

# Encounter

## From Pastor Jenna Pulkowski Pastor's Pen



Dear St. Andrew family of faith,

As we head into summer this month, I thank God for the beautiful season ahead and pray that it will be safe and not too hot. Summer is a time of warmth and renewal, and it offers us a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our spiritual journey and deepen our connection with God and one another.

June marks the halfway point of the year, a perfect time to pause and consider the progress we've made on the goals we set in January. Whether you aimed to strengthen your faith, serve more in the community, or spend more time with loved ones, now is a great time to reassess and recommit. Remember, every day is a new chance to grow in God's love and grace.

Usually the summer months also mean slowing down, but for St. Andrew it means shifting gears. With one worship service on Sundays, I'm excited for our time together and for expanded fellowship opportunities after worship!

I encourage you to join us for our 75th Anniversary Celebration and Festival of Music on June 9th as we celebrate our music ministries and 75 years as a worshipping community. Dust off your church pictures, memorabilia, and memories as we share our stories with one another and work on building up our church archive. This is a GREAT Sunday to invite friends and neighbors to experience our amazing church community—what better way to welcome, feed, and nourish in the name of Jesus Christ than with music and food?

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## Very Important Updates Congregational Meeting June 30<sup>th</sup>



Please mark your calendars and plan to attend on **June 30** (changed from June 9 to have the latest information) as your Church Council presents:

- A mid-year financial update
- 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 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.

# Thanks For the Memories x 75!

“We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.”  
-1 Thess 1:3

Brothers and sisters in Christ, this year the St. Andrew Community will celebrate 75 years of being in Mundelein. That’s a lot of “work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ”!

In honor of this and as part of organizing an archive for St. Andrew, we would like to collect memories and pictures of St. Andrew’s rich history. You are enthusiastically welcome to stop by a designated table where you can tell a story or write down a memory. If you’d like to give us photographs or just have us scan them, we’d be thrilled with that, too.

Thanks for sharing your memories of St. Andrew’s history. Here’s to 75+ more years of making memories and spreading God’s love!

*Sonia Schoenfield*

## Gifts & Memorial Fund

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

### **MEMORIALS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:**

#### **POLLY METTS**

Sandy Fioretti Frank	Jeff & Lyn Hayes
Janet Shanihan	Ken Scalzo
Rachel Munnecek	Carol & Lewis Clark
Donna Clemen	

#### **JOAN ROUTLEDGE**

Carolyn & Robin Vucitech	Bob & Bonnie Brehmer
Myrna Wells	Chris & Barb Binversie



#### **June 2 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

Deuteronomy 5:12-15  
Psalm 81:1-10  
2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
Mark 2:23--3:6

#### **June 9 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 3:8-15  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1  
Mark 3:20-35

#### **June 16 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost**

Ezekiel 17:22-24  
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17  
Mark 4:26-34

#### **June 23 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost**

Job 38:1-11  
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41

#### **June 30 -- 6th Sunday after Pentecost**

Lamentations 3:22-33  
Psalm 30  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43

## 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.*

# In Preparation for our Congregational Meeting

Dear St. Andrew,

In preparation for our Financial Update Congregational Meeting on June 30th, we are providing the proposed constitutional changes for your review. Below is a summary of the proposals:

- Change the definition of a quorum to the lesser of a majority (51%) or 50 voting members
- Reduce Council membership to up to 9 members and remove the requirement that one be a young adult
- Add a responsibility to the Executive Committee for oversight of church personnel
- Per the new committee structure, the people with special church duties are reassigned to these committees
- Combine and restructure the committees to enhance committee effectiveness

Financial reports and other documents will be shared closer to the meeting date.

Per our existing constitution, we do need 50 voting members present to have a quorum, so please prioritize your participation on the 30th. We will offer a Zoom option as well, if you are unable to attend in person.

*Thank you!*

*Krissy Grace, Council Secretary*

## Editor's Notes

There will not be a newsletter for JULY due to a vacation schedule and computer access.

