

# Encounter

## From Pastor Jenna Pulkowski Pastor's Pen



*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven (Ecc 3:1, NRSV)*

As we turn to our summer season and schedule, I often feel the shift in the energy. It's a bit more relaxed, a bit slower, a bit more of the every day pace. In the life of the church year, this season after Pentecost is called "Ordinary Time".

Like many terms we use in the church, "ordinary" is not meant to describe the time as lacking in distinction, or being less special than other seasons. "Ordinary" is derived from *ordinal*, which means "to count the numbers". We are simply counting the Sundays after Pentecost up through the first Sunday of Advent.

Rather than being an invitation to complacency, the Ordinary Season instead invites us into a rhythm of implementing what we have learned and encountered during the other seasons of the church year. With no major church events to focus on, we can turn our attention to intentionally living out what God has called us to as the beloved community of Christ.

This Ordinary Season, St. Andrew is also entering into a time of intentional dreaming and visioning. We introduced the visioning process in worship on June 19—if you missed that service, it is recorded and available on the church's YouTube—and have begun to invite people to be a part of the 9-12 person visioning team.

We are defining this visioning process as, "This approach to congregational discernment helps a church articulate a renewed vision by considering its mission or purpose through the lens of its identity, its internal context, and its external context", the framework which is provided in "Discovering God's Future for Your Church" from the Lewis Center for Church Leadership, a United Methodist Church ministry.

Each and every person who is a part of St. Andrew Lutheran Church is an essential part of this process. There will be many opportunities for you to share your thoughts and ideas, and I hope you will engage in our work together!

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## Summer Worship Schedule for St. Andrew

St. Andrew worship schedule has changed starting:

June 5th - September 11th.

During this time, worship will be one blended service each Sunday, held at 9:30 AM.


*ZOOM will be available*

## Dream the Dream

While we are not entirely post-Covid, and most likely will always be living with Covid as a part of our lives (like the flu and other colds), we *are* entering a new season in the life of St. Andrew. Next year, 2023, marks our **75th anniversary** as an organized congregation. This time is for visioning our work and time for us to dream about how God wants us to be present and active in the world as we head into our next 75 years.

For everything there is a season. during this Ordinary Season, we are dreaming God's dream for St. Andrew.

Peace,  
Pr Jenna



**Bible Readings for the Month**

**July 3 --**  
**4th Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Isaiah 66:10-14  
 Psalm 66:1-9  
 Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16  
 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**July 10 --**  
**5th Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Deuteronomy 30:9-14  
 Psalm 25:1-10  
 Colossians 1:1-14  
 Luke 10:25-37

**July 17 --**  
**6th Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Genesis 18:1-10a  
 Psalm 15  
 Colossians 1:15-28  
 Luke 10:38-42

**July 24 --**  
**7th Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Genesis 18:20-32  
 Psalm 138  
 Colossians 2:6-15  
 [16-19]  
 Luke 11:1-13

**July 31 --**  
**8th Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Ecclesiastes 1:2,  
 12-14; 2:18-23  
 Psalm 49:1-12  
 Colossians 3:1-11  
 Luke 12:13-21

## 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.*

MEMORIAL GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF

MATTHEW FLUHR  
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## Flowers for the Altar

You can still donate flowers for 2022. If you would like to continue our tradition of sponsoring flowers for the altar, please email the date and information to Anita. 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!!



## Church Council - 2022

- Leslie Parriott* { President }
- Molly Dir* { Vice President }
- Steve Jacobson* { Secretary }
- Donn Hamm* { Treasurer }
- Anastasia Carmona*
- Heidi Emso*
- Lisa Green*
- Mary Hanson*
- Lyn Hayes*
- Nancy Milne*
- Steve Payne*

*And their response...  
 "I will,  
 and I ask God  
 to help me"*

## April & May Treasurer's Report

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET (+/-)
<b>APRIL</b>			
Giving	\$24,377.53	\$20,495.00	\$3,882.53
Expenditures	\$26,118.65	\$25,494.94	(\$-623.71)
<b>NET</b>	<b>(\$ -1,741.12)</b>	<b>(\$ -4,999.94)</b>	<b>\$3,258.82</b>
<b>MAY</b>			
Giving	\$38,991.98*	\$19,265.00	\$19,726.98
Expenditures	\$23,264.73	\$24,914.94	(\$ -1,650.21)
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$15,727.25</b>	<b>(\$ -5,649.94)</b>	<b>\$21,377.19</b>

\*Includes a very special \$10,000 donation.

