

St. Andrew Lutheran Church Encounter

February 2025

From Pastor Jenna Pulkowski Pastor's Pen

Dear St. Andrew Family of Faith,

As we head into February—the month often associated with love—I am reminded of God's incredible love that surrounds us every day. 1 John 4:19 says, "We love because God first loved us." This simple yet profound truth is the foundation of our faith and our calling as believers.

Many of us celebrate Valentine's Day this month. While Valentine's Day is most often associated with romantic love, it's also a time to show our love and care for all of those in our lives. Although it's lovely to honor our loved ones, scripture invites us to remember to extend God's love to those around us who may feel unseen or forgotten. A kind word, a listening ear, or a small act of service can reflect the heart of Christ and remind others of his boundless grace.

This month, let us focus on sharing God's love in tangible ways. Whether through reaching out to a neighbor in need, volunteering in our community, or simply offering a prayer for someone who is struggling, we have countless opportunities to be God's hands and feet in the world. To practice being a church where all are welcomed, fed, and nourished in the name of Jesus Christ.

We have many wonderful ways to practice this within St. Andrew, many of which are highlighted in this newsletter, as well as our weekly email blasts. From quilters to our Caring in Action team, the Property Team to children, youth, and family ministries, it is my prayer that you will find a place where you can share God's love through the gifts God has given you.

As always, I am grateful for each of you and for the ways you embody God's love in our church and beyond. May February be a month of renewed faith, meaningful connections, and a fresh awareness of God's incredible love for us all.

Peace,
Pr Jenna

Church Council

Molly Dir {Operations Committee}

Anastasia Carmona {Service Committee}

Krissy Grace {Worship & Music Committee}

Bruce Dir {Finance Committee}

Jorge Cantu {Service Committee}

Tia Kowalewski {Faith Formation Committee}

Jeff Hayes

And their response...

"I will,
and I ask God
to help me"



Quilters' Crossing

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Your St. Andrew quilters are still hard at work! We have completed 149 quilts since we sent out the last shipment in May! There are a faithful group of 12-15 who gather each Thursday morning to sort fabric, cut quilt pieces, sew and tie! Sometimes there are even more than 15! We are a lively group and have a lot of fun in the process of this rewarding work. About half of our dedicated workers are not members of our St. Andrew family but come every week to work beside us. Debbie Jacobson, who recently retired, can now be a regular attendee on Thursdays besides all the work she did do and does do "behind the scenes" - YAY, DEBBIE! Since she knows "all the ropes" we are so grateful for her presence! She is now leading us in learning how to use our donated sheets from Double Tree as "filler" to save the cost of having to purchase so much batting. Again, YAY!

Thank you to all who helped make our Christmas Craft Sale and Raffle a huge success - we raised over \$700 that can now be used to keep our machines in good working order as well as enable us to purchase batting, thread, needles and the embroidery thread we use to tie the quilts together. With your support, we are able to keep stitching! We are still accepting good, clean, softly used sheets that are used for "backs" - we are in need of colored sheets if anyone has any they can donate.

If you ever have any questions about our group, would like to join us on Thursdays or you feel you could help out by sewing at home, please let us know. Call the church office, talk to me, Debbie Jacobson or Judy Parriott and let us know you would like to be a part of the Quilting Ministry. We will continue our work as long as we are able with the support of our brothers and sisters at St. Andrew! Thanks be to God that we can help in comforting others by our work and we are blessed that we can TOGETHER build friendships and share good fellowship in the process!

Lyn H. for the Quilters



Scripture Readings for February 2025

February 2 – 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

February 9 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalms 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

February 16 – 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalms 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

February 23 – 7th Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 2024

Total Income: \$27,636.79

Total Expense: \$28,334.31

Net: +/- - \$697.52

Annual 2024

Total Income: \$308,121.83

Total Expense: \$320,550.95

Net: +/- - \$12,429.12

STEWARDSHIP - WE ARE "TOGETHER FOR JOY and to LOVE ONE ANOTHER"

"O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things... Make a joyful noise to the Lord. all the earth: break forth into joyous song and sing praises....." Psalm 98

We have been talking a lot about joy and we have much to be thankful for as we move into 2025. Thank you to all who have made a new or have renewed your financial commitment to St. Andrew for the new year! If you have not turned in a pledge and are still planning to do so, it is never too late. As we move forward as a family of joy, faith and LOVE we have exciting things happening at St. Andrew. We have a new Children Youth and Family (CYF) director (Jess), a new choir and bell choir director (Ryan) and a new organist (Darrin). Welcome all! We are truly blessed and should be continually grateful for all we have and for all we have to share with each other.

