out of the boundary of the heart so that it looks a little splattered, but in an intentional and fun way. Over all of that is an aesthetic variety of calligraphy styles with the above quote.

I admit it took me multiple readings to be able to parse out what was actually being said, let alone what the quote even meant.

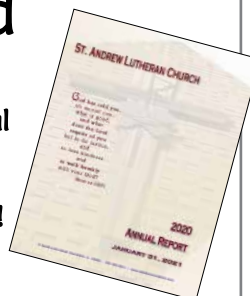
What does it mean for us to have a depth of compassion that is world-embracing? World-embracing to a point that no one is excluded from that healing space?

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Annual Meeting At Church & ZOOM

Sunday January 28 @ 11:00



St. Andrew Lutheran Family of Faith, welcome to 2024! We will be conducting our 2024 Annual Meeting in person and via Zoom. We hope that all that can attend, will attend, shortly after our 9:30 service.

Please save the date and attend. It will be Sunday, January 28, at 11 am. Everyone is allowed to attend, but our church constitution maintains that only members may vote. Please attend in person and stay tuned for the Zoom link and call-in information.

SALC Council

“WWJD” (Jan 28... you matter.)

Dear Family & Friends,

Emmanuel! “God Is with us.” Merry Christmas!

Do you remember the acronym, “WWJD”?
What Would Jesus Do? . . . Bracelets, signs, sayings and more ...
especially for the kids who went to camp!

My prayer for you in 2024 is that your acronym might be . . . “GOD!”

- G = Grace
- O = Zero Fears
- D = Destined for Great Things!

Pray on that! Abound in Thanksgiving to GOD! Look to the Future, Look to the East! East: Wisdom, Riches, and Love. Pray for Peace! Cherish your opportunities to Share Christ with others! Step by Step, may we lead them & each other to Christ and all that he has come to bring us! A family of Love and so much more. Eternal life through our Christ Child, the Savior of all.

Please share that loving tender care with others. It’s only one word: God! And a few reminders . . Grace, Zero Fears, Destined for Great Things!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Prayers are rising that 2024 will be a Happy & Blessed New Year for you and your beloved and St Andrew! Each and every one of us are known by name. YOU are God’s Beloved. Each of us are a Precious Child of God! Rejoice & Give Thanks for our Savior, the Christ, Lord Jesus AND FOR YOUR PRECIOUS LIFE . . . CHILD OF . . . GOD!

Blessings & Love to All. May this Season of Christmas bring the newborn Christ, our Savior, into your every New Day! Live in JOY & Share Christ ~ through You, Beloved Child of God!

*In Christ’s Love,
Anita*



Anita Pahlman

PS: Please prayerfully consider attending our St. Andrew family meeting on January 28th. Your voice and concerns matter. Let’s come together in testament to our Lord. (Jan 28... you matter.)



Bible Readings for the Month

Scripture Readings for January

January 7 -- Baptism of Our Lord

- Genesis 1:1-5
- Psalms 29
- Acts 19:1-7
- Mark 1:4-11

January 14 -- 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

- 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]
- Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18
- 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
- John 1:43-51

January 21 -- 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

- Jonah 3:1-5, 10
- Psalms 62:5-12
- 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
- Mark 1:14-20

January 28 -- 4th Sunday after Epiphany

- Deuteronomy 18:15-20
- Psalms 111
- 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
- Mark 1:21-28

Editor’s Notes from Donn Hamm

Information to share, thank-yous, articles, notes, stories or pictures, (many photographers needed!) please continue to email them to: dehamm@comcast.net. - Please put **ENCOUNTER** in the subject header.

Next Due Date will Be - Monday, January, 15th



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We are now accepting the end-of-year reports for the St. Andrew Annual Report booklet. Please send your report ASAP to Donn Hamm or by January 15th. You can email them to Donn at: dehamm@comcast.net or to Anita at: anitapahlmanstandrew@gmail.com

Please put **ANNUAL REPORT** in the subject line (so I don't confuse it with newsletter articles.)