# Quilters' Crossing

*Lord, remind me to look beyond the noise and worries that crowd my heart and help me to focus on You and those you've given me to love.....*



Our Quilting Ministry is just one way that we can show our love to those who are less fortunate than we are. We want to thank everyone again and again for your generous support of our group. Many contributed to the shipping costs of our quilts last month and we made about \$300 from our Silent Auction to go toward purchasing batting, thread, pins and needles so we can continue our work. We continue to meet each Thursday morning from 9-12 even during the summer and the fourth Saturday of each month. We have assembled more than 30 quilts already toward our goal for next year. Our 6000th quilt will be made this Fall!! This is something to celebrate! I do hope you all got a chance to be with us on Mother's Day when we were able to display all of the quilts in the sanctuary during worship so they could be blessed before being sent out as warmth and comfort to the "least of these".

There is still an opportunity for you to join this group. We have, on average, about 15 or more that show up each week and many others who help out by working from home assembling quilt tops and matching materials and cutting squares to then be sewn together. I just recently joined the quilting group and am truly humbled by the dedication of so many of these women who have been working diligently for years! (even if you are a man, you could become a part of the group). We have several quilters who are not even members of St. Andrew but are truly dedicated to our ministry! We are so well known, that we continue to receive donations on an almost weekly basis of material that can then be used to make quilt tops and backers. We are so blessed!

If you want to find out more about how YOU can help, and have some fun at the same time, please contact Judy Parriott (847) 986-4465.

Respectfully,

Lyn H. and the Quilters



# Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship: Most meetings will meet the 2nd Thursday of



each month at 7 pm in Nelson Hall. We do have a few special events, so please note the Thursday dates and times. Mark your calendars for an excellent line up. Hope to see you at all the upcoming events!

**On Thursday, June 2 we enjoyed our annual Women's Fellowship dinner.** We met for an outdoor dinner at Park Street Craft Kitchen & Bar 14 E. Park Street, Mundelein. We had wonderful weather with an equally good dinner, friendship and conversation.,



As we are taking a little time off this summer we hope that you all will add our Women' Fellowship to your calendar for our up-coming events to be posted very soon.



Barbara  
Binversie

God loves everyone,  
but probably prefers  
"fruits of the spirit"  
over "religious nuts"!



# Mundelein LUNCH

The 2022 Mundelein LUNCH program started serving lunches on Monday, June 6! This year, the program will run through Friday, August 12.

The Illinois State Board of Ed (and the Northern Illinois Food Bank) have returned to pre-Covid regulations and protocols. So, we are back to serving lunches at 2 park sites this summer: Hanrahan and Gordon Ray parks. This means the kids will come to the park(s) for lunch, and are required to eat their lunch in the park. We will NOT be serving or distributing meals at the various housing complexes utilized in the past two years. Meals will be served and consumed only at the two parks - Hanrahan and Gordon Ray.

Now a maximum of two site volunteers per park per day (working in conjunction with one team leader at each). Site volunteers just need to arrive at the park that you have signed up for at 11:45am to help your Team Leader.

**Please consider signing up to assist serving lunches this summer during these nine weeks.** The website is: <https://www.signup-genius.com/tabs/13573db02a0c3e9c06-sign-by1>

Thanks for helping to feed free, healthy meals to kids in our community this summer! St Andrew volunteers have really helped out over the past seven years. Your assistance has truly been appreciated. Thank you!

If you have any questions, please contact: Barb Binversie at [barbarabinversie@gmail.com](mailto:barbarabinversie@gmail.com) or 847-566-8708

*Mundelein LUNCH - (Local United Network to Combat Hunger) is a loose affiliation of volunteers (mostly from Mundelein churches) who are working together to serve free, healthy meals to children in select Mundelein parks every weekday over the summer school break.*



# Supporting Disaster Response

As we continue to hold our Ukrainian siblings in prayer, many of us may be looking for more ways to actively engage with showing our love and care. If you know of local organizations supporting disaster response, please share their information with Pastor Jenna so she can pass it on!