**Next issue will be for AUGUST.**

Please continue to email to: [dehamm@comcast.net](mailto:dehamm@comcast.net).

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

*Next Due Date will Be  
Monday, JULY 15th*

# Congratulations First Communicants!

On Sunday, March 12th, we welcomed the following children to the Lord's Table:

Madelyn Landuyt  
Parker Jameson Goldman  
Morgan Grace List  
Cecilia Rose Martinelli  
Daniel James Rapaka

We pray God's blessings upon each of them. May their participation in the Lord's Supper strengthen their faith and deepen their relationship with our Lord.

We give special thanks to those that assisted in their guidance and preparations throughout the past weeks and the Christian Education Ministry for their support.



*1st and  
2nd  
service*





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We also have Vacation Bible School (VBS) from June 17th to 21st. This year's theme, "Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God," is especially exciting because we are also embarking on a slightly new adventure for our church by partnering with another ELCA congregation—Grace Lutheran in Libertyville. Throughout the camp, the kids will learn how God lights our way and helps us to not be afraid, and we will close out our week with a joint worship at Independence Grove on Sunday, June 23 at 10:30am. After worship, stay for a potluck cookout and get to know our siblings in Christ at Grace.

There are other opportunities for fellowship and outreach, including Concerts in the Park, family outdoor movie nights at the church, Mundelein Days, and more. I'm especially excited for our June 26 shift at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville. See Barb Binversie's announcement in the Midweek Blast and later in this Encounter for more information and how to sign up.

In addition to these events, we continue our commitment to community outreach with our COOL Food Pantry Collection. This ministry is a vital expression of our faith in action, showing God's love to those in need.

As we engage in these activities, let us remember the words of 1 Peter 4:10: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." Whether through prayer, participation, or support, your involvement makes a meaningful difference.

Finally, I want to extend a special welcome to new members and visitors joining us this month. Your presence enriches our community, and we look forward to growing in faith together. If you would like to learn more about becoming a member at St. Andrew, we will have a new member luncheon (Lunch & Lord) following worship on July 21.

May the warmth of June bring you closer to God and each other. Let us embrace this season with open hearts, ready to serve and grow.

Blessings,  
Pr Jenna Pulkowski



# Women's Fellowship Annual June Dinner

Women's Fellowship Annual June Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, June 6 at 5:30



PM at Mambo Italiano, 748 Butterfield Road, Mundelein. We decided to keep some of our annual events and meeting for dinner and sharing upcoming summer stories is one of them! We have met at a variety of local restaurants and this year we will enjoy the "family-owned traditional Italian Ristorante", Mambo Italiano. It has been a favorite in the area for 19 years. Check out their website for some of their delicious meals. Please let Barb Binversie know by June 3 if you are planning to join us. Thanks! Hope that you can be with us. [barbarabinversie@gmail.com](mailto:barbarabinversie@gmail.com) or 847-254-9856 <https://themamboitaliano.com>

## Garden Update



Dear St Andrews Church Members:

Weeding the garden is part of gardening. Though I have more to pull out, I am sure there will be more tomorrow :)!

If you would like to help there is always a little gardening to do and any and all help will be appreciated. Contact Dale Hamblin, our super gardener, if you can help.

When the crops start to mature we will have items available at Sundays for a small donation. All donations and any extra produce will be donated to COOL food pantry.



# Quilters' Crossing

The crossing is almost complete. The Quilters have completed their year of making quilts. They were on display in the church on Mother's Day Sunday, May 12th. Many hands were needed to prepare over 300 beautiful quilts. Thank you to everyone that contributed to such a world-wide important mission.

The quilts have been boxed and shipped to a warehouse in Elgin, Illinois to be included in a major shipment of quilts from many Lutheran church quilters in Illinois. These quilts will be then distributed around the world by Lutheran World Relief to individual families in need.

From Mundelein to Elgin to around the world to provide warmth and comfort.



