

# St. Andrew Lutheran Church Encounter

March 2025

## From Pastor Jenna Pulkowski Pastor's Pen

Dear St. Andrew Family of Faith,  
As we enter the sacred season of Lent, we do so with the theme of "Cultivating and Letting Go." The word cultivate means, "to foster the growth of" or, "to improve by labor, care, or study." It is a word of action, calling us to nurture what is life-giving while also recognizing when it is time to release what no longer serves us. Lent is a season of spiritual gardening—of inviting God to unearth in us what lies fallow, what needs tending, and what must die for new life to emerge. This year, our lectionary offers images and stories with themes of earthiness and grit, reminding us that the work of faith is both deep and transformative. As Brené Brown so beautifully puts it, "Faith is a place of mystery, where we find the courage to believe in what we cannot see and the strength to let go of our fear of uncertainty." Throughout these forty days, we are invited to reflect on what God is calling us to cultivate and what we are being asked to release. Are there habits, fears, or burdens that need to be surrendered? Are there practices of love, justice, and mercy that need to be nurtured more intentionally? As we journey together, may we embrace the rhythm of Lent—a time of preparing the soil of our hearts so that God's grace might take root and flourish in us. Please see the email sent the week of February 27 for a full list of our Lenten worship and fellowship schedule, as well as resources to support your Lenten disciplines. May this season be one of renewal, courage, and deep trust in the One who is always at work within us. With grace and peace,



Pr Jenna

## Lent and Holy Week Worship Schedule

### March 5 – Ash Wednesday

Worship 7 pm w/ Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion

### Mid-Week Lenten Services

#### March 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9

6:00 pm - 6:45 pm - Soup Supper

6:45 pm - 7:00 pm - Hymn Sing

7:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Holden Evening Service

### Palm Sunday – April 13

8:30 am Traditional, 10:45 am Contemporary

### Maundy Thursday – April 17

7:00 pm - Worship with Handwashing, Communion and Stripping of Altar

### Good Friday – April 18

7:00 pm - Worship with Candle Lighting and Prayer Around the Cross

8:00 pm – Prayer Vigil begins (ends Saturday at midnight)

### Easter Sunday – April 20

8:30 am Traditional, 10:45 am Contemporary

Worship, both with Communion.

Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt between services

We need people to help with Saturday setup, clean-up

/ set-up between services on Sunday and clean up after

## Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

### Message from CYF Director Jess Villa:

"Hello everyone, I will be out of town February 22-March 8, returning to worship and Sunday school on March 9. While I'm gone, I will still be available via email and phone/text. In the meantime, Tina and Pr Jenna are always available and here to support our CYF Ministries.

### Donations Needed for Church Egg Hunt & Park District Outreach (Drop off by March 23)

Items needed are NUT FREE small, individually wrapped candy (e.g. Skittles, Starburst, fruit snacks, gummy bears, Sour Patch kids), Religious Easter stickers, religious bracelets or religious temporary tattoos.

Here is an Amazon Wish List if that is easier: Easter Egg Hunt - Amazon Gift List - <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/1DLN5STKU7ENR>

**Egg Stuffing (April 6 & April 13)** - Volunteers Needed!: If you are able to stay an hour after 1st service or come in an hour before 2nd service, we need help stuffing eggs for our church egg hunt! Please meet in the kitchen from 9:45-10:45am on these days to stuff plastic eggs. High Schoolers and middle schoolers are welcome! There will be donuts and we can sign off on any service hours you may need for school!

The annual church egg hunt will be on Easter Sunday (April 20) @ 10:15am on the lawn by the garage (weather permitting).

Our outreach event at the Park District will be on April 5th.

Thanks, Jess"

### Vacation Bible School - Save The Dates!!!

VBS will be back at our church this summer the week of July 14-18! It will be offered from 9am-12pm. Once we have registration link set up, we will share out to the congregation and ask that you share with your friends and family! We will also need many volunteers to make this happen, if you have it in your heart and schedule to volunteer this summer, please contact our youth director Jess Villa at [jess.villa@salcmundelein.org](mailto:jess.villa@salcmundelein.org)

## Ministries & Parish Life

### Lent Midweek Soup Suppers & Holden

**Evening Prayer:** Please mark your calendars for Wednesday evenings during Lent as we continue our practice of fellowship and even-song. All are welcome at supper--soup, bread, and desserts are also welcome but not necessary to participate!--followed by a "request a favorite hymn hymn-sing" and Holden Evening Prayer. Supper is at 6, Hymn sing is at 6:45, and Evening Prayer is at 7.