As we have just passed through the season of Christmas, we are reminded once again that God sent his Son to us, to be human and live among us and to teach us to love one another. Pastor Jenna reminded us in her sermon a few weeks ago of this truth. Our baptism frees us to love. May each of you continue during the coming year to support each other and to show God's love to those around you by the things you say and do. God's love is an everlasting love and he will never forget us. This is also the theme of my daily devotional "Walking in Grace 2025", "An Everlasting

Love". I will be sharing many of the wonderful stories with you in the coming months. May we see the many ways God's love, providence and guidance covers our lives.

Here is a story that I want to share that was actually in "Walking in Grace 2024" for the first Sunday of Advent but it is fitting for all time; written by Shawnelle Eliassen

"Sorry about this mess", my oldest son, Logan says, 'I wish the ride back were shorter.'

Empty brown boxes, flaps open like yawning mouths, clutter the living room. Tinsel glints on the rug. Leftover lights lie in gnarled knots. All five boys had gathered to help decorate our new home for Christmas, and Logan is the last to leave. The weekend had been rich with family and fun, but he knows I missed placing vintage ceramic trees and metal-winged angels in their places-of-old in the home he grew up in.

'Daddy and I will clean up,' I say. 'You get going.'

Logan heads toward his own home, and I slip onto a chair. I slip off to sleep, too, and wake an hour later to the jingle of the bells we'd hung on the door. Logan strides back in.

'We forgot your crystal mistletoe,' he says. . He roots through boxes until he holds it in his hand. Every Christmas past, he'd hung it from the chandelier in our Victorian. 'I'll get the ladder,' he says now.

Soon an old treasure dangles from our new chandelier. 'You'll be driving until midnight,' I say.

'I pray about how to use my time, Mom, and tonight I needed to care for you.'

What a beautiful way to begin Advent season. I hold my son close as his sacrifice pulls me from the past to the present, where I understand that time is an offering.

A holy offering that brings the Lord's comfort and love."

Let us continue to find joy, peace and love in our St. Andrew family. Let us continue to pray what our part is in this faithful community!

Lord, I offer my time. In your hands, may it be used to care for others. Amen.

Lyn H. and the Service Team



Lyn H and the Stewardship Team (Service Umbrella Min-

PRAYER VENTURES

February 2025

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

- 1 *World Interfaith Harmony Week (U.N.)* Ask the Spirit to help congregations create opportunities for dialogue and learning with people whose religious beliefs and traditions are different from our own, for the sake of peace, harmony, cooperation and mutual understanding.
- 2 The word of God brings joy and comfort to us yet is sometimes difficult to hear. Pray that we will reflect on how God's word strikes us, especially when it challenges what is safe, familiar and comfortable in our lives.
- 3 Ask God to help us move beyond our apprehensions, anger and entrenched beliefs so that we might confess and address deeply rooted aspects of racism that poison relationships, workplaces, society and the church. Pray for the Spirit to remind us that we are children of God who live in grace and are called to love, respect and serve one another — complexities, differences and all.
- 4 Among all our gifts and abilities, the most important is love for God and our neighbors — family, strangers and siblings in Christ alike. Praise God for teaching us what love entails through the selfless, unreserved and undeserved love of Jesus Christ for humankind.
- 5 Pray for Federal Chaplaincy Ministries of the ELCA, which seeks, supports, nurtures and sends pastors and seminary students to serve as federal chaplains and chaplain candidates for the U.S. military, Veterans Affairs hospitals and federal correctional institutions. Give thanks for chaplains and the gifts that the Spirit nurtures within them as they serve in unique contexts.
- 6 Lift up prayers and songs of praise to God for being the bright light in the world that illuminates the one true and enduring source of hope, guidance and eternal life — Jesus Christ.
- 7 Use the words of Psalm 71:3 in your prayer to God today: "Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress."
- 8 Pray for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who labor in one or more jobs to meet basic daily needs for themselves and their families. Ask God to strengthen and sustain their spiritual and physical strength and to help us be supportive, caring and generous neighbors.
- 9 Ask God to help us be attentive and responsive to how God speaks to us through Scripture, the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, the work of the Spirit and the encouragement and admonition offered by our siblings in Christ.
- 10 Give thanks for the ELCA's commitment to accompany and work with interreligious partners, including the Shoulder to Shoulder Campaign, an initiative that connects, equips and mobilizes leaders and members of faith communities to address anti-Muslim discrimination and violence, foster greater understanding and shift attitudes about Islam and Muslims in our country.
- 11 What tasks feel overwhelming to you right now? Ask God to renew your spirit for undertaking those things that are difficult to work through and accomplish.
- 12 Remember in prayer our ministries in nine African countries. Pray for ELCA Global Mission personnel, International Women Leaders and Young Adults in Global Mission who work alongside companion churches to help spread the gospel, equip leaders, grow the church and respond to community needs.
- 13 We are recipients and beneficiaries of the good news of Jesus Christ, who died for our sins and imperfections and defied the finality of death so that we could live with newfound freedom in this world, and forever in the kingdom of God.