## 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!

### TREASURER'S REPORT

**April 2024**

Total Income: ...\$35,657.95

Total Expense: ..\$28,624.26

Net: .....\$7,033.69

# PRAYER VENTURES

## June 2024

- 1** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Eastern North Dakota, Metropolitan Chicago, Metropolitan Washington (D.C.), Nebraska, Northeastern Ohio, Northwestern Ohio, Oregon, and West Virginia-Western Maryland 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.
- 2** Thank God for the gift of the sabbath, which offers physical, mental, spiritual and emotional renewal. Pray that we will honor our sabbath opportunities and help others find times and places to rest and to attend to their own well-being.
- 3** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Upstate New York 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.
- 4** *LGBTQ Pride Month* Give thanks for the gifts, wisdom, leadership and faith of our LGBTQIA+ neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask the Spirit to embolden us in advocating for social, institutional and legislative change that reflects justice, total inclusion and God's boundless love for humanity in all its diversity.
- 5** "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works" (Psalm 139:14). Turn to our Creator in prayer for comfort and confidence when you experience self-doubt or feel inadequate.
- 1** gathering for the assemblies of the Central States, Central/Southern Illinois and New England 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.
- 7** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Caribbean Synod, Delaware-Maryland Synod, Indiana-Kentucky Synod, La Crosse Area Synod, Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, Sierra Pacific Synod and Southwestern Minnesota 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.
- 8** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northeastern Pennsylvania and South 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.
- 9** Give thanks and praise to God, whose power prevails over all evil and vanquishes darkness that can overshadow and frighten us.
- 10** Pray for Lutheran outdoor ministry leaders and staff as they prepare to welcome campers of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to faith-enriching summer camps, day camps, service experiences, wilderness trips and retreats.
- 11** Ask God to bless summer ministries, including day camps, community meals and vacation Bible schools, that they might impact our communities, deepen faith, introduce people of all ages to the gospel and care for the needs of our neighbors.
- 12** What do you fear? Share your worries with God, who is present, loving and attentive even when we feel helpless and alone.
- 13** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Grand Canyon 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.
- 14** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Illinois, Northwestern Pennsylvania, Southwestern Pennsylvania and Upper Susquehanna 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.
- 15** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Allegheny 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.