Please provide the following eight points of information for the annual report (if this information is available:)

- Ministry Team, Committee or group Name
- Picture "Selfie" of person submitting report (we need more community recognition)
- Members (*or at least the name of who is submitting the report.*)
- Successes • Disappointments
- Goals for the year • Goals for next year
- Comments

Please submit your report information in an email or in an email with an attached word document and email to: Donn or Anita

This year everyone will be sent a PDF of the Annual Report to be viewed and reviewed at home!

Thank you for all of your commitment & dedication during 2023.

Respectfully,
Anita , Donn & Council

The following had reports in previous Annual Reports:

- Church Council • Church Staff • President's Report
- Pastor's Report • Women's Fellowship Report
- Quilter's Report • Staff Support
- Worship and Music Report • Health and Wellness
- CIA (Caring In Action), • Communications Report
- Wedding Report • COL (Christian Outreach Of Lutherans)
- Stewardship Report • Youth, • Scouting
- Call Committee Report • Finance Report
- Audit Reports

Quilters' Crossing

GOOD NEWS CONTINUES as our ministry thrives!



Thank you again to our AWESOME CONFIRMATION YOUTH and to everyone who contributed to the Baby Care Kit drive. They are now putting together complete kits and they are not through yet. Updates will follow. Many mothers will be very grateful for the comfort we will provide to their blessed little ones!

Over 180 quilts have been completed by our "quilter bees" since last May and I have been told there are now some more folks whose curiosity has been peaked, they may come to check us out and provide more hands (and hearts) to help us do our work! A young lady and her mother picked up one of our quilt top kits on Sunday morning a few weeks ago and was very excited to try her hand at helping to put it together! We are so truly blessed by the support of our St. Andrew family.

Our Christmas Craft Sale and Quilt raffle was held on December 10th and 17th - we were able to raise enough funds to have six of our sewing machines cleaned and serviced. Thank you to those who donated items for our craft table. - thank you, thank you, thank you! Your generosity is amazing! The winners of the two beautiful quilts were Kati Gruniesen and Jenny Prescia. We pray they are enjoyed as much as we enjoyed making them!

Come and join us on Thursday mornings from 9-12 - see what all the "buzz" is about. We do have fun along with our work. We had a Christmas potluck luncheon on December 21st with some great food and good conversation - Oh what fun! There are always treats and coffee on Thursday mornings as well. Please call Judy Parriott with any questions (847)986-4465 or talk to any of us on a Sunday morning.

Continued blessings to all during the coming year!



Lyn H and the Quilters

Church News...

Social Ministry

Social Ministries (PADS/COOL/Veterans)

Looking for ways to spread acts of kindness this holiday season, then “pay it forward” as you are able, support the Social Ministries.

Collection bins can be found in the Narthex:

*PADS: Items in great need at this time include gloves, scarves, hats, long underwear, coats, and toiletries for both men and women.

*COOL Ministries: The COOL Food Pantry in Waukegan is in dire need of food donations.

Give if you can. St. Andrew Quilter’s Baby Care Kits continue to be a focus. The Quilter’s make sweaters, blankets, and towels throughout the year. Items needed include: Sleepers and T-shirts 6mos to 24mos

Socks (Dollar Store)

Large safety pins (Dollar Store)

Mild soap (Dollar Store)

*Reminder to the home sewers...kit tops are available in the Narthex and waiting to be sewn. The church is open Monday-Thursday 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Judy Parriott would be happy to make arrangements to bring the kits to you, just give her a call at 847-986-4465

While working on the Baby Care Kits, Sewers and Tiers are busy putting quilts together for next year!

Items needed include:

Sheets

Light weight blankets

Larger pieces of material

Your gifts of time and money help the Quilters’ ministry assist Lutheran World Relief to serve many families around the world.