- 14 Give thanks to God for the leaders of our church who respond to God's call by serving as ministers of Word and Sacrament and ministers of Word and Service. Ask the Spirit to sustain their faith, inspire their joy in ministry and equip them with gifts and skills for serving in diverse and challenging contexts.
- 15 Pray for peace, healing and justice, especially in the critical contexts of Ukraine, Russia, Haiti, the Middle East, troubled regions of Africa and wherever conflict and war exist in the world.
- 16 Remember in prayer those impacted by the wildfires in Southern California and by severe winter weather, and those involved in long-term recovery from disasters. Give thanks for Lutheran Disaster Response and for synods and congregations that provide financial support, resources, volunteers and encouragement.
- 17 Pray for the 300 health and human service organizations that form the alliance of Lutheran Services in America and serve more than 6 million people every year in the United States and the Caribbean. Pray that our work together through these organizations will provide us with abundant resources and skills to respond to the unique needs of people of all ages.
- 18 "I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you" (Isaiah 43:1-2). Give thanks and praise to God for being our ever present help in every circumstance of life.
- 19 Praise God for the work of the Spirit, which creates and nurtures our faith and hope in Jesus Christ, our risen Savior, whose love has no limits and endures through our ups and downs.
- 20 *World Day of Social Justice (U.N.)* Ask for God's help to advance social justice everywhere, to foster healthy societies and economies, to end inequality and discrimination, and to increase inclusion — issues critical for the well-being of our neighbors and communities.
- 21 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.
- 22 Remember in prayer our ministries in nine countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. Pray for ELCA Global Mission personnel and Young Adults in Global Mission volunteers, who help deepen relationships of accompaniment with companion churches and who work to develop leaders, strengthen education and health ministries, and confront issues of migration and gender justice.
- 23 "Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you" (Luke 6:27-28). Pray for humility and courage to love our neighbors as God has loved us.
- 24 In the dreariness of winter, when nature seems lifeless, give thanks to God for the people and little things reminding us that life endures, though we might think it depleted. God's ability to create, revive and sustain life — even in us — is cause for joy and thanksgiving!
- 25 Pray for synod bishops gathering for the spring Conference of Bishops in Itasca, Ill., that the Spirit will guide and enrich their time together for worship, study, mutual sharing, and conducting business. Give thanks for their guidance of our church and ask God to equip them for leadership, service and responding to the growing challenges of ministry in our 65 synods.
- 26 Give thanks for the work we do together through programs, ministries and initiatives of the ELCA and our synods. Pray that our church will thrive and that we will inspire faith and hope wherever we share the good news of Jesus Christ.
- 27 "Esteem [the Bible] as the precious fountain that can never be exhausted" (Martin Luther, *Table Talk*). What stories and texts in the Bible are most familiar to you? Pray for the Spirit to help you discover something new and revealing each time you read or hear those familiar texts.
- 28 Pray for the ministries unique to your community, that we will consider the people and needs they serve, value their staff and volunteers, and generously support their work.