**Puzzles and Pages:** Puzzles and Pages is a free fellowship event! We will have books and puzzles to swap for free on March 16th between services. You can also bring unwanted books and puzzles (remember it's a family event) any time before that to classroom 1 downstairs. Please feel free to come even if you didn't bring something to swap, all are welcome!

**Choir and Bell Choir Rehearsal:** All are welcome to join our choral and bell choir ensembles at St. Andrew! Talk to Ryan, our choir & bells director, for rehearsal information. Rehearsals are on Thursdays, but not every week. Choir rehearses from 6-7pm, and the Bell Choir rehearses from 7-8pm.

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## PARISH LIFE

Please join us for LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS starting March 12th and continuing to Holy Week. The last supper will be April 9th. All will begin at 6:00 before service preceded by a hymn sing at 6:45 pm.

Bring a pot of soup or some bread to share if you can but it is not mandatory - there is always enough to go around! Please come for some good fellowship and conversation while we share a meal together.

We continue to share tasty treats during COFFEE HOUR between services on Sunday mornings! We cordially invite you to sign up to bring something to share. It is always nice to chat with folks a while as we share a cup of coffee, hot cocoa or tea and something sweet to eat! Thank you to those who help by providing these treats.

## WE ARE “TOGETHER FOR JOY” TO LOVE AND SERVE ONE ANOTHER

We have heard over and over again from the readings and Pastor Jenna’s sermons that we are called to LOVE AND TO PUT THAT LOVE INTO ACTION! No one gets special treatment. Love is already given to us; it is up to us to put that love into action! In this world today, it is sometimes, maybe many times, difficult to choose patience and kindness; not to let distractions and the “clangy gongs” get in the way. Sometimes we must forgive those who have sinned against us; we must do the things Jesus wants us to do. Our mission is to follow Christ and to be the “body of Christ”. This must be done to fulfill God’s promise to us. God sent his son, Jesus, to be our teacher and to show us the way to live. We also must remember that we are ALL members of this body and without any one of us, the body cannot function as a whole. “Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.” 1 Corinthians 5:14.

I know that all of our lives are busy and we may not feel that we are significant or that we have too much to do or that we cannot fit another thing into our busy schedules. Myself, with children grown and out of the household and, unfortunately, no children or grandchildren close around that take up my time, I still feel overwhelmed at times even working just part time. And with only two people in the household, things don’t even get that messy to take up all my time trying to keep the house tidy (or at least somewhat tidy)! For a long, long time, I

have been a “list maker” to try to keep myself on track or somewhat organized. Although, at the end of some weeks, there are usually at least several things that keep getting “pushed ahead”. There are some of you who can still probably keep that list “in your head” or keep it on your phone or tablet. The story below, struck me, being a “list maker” myself; I thought I would share it with you. It may be significant to our “conversation”, or not..... written by Debbie McComber and published in 2025 “Walking in Grace” devotional:

“I’m a list writer. Lists help me feel like I’m more organized than I actually am. They help me to maintain my focus and keep me on track. And when I’ve crossed off one of my goals, it gives me a feeling of accomplishment. For more years than I can remember, every Monday morning, I list five things I hope to accomplish that week. My goals for the week aren’t pie-in-the-sky ideas - they are simple goals to keep me on track. The first four are almost always the same: 1. Make progress on my current writing project. 2. Bible study. 3. Progress on my current knitting project. 4. What I call “extra reading” - a chapter in a book that inspires my walk with the Lord, or the current book club choice. The fifth one is the one that varies from week to week. One week it might be a decluttering project or encouraging notes of appreciation to those who have touched my life - whatever the Lord puts in my mind.

I keep track each day, writing down what I did to fulfill that goal. At the end of the week, if I followed through and made progress on my list, I give myself a big red star. Success!

It seems the Lord keeps lists Himself. The Ten Commandments are one example, but He doesn’t stop there. His lists continue all through Scripture: The Beatitudes (Matthew 5: 3-12); the building blocks of faith (2 Peter 1:5-7); and the fruit of the Spirit, the attributes of a mature Christian (Galatians 5:22-25).

List, lists and more lists. It’s fun to search through Scripture and take note of the lists God has. Now ‘those’ are lists worth noting.”