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Ultimately, I believe that this is what the church, and the Church, are meant to be. That as the beloved, named and claimed children of God, we have been invited into a ministry that practices compassion that is world-embracing.

As you reflect on your New Year’s resolutions, I pray that you seek ways to include God’s world-embracing compassion into your list. I know many of our resolutions will include things that we think we need to do to make ourselves better people, and I hope you include compassion for yourself in those lists too.

There’s a practice called “begin as you mean to go”. We can interpret this in many different ways,

but the one that I find most valuable for my own life is that I don’t need to go all in right away. No one can live their lives at 100% every moment of every day, so I don’t need to start at 100%. It isn’t realistic or sustainable.

How then will you begin 2024? I truly want to know! I hope you’ll share with me what it looks like for you to “begin as you mean to go”, and where—if at all—you will practice a world-embracing compassion for yourself and others.

Happy New Year, dear family! May your year be bright and fully of love.

Peace,
Pr Jenna

COOL Food and Veteran's Ministry

The mission of COOL (Christian Outreach of Lutherans) is to give comprehensive assistance to families in need, by reducing hunger and homelessness while encouraging personal growth and self-sufficiency.

The Cool Food Pantry in Waukegan and Ingleside are in dire need of donations of food. The demand has gone up by 1/3 since this Summer. If you can share some food, the collection items they are looking for are:

- (1 lb. packages) Rice, Pasta, or Pinto Beans
- Cereal (Dry or Oatmeal) • Canned Soup 16 oz.
- Canned Vegetable (corn or greens)
- Any size Tomato/Spaghetti • Fruit 16 oz.
- Powdered Milk • Baked Beans 16 oz
- Canned Meats Ravioli, Stew or Spam • Tuna Fish
- Side dishes (Macaroni & Cheese, Stuffing, Instant Potatoes)
- Extras like Cookies, Crackers, Catsup, Popcorn, Muffins, etc.

Monetary donations are also accepted. A \$20.00 donation will allow COOL to purchase \$160 worth of food from our local food bank. Checks should be made payable to COOL FOOD PANTRY and sent to:
800 W Glen Flora Ave, Waukegan, Illinois 60085

The COOL Veteran's Ministry needs the following:
These items cannot be purchased with food stamps

- Razors • Toilet Paper
- Paper towels • Laundry Soap
- Body Soap or Wash
- Toothpaste, Mouthwash
- Shaving Cream • Denture Cream
- Cleaning Supplies (Any)
- Deodorant (Men or Women)
- Lotion • Washcloths or Shower • Shampoo



Joan Routledge

In Loving Memory of Jacquelyn Schmidt

Dear St. Andrew Family of Faith,

I write to you with a heavy heart to share the passing of **Jacquelyn J. Schmidt**.
God quietly called her home on December 18, 2023.

Jackie was the kind of person--the kind of mom--who wouldn't rest easy until she knew that everyone was safe and well. Even though she was protective of her own independence, she always checked in with her children and loved ones. Her love and care for those most precious to her showed them the depth of her love and modeled the love that God shows to us.

Visitation for Jacquelyn will be Saturday January 6, 2023 from 1:00 PM--2:00 PM at St. Andrew Lutheran Church. A private Funeral Service for family and close friends will begin at 2:00 PM. Her obituary can be found on the Kristan Funeral Home website.

The family has asked that donations be made to St. Andrews in lieu of flowers.

Gracious God, we thank you for the long and full life of your beloved child, Jacquelyn, and for giving her to us to know and to love. We entrust her back to you, the One who lovingly made her and who now lovingly calls her home, and we look forward to the day of our reunion. We pray this in your name, Amen.



In God's Abundant Love,
Pr Jenna

Gifts and Memorial

The church gift/memorial fund is established for the purpose of receiving and holding money given to the church in memory or honor of someone or to honor a special occasion.

GIFTS CAN BE GIVEN IN MEMORY, IN HONOR, AND WITH THANKS TO, GOD FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED.

