

# Encounter

## From Pastor Jenna Pulkowski Pastor's Pen

*If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!*

*(2 Corinthians 5:17)*



Dear St. Andrew family of faith,

One of my favorite Sundays to celebrate Affirmation of Baptism just so happens to be Pentecost Sunday. As we remember the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit following Jesus' ascension, it feels especially wonderful to celebrate our junior high students who have spent the last few years preparing to affirm their baptisms.

Our tradition practices affirmation of baptism, or confirmation, because we are a denomination that also affirms infant baptism. Faith and belief in God are lifelong practices, and by inviting our students to go deeper into the hows and whys of our tradition we keep our promises made in their baptisms. When they affirm their baptisms, they take on those promises for themselves as they publicly affirm their faith and commitment to following Jesus. Each student will declare their intent to live as a disciple of Christ and to embody the gospel as witnesses to God's amazing grace. It is a time for celebration, for reflection, and for recommitment to the path of discipleship.

We encourage all members and friends of St. Andrew Lutheran to join us for this special service. Whether you are affirming your baptismal vows, supporting a loved one who is affirming theirs, or simply seeking to participate in this meaningful moment of worship, your presence is valued and

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## Financial Update Congregational Meeting June 9



Please mark your calendars and plan to be in attendance on June 9 as your SALC Council presents a mid-year financial update, including a proposal for a paid Children, Youth, and Family Ministries position. We will also be presenting several constitutional changes related to our council and committee structure. In order to approve any expenditures or changes to the constitution, we need a 50-person quorum. You are able to join via Zoom if needed. This meeting will follow our 9:30 am Festival of Music worship service.

## Vacation Bible School

(VBS) June 17-21: We are partnering with Grace Lutheran Church in Libertyville (at Grace) to co-host our summer 2024 VBS! Our theme this year is Camp Firelight, A Summer Camp Adventure With God. The dates are June 17-21 from 1p-4p, and open to kids 4 years old through 5th grade (entering fall 2024). For our kids in 6th grade and up, we would love it if they are available to help with the week and serve as guides, assistants, and general support.

## Pie with Pastor

Our first Pie with Pastor was absolutely lovely—it is a great time connecting with the members of the church, sharing more about the work of the Council, and hearing your thoughts and ideas about St. Andrew.

Plan on attending a 'Pie with Pastor' and enjoy your desserts or come ruin your dinner. But, either way, I hope you'll join us! More dates and times are being finalized.

# 2024 - Annual Meeting Summary

Thank you to everyone who attended St. Andrew's Annual Meeting on January 28th.

We had 57 voting members in attendance (46 in-person and 11 online).

During the meeting, we reviewed the key focus areas and commitments that the congregation invested in over the last year. As a congregation, we are focused on being a place where people are welcomed, fed, and nourished, and we have been focusing efforts on being welcoming, supporting family ministries, and being good stewards of the congregation's resources.

Much of the meeting was focused on the 2024 budget proposal, which is based on 2023 actual expenses and adjusted 3% for inflation. Our Treasurer, Donn Hamm, reviewed the budget deficits over the last several years and committed - along with the rest of the Council - to complete a financial review and return to the congregation with recommendations by June 2024. The deficit budget was passed as-proposed.

A potential new position for the church in support of youth and family ministry was also discussed and will be included in the financial review and recommendations of the Council expected mid-year.

We extend particular thanks to Nancy Milne, Heidi Emso, and Leslie Parriott who have served on the Council and have now completed their elected terms. We also welcome Jorge Cantu to the Council after having been nominated and elected in the annual meeting. The Council currently has five open positions and is actively seeking additional church members who would be willing and able to join this leadership team in service of the church. Other church committees have also continued to see a decline in participation over the last several years. If you are interested in participating on the Council or in any of the other committees of the church, please contact Pastor Jenna for additional information on how to serve.

*Anastasia Carmona*



## May 5 -- 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17

## May 12 -- 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19

## May 19 -- Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21  
Ezekiel 37:1-14 (alternate)  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:22-27  
Acts 2:1-21 (alternate)  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

## Sunday -- The Holy Trinity

Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17

## Men's Breakfast

Our Men's Breakfast group meets for breakfast at Mauri's Restaurant  
510 E.Hawley St., Mundelein,

Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month.  
We start at 9:00 AM and end at 10:00 AM

*All St. Andrew Men are  
welcome for faith, food and fellowship.*

# Attention - Knitters and Crocheters

*(of any age or gender)*

If you knit or crochet (or would like to learn), call or talk to Judy Parriott. (847) 986-4465

She is looking to put together a group of folks who would like to make PRAYER SHAWLS that can be given to shut-ins or those in the hospital to provide a bit of warmth or comfort and to show that someone is thinking of them.