PEOPLE POWER – FEBRUARY 2025



Sunday, February 2	8:30 a.m.	
Assisting Minister:	Peter Schoenfield	Lay Reader: Rosemary Haraldsson
Usher:	Jeff Hayes	
Sound Tech:		
Altar Guild:	Charlene Bestler	
Counters:	Lyn Hayes & Bill List	
Sunday, February 9	8:30 a.m.	
Assisting Minister:	Peter Schoenfield	Lay Reader: Charlene Bestler
Ushers:	Debbie Jacobson, Jeff Hayes	
Sound Tech:		
Media Tech:	Steve Jacobson	
Altar Guild:	Charlene Bestler	
Counters:	Krissy Grace & Steve Jacobson	
Sunday, February 16	8:30 a.m.	
Assisting Minister:	Peter Schoenfield	Lay Reader: Jim Kowalewski
Usher:	Jeff Hayes	
Sound Tech:		
Altar Guild:	Charlene Bestler	
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Kathi Mac Dougall	
Sunday, February 23	8:30 a.m.	
Assisting Minister:	Peter Schoenfield	Lay Reader: Lyn Hayes
Ushers:	Debbie Jacobson, Jeff Hayes	
Sound Tech:		
Media Tech:	Steve Jacobson	
Altar Guild:	Charlene Bestler	
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Darrell Vander Bloomen	

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

Assisting Ministers/Lay Reader/Greeters/Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman	847-566-8081
Lay Leaders/Lay Reader/Nursery/Sound	Anita Pahlman	847-566-8081
Ushers:	Debbie Jacobson	847-566-4764
Media Tech:	Steve Jacobson	847-566-4764
Counters:	Andrea Ammons	224-388-1041
Altar Guild:	Jim Kowalewski	224-715-2141



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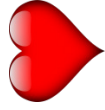
Sunday, February 2	10:45 a.m.	
Lay Leader:	Jenny Prescia	Lay Reader: Ellen Van Zeeland
Greeter:	Dominick Martinelli	
Ushers:	Chris Carlson & Debbie Jacobson	
Children's Message:	Bill List	
Communion Assistants:	Tami Shubin,	
Sound Tech:		
Media Tech:	Steve Jacobson	
PowerPoint Tech:	Annamarie Martinelli	
Altar Guild:	Charlene Bestler	
Counters:	Lyn Hayes & Bill List	
Sunday, February 9	10:45 a.m.	
Lay Leader:	Krissy Grace	Lay Reader: Kati Gruneisen
Usher:	Chris Carlson	
Children's Message:		
Communion Assistants:	Tami Shubin, Kari Payne	
Sound Tech:		
PowerPoint Tech:		
Altar Guild:	Charlene Bestler	
Counters:	Krissy Grace & Steve Jacobson	
Sunday, February 16	10:45 a.m.	
Lay Leader:	Krissy Grace	Lay Reader: Holly Griffith
Greeter:	Dominick Martinelli	
Usher:	Chris Carlson & Debbie Jacobson	
Children's Message:		
Communion Assistants:	Tami Shubin, Kari Payne	
Sound Tech:	Steve Grace	
Media Tech:	Steve Jacobson	
PowerPoint Tech:	Annamarie Martinelli	
Altar Guild:	Charlene Bestler	
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Kathi Mac Dougall	
Sunday, February 23	10:45 a.m. SCOUT SUNDAY	
Lay Leader:	Jenny Prescia	Lay Reader: Sheeba Thallury
Greeters:	Scouts	
Usher:	Chris Carlson	
Children's Message:		
Communion Assistants:	Tami Shubin, Heidi Emso	
Sound Tech:		
PowerPoint Tech:	Steve Grace	
Altar Guild:	Charlene Bestler	
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Tax free income made to a charitable organization

1. Charitable Contributions from an IRA (Qualified Charitable Distributions - QCDs)

How it works: Individuals aged 70½ or older can transfer up to \$100,000 annually directly from their traditional IRA to a qualified charity, like a church.

Tax Benefit: The amount transferred counts toward the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) but is not included in taxable income, which can lower overall tax liability and may help avoid higher Medicare premiums or taxation of Social Security benefits.

2. Donating Appreciated Assets (Stocks, Bonds, Real Estate)

How it works: Donors can transfer appreciated assets directly to the church instead of selling them.

Tax Benefit: The donor avoids capital gains tax on the appreciation and can claim a deduction for the fair market value of the asset, if they itemize deductions.

3. Naming the Church in an Estate Plan

How it works: Include the church in a will, trust, or as a beneficiary of life insurance policies, retirement accounts, or other assets.

Tax Benefit: Such bequests are typically exempt from estate taxes and allow individuals to make a significant impact on the church's future.

4. Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs)

How it works: Donors contribute to a DAF, receive an immediate tax deduction, and recommend grants to the church over time.

Tax Benefit: Contributions to a DAF are tax-deductible in the year made, and donors can distribute funds to the church when it's most beneficial.

5. End-of-Year Cash or Check Donations

How it works: Make a cash or check contribution before December 31 to claim it on that year's tax return.