STEWARDSHIP –

STEWARDSHIP - It is ALL ABOUT GENEROSITY (our Time, Talents and Treasures)

I/We just want to say “thank you” to all who have turned in a 2024 pledge as our leaders put together our budget for 2024. We want to be faithful and fiscally responsible and knowing what we have to work with helps tremendously. If you have not turned in a pledge and are still planning to do so, please do as soon as possible. If you give on-line or intend to keep your giving the same as last year, fill out a card and turn it in so we can see the true figures. This will also help us to have an accurate count to reach our goal of 70 pledged households. We CAN reach that goal! We do have a truly faithful and generous family at St. Andrew. We are all so blessed in many ways and should be continually grateful for all we have to share and for the help and support that we can give to each other!

I was just going to say thank you BUT, I do have a story to share from Buck Storm and published in “Walking in Grace” 2023 Daily Devotional.

“Have you ever moved a woodstove? You’d know if you had. If there’s a word to describe the thing, it’s ‘heavy’. And I don’t mean heavy in the normal sense. It’s like the manufacturer builds them with as much cast iron as possible and then -out of what I imagine to be gleeful malice-adds in a healthy dose of the heaviest element in the universe.

At least these were the thoughts depressing my mind as my neighbor and I stood in the living room staring at one such beast. We had blocks of wood, a floor jack, and a pocketful of not-very-well-thought-out ideas.

Yup, it wasn’t gonna be pretty.

We were all set up and seconds away from sending ourselves to the emergency room when my son and two of his young and very strong friends walked in. Let me tell you, my praises echoed heaven’s halls.

We can plan, and we can scheme, but sometimes it simply takes community to get us through this life journey. I’m convinced this is why God gave us each other. How many times have I faced some seemingly immovable obstacle in life and had the beautiful experience of a brother or sister (or several of them) in the Lord step in and link arms with me?

Our God supplies all our needs, sometimes in the most unexpected ways.

I think I’ll sit by the fire for a while now.

Hey, maybe I’ll even invite a few friends over.”

Tia Kowalewski (thank you, Tia) will continue to lead our forum between services after the New Year as we discuss stories of generosity from the Bible. There has been some really good conversation and idea and story sharing between those of us who have attended - join in!

Dear God, thank You for providing faithful friends. And help me to be the same when the need arises.

Praise be to our God and our living Saviour, our Lord! Amen.

Lyn H and the Stewardship Team



PRAYER VENTURES

January 2024

- 1** Give thanks and praise to God, for we have been redeemed through the undeserved gift and sacrifice of Jesus Christ that liberates us from darkness, hopelessness and bondage to sin.
- 2** Pray without ceasing for an end to the conflicts and humanitarian crises in the Middle East, Ukraine, South Sudan and other countries. Ask God to make us instruments of peace, reconciliation and justice in the world wherever there is turmoil and suffering. Pray for the vital work we do together through Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Lutheran World Federation, Church World Service and other partners.
- 3** “Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!” (Psalm 148:7-8). Pray for the Spirit to stir our sense of awe for all that God has created and for God’s boundless love for humankind.
- 4** *Human Trafficking Prevention Month* Pray that we will work together diligently to prevent sexual slavery, forced labor and commercial sexual exploitation, including online forms of trafficking. Pray for our communities of faith to be safe places of refuge, respect, care and support for victims and survivors of human trafficking, especially young people of all genders and gender identities.
- 5** Give thanks that God leads us to the light and truth of Jesus Christ — God’s Son, the promised Messiah — when we might wander aimlessly in despair, longing and chaos.
- 6** Last year there were over 40,000 gun deaths in our country, including suicides (gunviolencearchive.org). Pray for an end to these senseless deaths and the resulting trauma, grief and anguish that spread through our communities and nation. Ask God to lead us out of hopelessness and inaction and to renew our commitment to end gun violence.
- 7** *Baptism of Our Lord* Let us give thanks for our baptisms, which marked us as loved and forgiven children of God and welcomed us to a life revitalized and guided by the Spirit. That same Spirit descended upon Jesus during his baptism and accompanied him throughout his life on earth.
- 8** Pray for the 340 new-start congregations and communities of faith under development in the United States and the Caribbean region, which welcome all God’s people, share Christ’s love and provide spiritual and physical sustenance.
- 9** What would happen if we awoke and greeted each day with this prayer and invitation to God: “Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth” (Psalm 25:4-5).
- 10** Remember and give thanks for our siblings in Christ who have gone before us, and for those living among us today who help reveal the mysteries of God’s grace and the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.
- 11** Thank God for the ELCA’s special relationship with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a full communion partner since 1997. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.
- 12** Lift up prayers for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who suffer poverty and hunger, oppression and violence, and who are alone and without advocates. Pray that we will look to God to deepen our understanding of justice and peacemaking and to guide our relationships with our neighbors in need.
- 13** Pray for the ELCA’s Future Church: God’s Love Made Real initiative, which aspires to a welcoming, thriving, connected, sustainable church and envisions a world experiencing the difference God’s grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation.
- 14** Pray that we will respond daily to Jesus’ invitation to follow him and will learn, serve our neighbors in need, share the gospel and invite others to experience God’s love, forgiveness and truth in community.