Debbie’s list “procedure” seems way more organized and sophisticated than mine (oh, if only you would see my lists?!)... Whether you are a list maker or someone who can just forge ahead or “go with the flow”, may you find time and find it in your heart today and all days, to answer the call when you hear, “.....the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” (Isaiah 6: 8). Thank you to all “members” who are a part of the “body” of St. Andrew!

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 Ministry)

# Quilters' Crossing

"..... truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40

Your St. Andrew quilters continue to do our work each Thursday morning from 9-12 -matching fabric, cutting, putting tops and bottoms together and then tying it all together!

We have again WELCOMED another new person to our "fold", Maggie who saw the sign, called the church and then joined us and jumped right in!

We continue to pray not only for those who our quilts help to warm, but our own members who have been dealing with some challenges of their own. We pray for continued strength and healing for Barb and Chris and any others not named here but who may also need extra prayers for things going on in their lives. We are truly sisters of faith and caring for each other!

It is always nice to be able to find out where some of our quilts end up. The Port of Baltimore is the starting point for most shipments of Lutheran World Relief quilts and Care Kits. From there, seafarers from all over the world transport them across the seas to ports in Africa, Asia, Latin America and beyond. But last spring, for the first time in LWR history, the ships themselves were the final destinations-and the seafarers were the intended recipients.

On March 26, 2024 the cargo ship, Dali, crashed into the Francis Scott Bridge - located just a few miles from LWR headquarters in Baltimore, MD. The bridge collapsed, tragically killing six construction workers and trapping 10 other ships and their crews in port for several weeks after the crash. Because they originally did not intend to stay in Baltimore more than a day or two, multiple crews did not have visas that would allow them to leave their ships. LWR depends on the hard work and sacrifice of seafarers like these to carry our love around the world. When dozens were stuck on ships in our backyard, LWR knew they had to help to make them more comfortable.

In total more than 150 quilts and personal care kits were distributed across seven ships. One recipient, Hu Xin Peng, couldn't wait to get back home to China later in the summer to wrap his infant son in his "new quilt". With the help of Rev. Messick, a chaplain and the executive director of the Baltimore International Seafarers Center, who reached out to LWR, they were able to make the seafarers lives a bit more comfortable as they were stuck away from home and their families much longer than they had intended!

We are so grateful that our work DOES MATTER! We continue to thank all who continue to support our ministry by donating fabric, good used sheets and also for financially supporting us! If you have questions, please contact the church office or talk to Judy Parriott, Debbie Jacobson, or myself. More hands and thankful hearts are always welcome!

Hugs and blessings,

Lyn H and the Quilters



## Scripture Readings for March 2025

### March 9 -- 1st Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

### March 16 -- 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

### March 23 -- 3rd Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalms 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

### March 30 -- 4th Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalms 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

## 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

# PRAYER VENTURES

## March 2025

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 Remember in your prayers the members of the 1 Give thanks for God's compassion, forgiveness and concern for humanity, which extend far beyond rules, borders, ideologies and bias. Pray that we are inspired to do likewise!
- 2 Thank God for the example of Jesus Christ, focusing not on his crucifixion but on what God reveals to us through his journey of life, suffering, death and resurrection.
- 3 Pray for lasting and resilient peace in the Holy Land and Middle East, that those who have suffered and lost much will experience justice, hope and healing as they rebuild their lives and communities.
- 4 Praise God for young people who serve our neighbors through ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM), working alongside global companion churches and organizations. Pray that their yearlong journeys will be blessings to the communities they serve and will strengthen their faith, clarity of vocation and understanding of people in diverse contexts.
- 5 Ash Wednesday Pray that we will wear the mark of the cross on our foreheads with humility and repentance and will remember why we are baptized into Christ: to proclaim the gospel, bear love and mercy into the world, serve our neighbors, strive for justice, grow in faith and glorify God in all we do and say.
- 6 Ask the Spirit to guide us through the season of Lent, that it might strengthen our faith in God's sacrificial love through Jesus Christ. Give thanks for the knowledge that we live in God's all-encompassing grace, given despite our weakness, uncertainty and arrogance.
- 7 Lift up praise and thanksgiving that God is perfect, impartial and ever present, defending those who suffer.
- 8 Remember in prayer our national leaders, that they will exercise wisdom, compassion, justice, mercy, respect for the diversity of humankind and attentiveness to those who are neglected and excluded. Pray that our leaders will foster well-being in our communities, nation and world.
- 9 Pray that the Spirit will give us strength whenever we are tempted to stray from the ways of God, revealed to us in human terms through the life of Jesus Christ.
- 10 Give thanks for moments of joy and celebration in your life and the lives of your neighbors and siblings in Christ.
- 11 Who is our neighbor? Pray that we might recognize people everywhere in the world as our neighbors, created by and beloved of God and sharing with us a common lineage.
- 12 Ask God to bless our congregations' community meals during Lent, that we might build relationships, reflect in prayer and feel renewed in our enthusiasm for doing God's work in the world.
- 13 "When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them" (Psalm 91:15). Lift up prayers of gratitude to God, who hears our pleading and lamentations and does not ignore or abandon us.
- 14 Give thanks for the ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarship program, which supports students attending ELCA seminaries so that they can graduate with less debt and respond to God's call as the church needs and the Spirit leads.
- 15 Pray for the ELCA AMMPARO Migrant Ministry, ELCA Witness in Society, ELCA World Hunger, Global Refuge, Lutheran Services in America and other partner ministries and organizations that uphold basic human rights, address causes of migration and help immigrants, asylum-seekers and refugees rebuild