Tax Benefit: Cash gifts are deductible up to 60% of adjusted gross income (AGI) if the donor itemizes deductions.

6. Donating Tangible Personal Property

How it works: Donate items like vehicles, art, or other tangible property that the church can use or sell.

Tax Benefit: The deduction depends on how the church uses the property, but donors often receive a deduction equal to the fair market value of the item.

7. Payroll Deduction or Employer Matching Gifts

How it works: Set up a recurring donation to the church through an employer's payroll system, or check if the employer matches charitable contributions.

Tax Benefit: Automatic giving simplifies tracking, and matching gifts effectively double the contribution.

8. Charitable Remainder Trusts (CRTs)

How it works: Set up a CRT to provide income for a designated period, with the remaining assets going to the church.

Tax Benefit: CRTs can provide an immediate tax deduction, reduce estate taxes, and provide income during the donor's lifetime.

9. Giving via Life Insurance

How it works: Name the church as a beneficiary or transfer ownership of a life insurance policy.

Tax Benefit: Premiums paid on a transferred policy may be deductible, and the church receives the full policy value tax-free.

10. Gifting Through 401(k) and Retirement Accounts

How it works: Individuals can name the church as a beneficiary of a 401(k), 403(b), or other retirement accounts.

Tax Benefit: Retirement account assets are heavily taxed when passed to heirs, but gifts to a church are tax-free.

General Tips:

Donors should consult their tax advisor to understand the specific implications of their gift.

Gifts & Memorial Fund

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.

St. Andrew Opportunities to help & Share

- SALC Bible Study
- Faith Formation Committee
- Service Committee
- Caring In Action (CIA) Team
- Quilting Ministry
- Women's Fellowship
- Parish Life
- Men's Breakfast
- Quilters
- Volunteer Needs
- Social Media Opportunities
- "People Power", i.e.

Volunteers for Sunday Worship Service

Worship with us

by viewing our service on line at:

Standrewmundelein.com

COUNTER NEEDED

If you have some calculator skills and an eye for detail and could devote an hour or so once a month, it would be much appreciated. Training will be provided. Counting could be done after second service on Sunday or early afternoon Monday or Tuesday. The schedule is provided on a quarterly basis. Please contact Andrea Ammons at **224/388-1041** or **matti5488@gmail.com**.

Thank you!

Lent

(March)

The term "Lent" derives from the same source as one of the German words, "Lenz," which means spring. When nature awakens from the end of winter, the Christian discovers the newness of life in Christ, emerging from the death of sin. Over the 40 days of Lent, God's baptized people, cleanse their souls by the discipline of repentance, prayer, and fasting. Lent is when God's people joyfully prepare for the Paschal feast (Easter). It is when God renews His people's zeal in faith and life. Grant us the fullness of grace that belongs to God's children.

Nursery Support:

Please help us to keep the nursery tidied! We'd appreciate your help in keeping that space tidied and cleaned up. Thank you for your help!

Flowers for the



If you would like to continue our tradition of sponsoring flowers for the altar, please either email the date and information to Anita or sign up on the flower calendar outside of Pastor's office. The cost is \$20. Sponsors for the eternal candle are \$20 for the month. Let's continue to beautify and light our church with memories and remembrances and honors!!

Men's Breakfast

Please join our Men's Fellowship as they meet for breakfast at the Mauri's Family Restaurant on Hawley Street on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 9am.

Editor's Notes

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

ajdondapati@vayunaproductions.com

Please put **ENCOUNTER** in the subject header.
Next Due Date will Be - Saturday, Feb. 15th

For Our Young Readers

Em doodles

by Chris Hambrecht

PRAY ANYTIME



ANYWHERE.

www.emdoodle.com

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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: _____ Volunteer willing to provide service: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Phone No: _____ Phone No.: _____

MAY NEED HELP WITH

I CAN PROVIDE HELP WITH

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | ----- Ride (to church or doctor's appointment) ----- | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <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,
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"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ----- Adult chaperone for youth retreats ----- | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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



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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Dated Material
Do Not Delay

All are Welcome...

The Sunday Morning
Worship Schedule is:

Worship services are held
at 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM.

Sunday Service
can be viewed at
www.standrewmundelein.com

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FEBRUARY BUCKET LIST

- ♥ Love your neighbor
- ♥ have self love
- ♥ love others by honoring them
- ♥ be patient with love
- ♥ God is love