- 15** *Martin Luther King Jr. Day* Give thanks and praise for siblings in Christ, such as Martin Luther King Jr., who risk everything to proclaim God's love and concern for all, stress the inherent value of our neighbors as children of God and awaken us from indifference, inactivity and hesitation to do God's difficult work in the world.
- 16** "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well" (Psalm 139:14). When we doubt ourselves and question our value, remember and give thanks that God created us and knows us inside out, including our quirks, gifts, needs, questions and complexities.
- 17** Pray for youth and family ministry leaders and volunteers gathering for the ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza 2024 in New Orleans, that the Spirit will renew their faith, affirm their gifts and equip them to surround young people with God's grace and mercy.
- 18** Ask God to renew and strengthen our resolve to end hunger and poverty and to address their root causes in our communities and the world. Promise to listen carefully to our neighbors in need so that we can work together to find appropriate, effective and sustainable solutions.
- 19** When we are united with Christ, every aspect of our life and being — spiritual, physical and social — is impacted. Pray for the Spirit to help us stay faithful to the ways of God and the example of Christ and to reclaim us when we give undue value and attention to things that distract us.
- 20** Remember in prayer individuals and families who are homeless. Pray for congregations, community ministries, social service organizations and local and state governments that are working to develop effective, creative and sustainable housing, shelter and care for our neighbors.
- 21** Jesus Christ is the good news of God's grace and mercy at the heart of our baptism and faith. Give thanks and praise God for this amazing promise and gift!
- 22** Pray for Lutheran outdoor ministry leaders as they recruit young adult staff for summer ministries. Pray that young adults will respond to these leaders' invitation to share their faith, gifts and leadership abilities with campers of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.
- 23** There's a bit of Jonah in all of us when we question God's wisdom and mercy and balk at doing what God asks of us. Promise to be attentive and responsive to God's work and to trust that God's boundless love and forgiveness are for all people, including ourselves.
- 24** Give thanks for the ELCA Foundation, which helps us to fund God's work in the world, now and well into the future.
- 25** *Conversion of Paul* Give thanks for God's presence in our lives and for the work of the Holy Spirit, which changes our lives and the world.
- 26** Pray for the Deaconess Community of the ELCA, a diverse group of sisters in Christ who courageously proclaim the gospel, work for justice and healing, and serve all people.
- 27** *Lydia, Dorcas and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith* Pray that when we share the story of God's love and activity in the world, we will remember women in the Bible who professed their faith in God, served as leaders in the church, shared the good news of Jesus Christ and cared for neighbors in need.
- 28** Praise God that Jesus was born human and knows what our life entails, and that Jesus is the Son of God, revealing the immeasurable power, love and mercy of our Creator.
- 29** Remember in prayer those who serve in law enforcement in our communities and nation. Give thanks for the many ways they care for our well-being. Pray for their safety and ask the Spirit to nurture their wisdom, compassion and impartial judgment in the exercise of their responsibilities.
- 30** "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding" (Psalm 111:10). Give thanks that, in this verse, fear isn't something negative, threatening or worrisome but instead means awe and respect for God and God's ways, which enable us to practice wisdom, compassion and justice throughout life.
- 31** Pray for leaders and organizations gathered at the Lutheran Services in America Disability Network Winter Meeting in Phoenix, that the Spirit will inspire and guide their work as they empower people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to lead their best lives in society, the church and the world.