- their lives in our country.
- 16 “O God, you know all that we think or do, you know the pain we put each other through. Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, grant us peace” (WOV 739). Praise God for the boundless love and forgiveness that create a new spirit within us and enable us to change how we behave toward our neighbors.
- 17 Remember in prayer the 240 ELCA missionaries who serve alongside global church partners in more than 40 countries, doing God’s work in the world and supporting the growth of new congregations, urban and youth outreach, theological education, pursuit of justice and peace, and leadership training.
- 18 Remember in prayer congregations that are working through leadership transitions, assessing their missions and resources, and searching for pastors, deacons or others to become teachers and leaders.
- 19 “The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me” (Martin Luther, Table Talk). Pray that the word of God in Scripture will lay hold of us and reveal something new to us each time we read the Bible, hear it read aloud or reflect on its implications for our daily lives.
- 20 First Day of Spring Sing praises and lift up prayers of joy and thanksgiving for the new life, light and hope that emerge with spring — awesome gifts from God, the Creator.
- 21 Thank God for the ELCA’s special relationship with The Episcopal Church, a full communion partner since 1999. 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.
- 23 Water is a gift from God and a vital resource that sustains all living things. Pray for wisdom and discipline that we might preserve, manage and restore water resources essential to food production and life itself for people around the world.
- 23 Let us repent our sins to God, just as we are, asking God’s forgiveness, guidance and transformation.
- 24 Pray that our Lenten reflections and conversations will lead us to a clearer sense of our identity, our mission and our calling to proclaim the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ.
- 25 Give thanks for godparents and baptismal sponsors who encourage our faith, teaching us to live as children of God and followers of Christ throughout our baptismal journeys.
- 26 “O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you” (Psalm 63:1). Reflect on the longings of your soul and give thanks that the Spirit moves with us through Lent, leading us to the foot of the cross.
- 27 Give thanks for ELCA Ministries of Diverse Cultures and Communities, which works with ELCA congregations, synods, agencies and institutions to make the church more culturally diverse, anti-racist and inclusive of all God’s children.
- 28 God’s pardon of our human shortcomings and sin can never be earned or bought. Pray that, forgiven and freed in Jesus Christ, we will respond with gratitude, compassion and mercy for others.
- 29 Give thanks for the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association (ELEA), which supports, equips and encourages Lutheran educators, and for our congregations’ faith-based day care centers and preschools, which provide safe and nurturing environments for faith formation.
- 30 Hallelujah! God’s loving embrace surpasses our wildest hopes, restoring us as God’s children through the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- 31 Ask the Spirit to equip, inspire and guide us as ambassadors of Christ in the world, children of God who love our neighbors in need and share the good news with everyone.