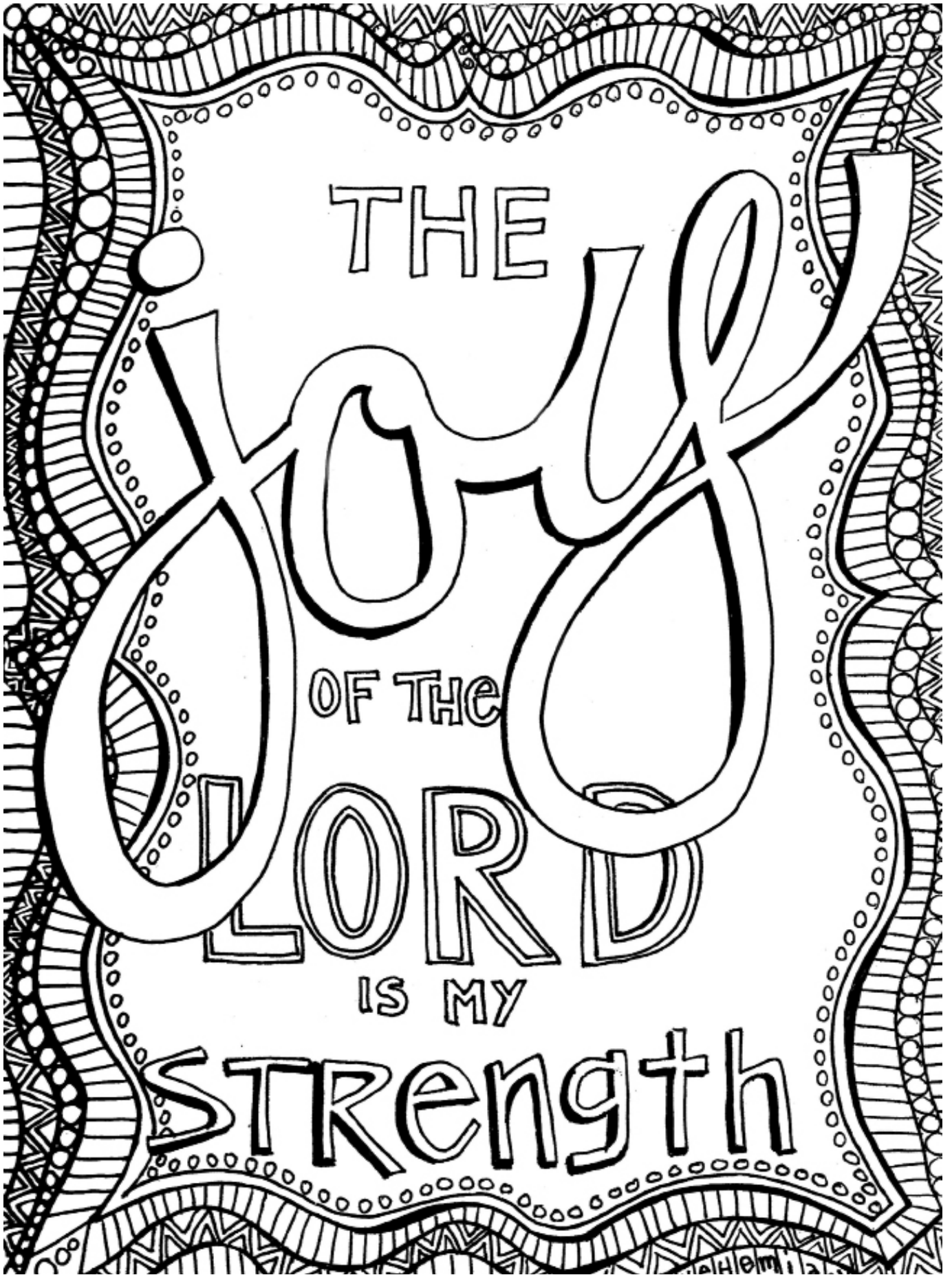
- 16** *Father's Day* Pray that biological fathers, stepfathers, adoptive fathers and foster fathers will experience the daily joys of fatherhood and find support and wisdom for the challenges of parenting, passing along their faith, teaching compassion and respect, and encouraging and guiding their children.
- 17** Pray for peace, reconciliation and healing in countries and regions torn by conflict and violence, including Sudan, Haiti, Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Gaza and indeed the entire Middle East. Ask the Spirit to be with those who suffer loss, trauma, hunger and displacement and that we will bring support, hope and love wherever there is suffering and turmoil.
- 18** Remember in prayer those employed in seasonal jobs and ask the Spirit to help us express our hospitality, respect and heartfelt gratitude for their service.
- 19** *Juneteenth* Today we commemorate June 19, 1865, when the last enslaved Africans were emancipated in the United States. We lament our nation's history of slavery, give thanks for freedom and justice, and pray for an end to racism and racial inequity.
- 20** Pray for community garden programs and volunteer gardeners as they recognize and serve the needs of our neighbors who live with poverty and hunger. Give thanks for our work together through ELCA World Hunger to address the root causes of hunger and poverty here and around the world.
- 21** Pray for the Spirit to inspire us and grant us wisdom in this time of study, reflection and deliberation that will guide the development of a new ELCA social statement on civic life and faith and the relationship of church and state.
- 22** Ask God to grant hope, stamina and healing to those recovering from the devastation left by tornadoes and severe storms across our country. Give thanks for our work together through Lutheran Disaster Response to provide relief and assistance to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and worldwide.
- 23** "Waking up, [Jesus] rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Be silent! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to [the disciples], 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great fear" (Mark 4:39-41). Pray for the Spirit to strengthen our trust in God in the face of every challenge and situation that tests our faith.
- 24** Pray for youth, adults and congregations preparing for the ELCA Youth Gathering, the tAble (for young people with disabilities), the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) and the Young Adult Gathering. Pray that their lives and faith will be enriched and inspired through worship, interactive learning, Bible study, service and fellowship with Lutheran youth gathered from around the country.
- 25** Remember in prayer senior adults and those who suffer illnesses and conditions vulnerable to summer heat. Give thanks for community cooling centers, those who perform wellness checks, and first responders.
- 26** "Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. Let them extol him in the congregation of the people and praise him in the assembly of the elders" (Psalm 107:31-32). Give thanks for the Spirit gathering us in worship to praise God, reflect on the word of God, profess our faith, receive and affirm God's grace through the sacrament of Communion, and bless each other to do God's work in the world.
- 27** Our need for food and nourishment never ends. Pray for community meals, food pantries and food truck ministries that relieve hunger and feed our spirits.
- 28** Ask God to stir our generosity in response to Generation Zero-Hunger, a youth-driven fundraising challenge to support the programs of ELCA World Hunger.
- 29** Give thanks that our church organizes its global ministry and service around the theology and practice of accompaniment, walking together with Lutheran, ecumenical and interfaith siblings worldwide. Pray for our mutual relationships with global companions and promise to respond to changing needs as we do God's work in the world.
- 30** Remember in prayer youth attending the Lutheran Summer Music academy at Valparaiso University, an opportunity for young people to live in a faith community, develop their musical skills and contemplate future careers and vocations.