This is something you can do from the comfort of your home. I am told that you can even do this while you are sitting and relaxing or watching TV!

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## Anita Out of the Office: May 13<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>

Please note that Anita will be out of the office and unavailable May 13-May 24.

Pastor Jenna will remain available during that time, but please call the office before stopping by to ensure that she is there and not out for meetings and visits. She will share her schedule as she knows it in advance, and you can always check the church's Google calendar (<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=dHVjdGhsYzEzazdxazM2M2c2ZjVzbWphNzhAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXIuZ29vZ2xILm-NvbQ>).

# Quilters' Crossing

Your St. Andrew quilters have been very busy getting ready for our Mother's Day quilt display and blessing before we can again ship off our "produce" to Lutheran World Relief. We are continually grateful for our "family" support so we can continue this ministry. We will have a final count of our production soon but we are very, very close to our goal that we set for ourselves!

We have been so busy, in fact, that even with two fairly large donations of fabric that we received since last May we are running low on fabric to complete our quilt tops! If anyone has any cotton fabric pieces at least bigger than 10 x 10 inches, we will gladly take it off your hands; you may even then recognize it in one of our finished quilts! We are always looking for good, usable sheets (full or larger) that can be used for the quilt backs. As long as they are clean & stain-free, we will take them. This helps us to use our funds available to buy batting that we use for filler; this batting has gone up in price dramatically in the past couple of years.

As we continue to "stitch", we have fun and again welcomed another new sewer to our fold recently, WELCOME, SHEILA, who saw our sign and came to check out the action! She has jumped in right away in sewing, matching and cutting fabric, and

learning how we tie it all together! She is an experienced quilter as well; she may even teach us a few tips of her own! Many of our "long timers" have also been spreading their wings to try a new part of the process! REMEMBER, you don't have to be a sewer to be a quilter at St. Andrew!



We will continue to meet each Thursday, even in summer, from 9-12 and most times on the 4th Saturday of each month. Even if you can't make it all the time, as I am reminded myself, it is a volunteer position and you are welcome anytime you can make it. If you have questions, feel free to contact Judy Parriott (847) 986-4465 or myself.

We continue to be truly blessed as we use our talents to help some of the less fortunate among us!



God's blessings,  
Lyn H and the Quilters

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

### March 2024

Total Income: ...	\$24,756.37
Total Expense: ...	\$25,810.94
Net: .....	-\$1,054.57

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welcomed. Together, let us surround one another with love, encouragement, and the assurance of God's grace as we affirm our shared journey of faith.

Affirmation of Baptism is not just a one-time event but instead is a continuation of our lifelong journey of faith. As we affirm our baptismal vows, God invites us to recommit ourselves to living out our faith in our daily lives, to seeking justice and mercy, and to embodying the love of Christ in all that we do. May these students' affirmation of their baptisms be a catalyst for spiritual growth and renewal in all of our lives and in the life of our church community.

We look forward to gathering together in worship and celebration on May 19. May God's presence be palpable among us as we affirm our baptismal vows and recommit ourselves to following Jesus in faith and love.

Blessings,  
Pr Jenna

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## Thank You from the Routledge Family:



On behalf of the Routledge family, we wanted to extend our appreciation for all involved in providing a beautiful service and tribute to our beloved mother and Sister in Christ, Joan Routledge. Music was a huge part of her faith and how she praised each week. Pastor Jenna, thank you for leading the service and your care throughout the process. Anita Pahlman, thank you for helping to select the music for us, your voice in the choir and accompaniment with Kenn. Teresa Maki, thank you for coordinating everything and to the team, Pam Haley and Lory Carlson for setting up, it was all very beautiful. A huge thank you to Paul Cramer and the choir, Jim Garbrecht and the Bells Choir and to Jenny Prescia and Bill List who sang 'I Can Only Imagine'. Thank you to all that donated food, sang in the choir, performed in the Bells choir and attended the service. We were overwhelmed by the support of St. Andrew and so very appreciative. ~

Tina, Todd, Troy, Kim and Toby Routledge

# PARISH LIFE

Is there anyone who would like to help our fellowship grow? What activities can we have at St. Andrew to have fun together including the young, the older and families?