## PEOPLE POWER – MARCH 2025



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

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

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



## PEOPLE POWER – MARCH 2025



**Sunday, March 2      10:45 a.m.**  
 Lay Leader: Jenny Prescia      Lay Reader:  
 Ushers: Debbie Jacobson  
 Communion Assistant: Pam Haley  
 Sound Tech:  
 Media Tech: Steve Jacobson  
 PowerPoint Tech: Jenny Paddock  
 Altar Guild: Jim Kowalewski  
 Counters: Darrell Vander Bloomen & Steve Jacobson

**Sunday, March 9      10:45 a.m.**  
 Lay Leader: Bill List      Lay Reader: Kati Gruneisen  
 Greeter: Dominick Martinelli  
 Usher: Chris Carlson  
 Communion Assistants: Tami Shubin, Kari Payne  
 Sound Tech:  
 PowerPoint Tech: Annamarie Martinelli  
 Altar Guild: Krissy & Steve Grace  
 Counters: Lyn Hayes & Bill List

**Sunday, March 16      10:45 a.m.**  
 Lay Leader: Krissy Grace      Lay Reader: Heidi Emso  
 Usher: Chris Carlson & Debbie Jacobson  
 Communion Assistants: Tami Shubin, Kari Payne, Heidi Emso  
 Sound Tech:  
 Media Tech: Steve Jacobson  
 PowerPoint Tech: Steve Grace  
 Altar Guild: Krissy & Steve Grace  
 Counters: Andrea Ammons & Kathi Mac Dougall

**Sunday, March 23      10:45 a.m.**  
 Lay Leader: Jenny Prescia      Lay Reader: Holly Griffith  
 Usher:  
 Communion Assistants: Tami Shubin, Kari Payne  
 Sound Tech:  
 PowerPoint Tech: Steve Grace  
 Altar Guild: Peter & Sonia Schoenfield  
 Counters: Andrea Ammons & Darrell Vander Bloomen



**Sunday, March 30      10:45 a.m.**  
 Lay Leader: Jenny Prescia      Lay Reader: Kari Payne  
 Usher: Chris Carlson, Debbie Jacobson  
 Greeter: Dominick Martinelli  
 Communion Assistants: Tami Shubin, Kari Payne  
 Sound Tech:  
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**March 2025**

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri                         | Sat  |
|---|--|--|--|---|-----------------------------|--|
|   |  |  |  |   |                             | 1  |
| 2<br>8:30 Worship<br>9:30 Coffee / Fellowship Hr<br>10:45 Worship<br>11:00 Sun. School<br>6 Confirmation at SALC  | 3<br>6:30 Kirk Players Reh<br>6:30 pm Early Bird AA  | 4<br>6:30 pm Cub Pk #98<br>7 pm SALC Exec. Team<br>7 Troop #198<br>7 Kirk Players-Artistic Dev     | 5<br><b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b><br><br>7:00 Worship w/ Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion | 6<br>9 am Quilters<br>6:30 Kirk Players Reh   | 7<br>5:30 pm Early Bird AA  | 8<br>8:30 am Women's Breakfast Bible Study                     |
| 9<br><b>Daylight Savings</b><br>8:30 Worship w/ Council Installation<br>9:30 Coffee / Fellowship Hr<br>10:45 Worship w/ Intro to Council<br>11:00 Sun. School | 10<br>1 pm Lk County HOUSE Co-Op<br>6:30 pm Early Bird AA<br>6:30 Kirk Players   | 11<br>9 am Men's Breakfast<br>7 SALC Council Mtg<br>7 pm Troop #198<br>7 pm Kirk Players Board Mtg | 12<br>10 am Bible Study<br>6 pm Soup Supper<br>6:45 Hymn-Sing<br>7 Lenten Worship<br>7 Lucky Ducks 4-H<br>7:30 Kirk Players Reh  | 13<br>9 am Quilters<br>12:30 Lk County HOUSE Co-Op<br>6 pm Choir Reh<br>6:30 Kirk Players<br>7 pm Bells Reh | 14<br>5:30 pm Early Bird AA | 15<br>ENCOUNTER ARTICLES DUE<br>1 pm Scouts Blue & Gold Dinner |
| 16<br>8:30 Worship<br>9:30 Coffee / Fellowship Hr<br>10:45 Worship<br>11:00 Sun. School<br>6 Confirmation - Fun Night TBD                                     | 17<br><br>St. Patrick's Day<br>1 pm Lk County HOUSE Co-Op<br>6:30 pm Early Bird AA<br>6:30 Kirk Players | 18<br>6:30 pm Cub Pk #98<br>7:00 pm Troop #198<br>7 Kirk - Awards Comm.<br>7 pm W&M Team Mtg       | 19<br>10 am Bible Study<br>6 pm Soup Supper<br>6:45 Hymn-Sing<br>7 Lenten Worship<br>7:30 Kirk Players Reh   | 20<br>9 am Quilters<br>Brown Bag Lunch<br>6:30 Kirk Players   | 21<br>5:30 pm Early Bird AA | 22<br>9 am Quilters  |
| 23<br>8:30 Worship<br>9:30 Coffee / Fellowship Hr<br>10:45 Worship<br>11:00 Sun. School   | 24<br>1 pm Lk County HOUSE Co-Op<br>6:30 pm Early Bird AA<br>7:30 Mundelein Coin Club  | 25<br>9 am Men's Breakfast<br>7:00 pm Troop #198<br>7 pm Kirk Play Select Committee Mtg            | 26<br>10 am Bible Study<br>6 pm Soup Supper<br>6:45 Hymn-Sing<br>7 Lenten Worship  | 27<br>9 am Quilters<br>12:30 Lk County HOUSE Co-Op<br>6 pm Choir Reh<br>6:30 Kirk Players<br>7 pm Bells Reh | 28<br>5:30 pm Early Bird AA | 29   |
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For Our Young Readers