Giving our Time and Talents

Turning Generosi-T into the Generosi-TREE

Welcome to 2024! St. Andrew spent the last few weeks of 2023 entering our annual Stewardship Pledge Drive and asking all of us to reflect on how we can live with Generosi-T by giving our Time, Talents, and Treasures. We initially focused on the Treasures branch by asking for your financial pledges to help create our 2024 budget. Now we move into the next phase by focusing on giving our Time and Talents.

In 1 Corinthians 12, the Apostle Paul writes about the structure of the Church:

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ... Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues.”

Starting this month, we are asking everyone at St. Andrew to reflect on what part you play in this Body of Christ. Our Church survives on our Treasures, but it **THRIVES** on our Time and Talents! God has blessed each of us with Spiritual Gifts. Do you know what yours is/are? And do you know how best to use those at St. Andrew?

For the last few weeks, Pastor Jenna has provided information on assessing what your Spiritual Gifts are: there is a link within the Midweek Blast (see Item #2), and there are hard copies in the Narthex. We encourage you to take this assessment as a first step to learning what Gifts God has blessed you with. Assessments aren't perfect, though. You might need to try something first to see if the Holy Spirit is calling you to that.

To help you in your journey, we're creating a low-commitment way to identify and practice your Gifts: the Generosi-Tree. The Generosi-Tree will be in the Narthex, and each leaf will contain a small way that you can give your Time and Talents. For example, if you have the Gift of Service, try being an usher or Communion Assistant for a week. If you have the Gift of Exhortation, try helping the Caring in Action

team send cards to our homebound members. If you have the Gift of Teaching, you can help lead the Adult Bible Study one week or be a Sunday School teacher. There are so many ways you can help!



When I was a kid, my mom always made us try new foods by taking a “no-thank-you-bite”. If you didn't like it, you could just say “No, thank you”, but maybe you'd discover that you actually liked it! That's the intent of the Generosi-Tree as well. Maybe you try something and say “No, thank you” or may you'll discover your Spiritual Gift and find your part in the Body of Christ! We look forward to seeing how you'll choose to give your Time and Talents to serve the Body of Christ and help St. Andrew thrive!