We continue to share treats on Sunday mornings between services - THANK YOU to all who have donated these tasty treats! We have had several new people sign up and have had many WONDERFUL CHOICES TO CHOOSE FROM! They don't have to be homemade if you don't bake. Please look for the "sign up" on the treat table or call the church office or Lyn (847) 566-2537.

SEE YOU IN CHURCH!

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## Mother's Day and Quilter's

As we all know, Mother's Day is soon to be upon us! As is our tradition at St. Andrew the Quilters will be adorning our sanctuary with the fruits of their labors from over the past year. Such a glorious sight! But, first, they are requesting some much needed muscle help!

On Thursday, May 9th, beginning at 9 AM they need help bringing the quilts up to the sanctuary from the basement. If you are available anytime between 9 and 11, please consider coming to help the quilters. Several of our quilters are Grandmothers or Great Grandmothers! Also, they are asking for help the week after Mother's Day on Thursday, May 16th, with boxing up

the quilts to be shipped. (No stairs involved!) Thank you for any help that you can provide to support this wonderful ministry and our blessed quilters.



# STEWARDSHIP – *GENEROSITY* - T

## *GENEROSITY - What does it mean to YOU - how are YOU sharing your TIME, TALENTS & TREASURES WITH YOUR FAITH FAMILY AT ST ANDREW?*

Many of you have attended Pastor's "Pie with Pastor" gatherings. I know Pastor Jenna is scheduling some more times & chances to meet. This has been a great way to find out information about what your leaders have been doing and what plans they have for our congregation to thrive and grow - to be a place where "...all people are welcomed, fed, and nourished in the name of Jesus Christ." These fellowship hours have also been a time to listen to some of your fellow members share their thoughts, get questions answered and where you could ask your questions and share what has been on your mind regarding the life of our congregation.

Please continue to listen, to pray and to hear how you can become an ACTIVE member of the loving family called St. Andrew! Remember we ALL have been called to be disciples, to be a part of the ministry of faith - called by God himself who sacrificed his Son for us, for YOU - and what true love Jesus showed us by following his Father's will and dying for us so we can live!

A story written by Pam Kidd and published in Walking in Grace 2024:

"Be good, always followed my mother's good-byes. I was seven, hopping out of the car for school, "Be good," she'd say. On my way to a friend's, or later, starting a new job, marrying David, or holding our first child, always the same at parting, "Be good." During my mother's last earth days, in ICU, while she could still speak, each visit ended the same: "I love you Pamela...be good."

Whether all mothers say this to their children or if it's simply a Southern thing, I'm not sure. But over time, these two words have become more than a "goodbye" for me. They are my inspiration, not just for trying to fulfill my mother's vi-

sion for me but for pleasing God.

So, what exactly is "good"? The dictionary offers everything from "dandy", "decent", and "peachy" to "morally admirable." But if we really want to get specific, we need a guide. Could that be the Bible?

Consider the Ten Commandments. Or delve into Matthew 25 or the Beatitudes. All About good. Don't kill people, or steal, or tell untruths, or covet our neighbor's stuff. Show honor to others and make God number one in our lives. Caring for others is really important, like welcoming strangers, feeding the hungry, and generally watching out for the "least of these."

There are more directives. Things that take us to what, in a sacred sense, we might call our "happy place". Straight from Jesus' mouth, true happiness comes from feeling compassion, for extending forgiveness, grace, love, and humbleness to others. And that's just His short list.

Realizing that I "get it", my mother surely smiles down from heaven.

So, I echo her words to you:  
"Be good."

Father God, help us to remember  
Your way - help us "be good".  
Amen.

What good do you want people to see in YOU?

*Lyn H and the Stewardship Team*



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# PRAYER VENTURES

## May 2024

**1** Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Give thanks for our Asian and Pacific Islander neighbors and siblings in Christ, and for their cultures, languages and contributions to our nation and church. Pray for the well-being of Asian and Pacific Islander congregations and ministries of the ELCA as well as the work of ELCA Asian and Pacific Islander Ministries and the Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders.

**2** National Day of Prayer Join with our siblings in Christ in praying for the well-being of the church, our neighbors in need and the leaders of our communities and nation. Ask God to help us resolve the problems and issues that keep us from thriving in unity.

**3** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Minneapolis Area, Southeastern Pennsylvania, Arkansas-Oklahoma and Southwestern Texas synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**4** Pray for congregational young-adult ministries, ELCA Young Adult Ministry, Abide small-group ministry, Young Adults in Global Mission, Lutheran Campus Ministry Network, Lutheran outdoor ministries and long-term volunteer service organizations. Ask God to bless leaders who serve young adults as they seek community, strengthen their faith, find opportunities to serve, and discern their gifts and vocations.