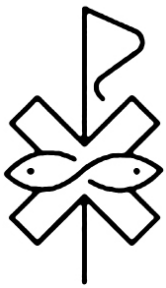
# June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 Worship	3 5:45 Daisies #47789 6:30 pm <i>Early Bird</i> AA 7 Kirk Players Reh	4 7:00 pm Troop #198 7 SALC Exec. Team Mtg 7:30 pm <i>Mund. AA</i>	5 10 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7 Kirk Players Reh 7:15 Choir Reh	6 9 am Quilters 7 Kirk Players Reh	7 5:30 pm <i>Early Bird</i> AA	8 8:30 Woman's Breakfast Bible Study
9 FESTIVAL OF MUSIC Sunday 9:30 Worship	10 6:30 pm <i>Early Bird</i> AA	11 9 am Men's Breakfast (Mauri's) 6:30 pm Cub Pk #98 7 pm Council Mtg 7:00 pm Troop #198 7:30 pm <i>Mund. AA</i>	12 10 am Bible Study 7 Lucky Ducks 4-H	23 9 am Quilters	14 5:30 pm <i>Early Bird</i> AA	15 ENCOUNTER ARTICLES DUE
16 FATHER'S DAY 9:30 Worship	17 1:00 pm VBS at Grace Lutheran, Libertyville 6:30 pm <i>Early Bird</i> AA	18 1:00 pm VBS at Grace Lutheran, Libertyville 7:00 pm Troop #198 7 Worship & Music Mtg 7:00 Kirk Players Mtg 7:30 pm <i>Mund. AA</i>	19 10 am Bible Study 1:00 pm VBS at Grace Lutheran, Libertyville	20 9 am Quilters Brown Bag Lunch 1:00 pm VBS at Grace Lutheran, Libertyville	21 1:00 pm VBS at Grace Lutheran, Libertyville 5:30 pm <i>Early Bird</i> AA	22 9 am Quilters
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30 9:30 Worship						



*For our young readers*





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## All are Welcome...

*The Sunday Morning  
Worship Schedule is:*

Summer worship is one  
service, held at 9:30 AM.



*Sunday Service  
can be viewed at*  
[www.standrewmundelein.com](http://www.standrewmundelein.com)

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## Summer Worship Schedule!

Summer worship schedule has moved to a one-service worship schedule for the summer.

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



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