*Krissy Grace on behalf
of the Church Council*

TREASURER'S REPORT

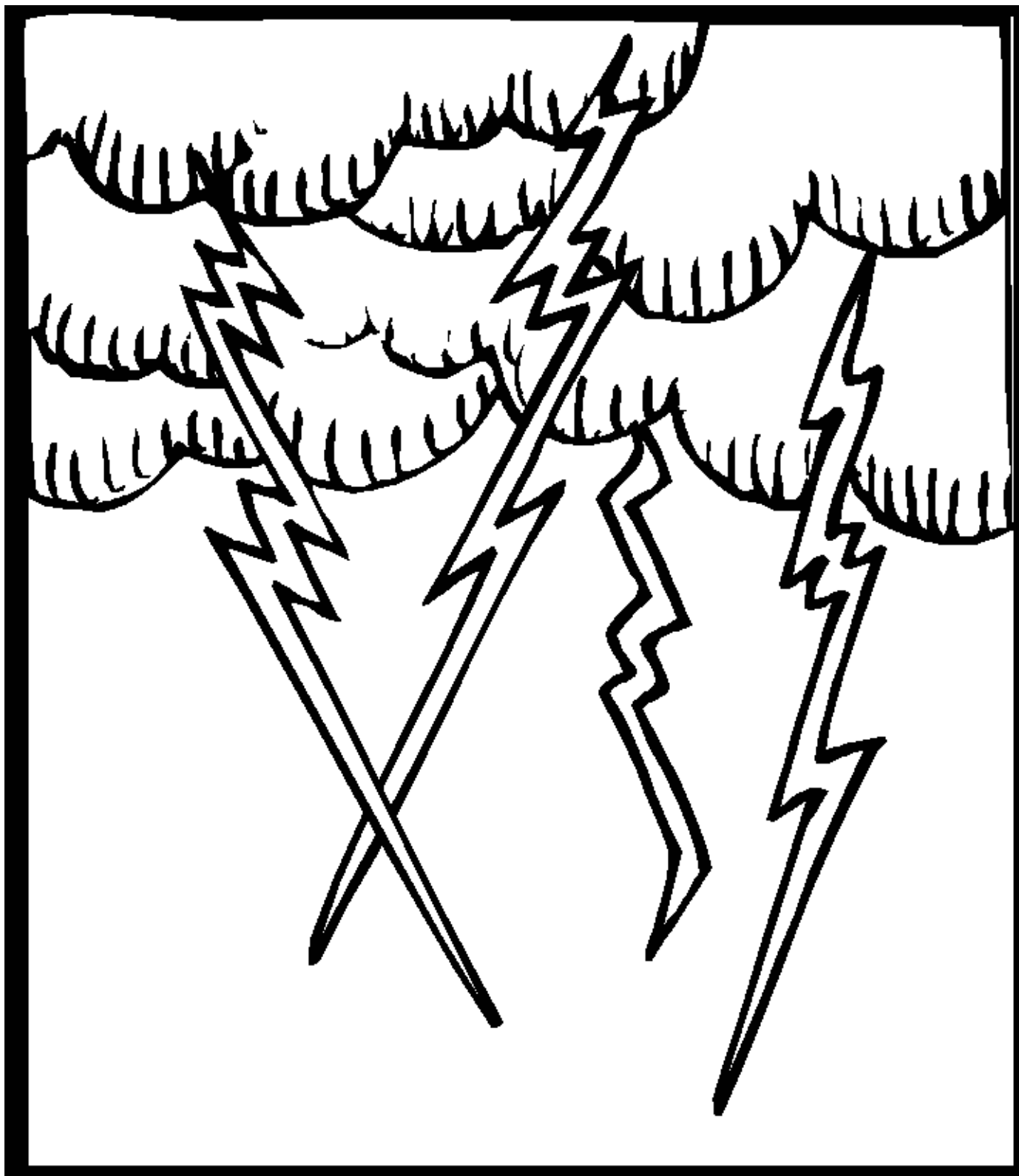
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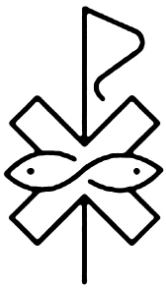
January 2024

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For our young readers



Genesis 1:1-5 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.



St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

“Sharing Christ”

- In Faithful Worship
- Faithful Giving
- Ministry Participation
- Daily Living

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Telephone No.: 847-566-8081

**Dated Material
Do Not Delay**

All are Welcome...

The Sunday Morning Worship Schedule is:

Traditional Service:
8:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service:
10:45 a.m.



**Sunday Service
can be viewed at**
www.standrewmundelein.com

**Our Mission is to be a church where all
people are welcomed, fed, and nourished
in the name of Jesus Christ.**

St. Andrew Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.