**5** “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:12). These words, spoken by Jesus to his followers, seem simple and unambiguous, yet we respond with resistance and stipulations. Pray that we might turn to the word of God and the example of Jesus to see the power of humility and fearless, unconstrained love.

**6** National Nurses Week Pray for faith community nurses, who nurture and care for the whole person — body, mind and spirit — and promote wellness in Lutheran congregations, ministries and agencies; other denominations; and our communities. Give thanks for the ministry of the Lutheran Faith Community Nurse Association, which promotes health

and well-being in faith communities and supports nurses serving in a variety of roles across the country.

**7** Pray that our love for God will move us to seek God’s ways, wisdom and Commandments, which exist for the benefit of all humanity.

**8** Give thanks for the creative gifts of church musicians and music ministry leaders, who enrich the worship experience in our congregations and help us express to God our joy, concerns and praise.

**9** Remember in prayer our neighbors in Haiti, who yearn for peace, safety and hope amid persistent suffering and violence. Ask the Spirit to guide us as unwavering advocates for the peace and relief of our neighbors and siblings in Christ.

**10** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Saint Paul Area Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**11** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southeastern Minnesota, Southeast Michigan, North/West Lower Michigan and New Jersey synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**12** Praise God that the truth of our faith, assurance of salvation and call to participate in God’s work in the world are revealed to us through Jesus Christ, the Spirit, and the nurture and affirmation we experience in our faith communities.

**13** Ask God to strengthen and be with all mothers — biological, adoptive and foster — in the daily joys and challenges of teaching values, passing on faith, and protecting and guiding their children.

**14** Thank God for the ELCA’s special relationship with the Reformed Church in America, a full communion partner since 1997. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength, resources and encouragement for the work of sharing the gospel, serving our neighbor and growing the church.

**15** Give thanks for the ELCA Life of Faith Initiative, an effort to equip people of all ages to live out their faith in their families, workplaces, schools, local

communities and world, serving their neighbors and working for justice in everyday life.

**16** International Day of Living Together in Peace Our words and actions speak volumes about our faith and values. Pray that we might move past our conflicts and that the Spirit will fill us with kindness, compassion, respect and sacrificial love for our neighbors.

**17** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, Southeastern Iowa Synod, East-Central Synod of Wisconsin, South-Central Synod of Wisconsin and Greater Milwaukee Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**18** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northwest Washington and Northern Great Lakes synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**10** Day of Pentecost Praise God for the work of the Spirit, which calls us to faith, focuses and strengthens us, accompanies us in our baptismal journeys and unites us in a diverse, global community of siblings in Christ.

**20** Remember in prayer college, university and seminary students as they prepare for final exams, graduation and vocations that will direct their gifts and passions into service to their church, communities and world.

**21** “The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words” (Romans 8:26). Praise God for the gift of the Spirit, an advocate for us who stirs and strengthens our faith.

**22** Give thanks to God that, in every corner of the world, the Spirit works to open hearts and minds to the life-changing news of unconditional love, forgiveness, renewal and salvation that we receive in Jesus Christ.

**23** Ask the Spirit how God is calling us to use our faith, gifts, experience and wisdom to uplift our society, nation and world. “Could it be that we are called for such a time as this?” (All Creation Sings 1003).

**24** Give thanks for scientists, science teachers and researchers, who stir our understanding and awe of God’s creation and seek to improve our lives, communities and natural environment. Promise to be careful with technology and new advancements, using them for the sake of justice and the well-being of humanity and creation.

**25** Pray for the work we do through the ELCA’s AMMPARO strategy to accompany migrants with protection, advocacy, representation and opportunities, which is an expression of our faith and understanding of the gospel. Promise to uphold basic human rights and to work alongside immigrants, asylum-seekers and refugees that they might transition to life in the United States in safety, dignity and respect.

**26** Holy Trinity Sunday Nicodemus came to Jesus with questions about faith, baptism and the kingdom of God. Rather than snub his curiosity, Jesus took the time to speak with him. What questions do you have about faith and theology? Share your uncertainties with God, trusting God to understand.

**27** Pray for the ministry we pursue through ELCA Global Mission, and for the personnel, missionaries and volunteers who serve in long-term partnerships with our global companions in nine Latin American and Caribbean countries.