# Kids Bible Wordsearch

## Animals in the Bible

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

### Puzzle # 1



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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.

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| Name of a person needing a helping hand:<br><br>Name: _____<br><br>Phone No: _____ |  | Volunteer willing to provide service:<br><br>Name: _____<br><br>Phone No.: _____ |
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***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,<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.*

## Volunteers Needed for Worship Services

Volunteers are still needed for worship services, can you help? read the lessons? be a worship assistant? run the sound system for 8:30 service? record worship service?

I want you to take out a calendar and look at the Sundays, now through March and April and see what you can do to fill the needs for our worship services.

Needed for each Sunday:

- 2 Ushers (minimum – 4 is best)
- Lay Reader
- Assisting Minister
- Media Technician

Please call or email Anita Pahlman to be put on the schedule anitapahlmanstandrew@gmail.com ph # 847-566-8081

Your Time and Talent is appreciated!

**Sunday Bible Study:** Join us for Sunday Bible Study in between worship services in Nelson Hall (upstairs, outside Anita’s office).

**Lenten Book Study, Wednesdays 11:30-12:30 in Lent:** Join us for a Lenten Book Study of The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis. We will meet over a brown bag lunch at church each Wednesday during Lent, starting March 12. Copies of The Great Divorce are available at the library, and can also be requested via interlibrary loan! If you’d like to purchase a copy, all the usual bookstores have it, as well as bookshop.org (benefits independent bookstores, but it’s a little more expensive).

**About The Great Divorce:** “In The Great Divorce, C.S. Lewis again employs his formidable talent for fable and allegory. The writer finds himself in Hell boarding a bus bound for Heaven. The amazing opportunity is that anyone who wants to stay in Heaven, can. This is a starting point for an extraordinary meditation upon good and evil, grace and judgment. Lewis’s revolutionary idea is the discovery that the gates of Hell are locked from the inside. Using his extraordinary descriptive powers, Lewis’s The Great Divorce will change the way we think about good and evil.”

# Help Beautify Our Sanctuary

Once again, you have the opportunity to help beautify our sanctuary for Easter in honor or memory of loved ones. All members and friends are invited to place flowers in celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord. The cost is \$10.00/ small plant & \$20.00/large. Plants may be taken home by the donors after the last service of worship on Easter day on a first come first serve basis.

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 April 13th will be listed in the Easter bulletins.

I wish to place \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lily(ies) for Easter.

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

## 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.

## Daylight Savings Time

Sunday  
March 9th

**Daylight Savings Time Begins March 9th, remember to move your clocks forward 1 hr.**

**Actual time begins at 2:00 AM Sunday morning.**

**(Spring Forward / Fall Back)**

## Thank you for your offering!

We continue to have 4 ways to ensure your Giving reaches the church.

- 1) "Drop-Off" - During church office hours.
- 2) Mailing it to the church
- 3) On-Line, for recurring and one time offerings. Go to [standrewmundelein.com/donations](http://standrewmundelein.com/donations) to access the online giving portal.
- 4) See you in worship!

## Editor's Notes

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

[ajdondapati@vayunaproductions.com](mailto:ajdondapati@vayunaproductions.com)

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

**Next Due Date will Be - Saturday, March. 15th**

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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  
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All Are Welcome to Worship  
at St. Andrew

Please Celebrate Holy Week and  
Easter Worship With Us!

See page one for times and locations