**28** Sing a prayer of praise and worship to the Lord our God, creator of all that exists and sustains our lives.

**29** Pray for teachers and professors in public and faith-based settings, who work with students of all ages and abilities to develop and nurture their faith, self-confidence, curiosity, creativity and caring relationships.

**30** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Montana and North Carolina synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**31** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southwest California, South Dakota, Southern Ohio, Lower Susquehanna, Western North Dakota, Southeastern and Florida-Bahamas synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

# May 2024

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# The Garden should be fine again this year

~ By Dale Hamblin

Dear St Andrew's Congregation:  
The Garden should be fine again this year, water will be used when needed:

## Goals to improve the Garden:

I want to make the garden front flower bed exceptional with a combination of Dahlias, Marigolds, Sunflowers, Hollyhocks etc.

New additions, of marigolds, sunflowers and miscellaneous annuals will make the garden look better especially on rows to the North. Hopefully using poles, in a nice row for pole beans ala Thomas Jefferson will make the garden stand out!

The Village has asked me to be a part of there **June 1 Community** event at Tighthead Brewing from 12-4:00 pm. I am hoping to pass out some plants and seeds as well as talk about the Church Garden. If anyone from Church would like to help that would be welcomed! I

plan on starting plants May 1st at latest for this event.

Church plants: the peppers were started in February, Tomatoes in March, and April, most other veggies 3-4 weeks early! Lots of plants direct sow!

## Other ideas for Church and Church Garden!

1. Around Mother's Day early Irises may bloom, maybe we could do a tour of these after Church!
2. Around Memorial Day Tall Bearded Irises will bloom, maybe another tour after Church!
3. Daylilies, they normally bloom around July 4, so basically flowers bloom by Holidays or Holidays are just when plants bloom, your pick?
4. Most every plant can be divided sometime after bloom so members can make lists of plants they

want and help dig or pick up when we dig them for a sale or to divide!

## Other things I am going to try to do.

1. Adding some more compost (my expense) and trying a "no dig concept" advocated by many to improve soil and control weeds, helps worms and microbes to produce more produce. Use chicken wire till plants get large to deter Rabbits. Control weeds by adding compost and cutting perennial weeds below surface ( or use some plastic at times)
2. I would like to build a compost pile behind the garden to possibly also contain church tree leaves (still trying for good answer on composting Black Walnut Leaves)
3. I will ask for help in spring to secure the fence so it does not bend when heavy with plants. Volunteer help, no expense.
4. Finish planting 2 rows of east to west Daylilies, and Siberian Irises!
5. Adding black plastic mulch under all perennials on south of garage, and by west fence (expense, none) just volunteer labor.
6. Adding marigolds to flower bed on south by church and in garden to help with pests, rabbits, and bugs (also a Mundelein Village Incentive this year "Mundelein for Marigolds")



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## *The Garden should be fine*

7. Fill out the flower beds around Church, (no expense)
8. Possibly have a 1 day flower sale (spring and fall) to raise money for Church in some capacity (volunteer workers)
9. I put in to have the Church Iris garden designated as an American Iris Society Display Garden, they may send us a sign?
10. Having a membership picnic when Irises bloom by Memorial day, Sunday before or after, depending on bloom or weather.
11. Having another Merv Byersdorf late summer picnic when plants are ripe!
12. Maybe have 2-3 pick your own tomato Sundays and possibly pick other plants as well!
13. Possibly building a temporary cold frame from April 15- May 15 to harden plants for earlier planting and harvest!
13. Enjoy the Beauty of our Church!

*Dale*



*Inside now, hope Beetlejuice survives tonight's cold!*

## Stay Connected by Being Connected

If you are feeling the loss of connection and finding it hard to rejoice and give thanks for our community—please, please reach out to us. Call the church or any of the many wonderful members of St. Andrew. Let us know how we can help you be more connected and to feel more connected. There are no good choices right now, just less bad ones, and the Safety Team at St. Andrew is working hard and praying harder as we care for the wellbeing of the congregation.

## 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 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  
Wednesday, May 15th*

For our young readers





# St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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## All are Welcome...

### *The Sunday Morning Worship Schedule is:*

**Traditional Service:**

8:30 a.m.

**Contemporary Service:**

10:45 a.m.



### *Sunday Service*

*can be viewed at*

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## Summer Worship Schedule!

**May 5 and 12 are regular schedule.**

Beginning May 19 with Pentecost and Affirmation of Baptism Sunday, we will move to a one-service worship schedule for the summer.

Worship will be at 9:30 am each week, and will generally alternate worship styles.