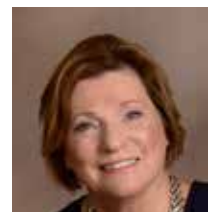
- Lutheran Disaster Response and their on the ground work. If you would like to support them--whether specifically for their response to Eastern European need, or disaster care in general--please check out this link: <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Eastern-Europe-Crisis-Response>

# Altar Guild *How Can I Help?*

Church services are up and running! This would be a good time to get involved in one of the most enjoyable St. Andrew's many on-going ministries.

It is usually a very quiet time that you can go about preparing the altar for the Sunday service. Work at your own time and own pace.

The Altar Guild prepares the altar for Sunday's service and communion. Traditionally, this was Saturday morning but it can work on different schedules. The assignment schedule is prepared a year in advance and can involve only one month. It is a good opportunity for moms/dads and an older child to serve in this important ministry! Complete "how -to" information is available. Please contact Tana Hamm ([tanahamm@comcast.net](mailto:tanahamm@comcast.net)) if you would like more information.



Tana Hamm

**"Do everything for the glory of God."  
1 Corinthians 10:31**

# PRAYER VENTURES

## July 2022

- 1** Gun violence is the leading cause of death among children and youth in our nation today. Pray that we might overcome the feelings of indifference and impotence bred by the tragedy, trauma, complexity and frequency of gun violence. Pray that the Spirit will turn us toward Scripture, the teachings of Jesus and one another for the strength, wisdom and courage needed to change our laws and culture for the sake of safeguarding our communities and society.
- 2** Pray that we might notice and take to heart small acts of hope and kindness, and that these might renew our faith amid world events that inspire anger and despair.
- 3** “The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go” (Luke 10:1). Respond to God’s call that we pool our gifts and resources to share the good news of Jesus Christ, serve our neighbors in need and bear hope, peace and equity into the world.
- 4** *Independence Day* Give thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in the United States and for all those who work to sustain them in our behalf. Pray that we might value our freedom and use it to benefit and uplift all people, especially those excluded, forgotten and oppressed.
- 5** “Say to God, ‘How awesome are your deeds!’” (Psalm 66:3). We can never proclaim too often God’s acts of mercy, redemption and creativity throughout world history.
- 6** Give thanks to God for deacons, our siblings in Christ who serve as ministers of Word and Service. Pray for their ministries in congregations, synods, social ministry organizations, chaplaincy ministries, seminaries, colleges, universities and ELCA Global Mission — wherever their diverse gifts are needed in our church and society.
- 7** Pray for the people and communities, especially in southern Mexico, that suffered devastation and loss of life from Hurricane Agatha.
- 8** “So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith” (Galatians 6:10). Pray that our faith and gratitude for God’s love might move us to care for people — in our communities of faith and everywhere else — who face difficult situations.
- 9** Remember our neighbors in Ethiopia and Ukraine who are displaced in their own countries and hope to resettle in their home communities or elsewhere. Pray that their faith, their hope and the support of those accompanying them will sustain them through difficult, wearisome and dangerous times.
- 10** “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27). Pray that our love for God will be mirrored daily by our acts of love and concern for our neighbor, especially those who are needy, suffering and passed over.
- 11** Give thanks that through the work and witness of our global companions and ELCA Global Mission, we might proclaim God’s love and presence in the world, build relationships, renew and transform lives, stir hope and respond to the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors.
- 12** Pray that the Spirit will instill in us appreciation and concern for ELCA congregations and ministries across the country as well as the other faith communities of our siblings in Christ. Ask God to help us affirm one another, encourage one another and share generously our assets and wisdom for doing God’s work in the world.
- 13** Thank God for our special relationship with The United Methodist Church, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 2009. Pray for the church’s members and leaders, that together they will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor, especially in these challenging times.
- 14** Pray for musicians and worship leaders participating in Augsburg Fortress Summer Music Clinics. Give thanks for their unique gifts that enrich our worship life, inspire faith, facilitate opportunities for using our own gifts and help us express ourselves to God.

- 15** Pray that the Spirit will soften our hardness and self-reliance and create in us a receptive and eager spirit as we study God's ways, seek wisdom and truth, and learn from one another how to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.
- 16** Pray for the ELCA Interim Ministry Association and Lutheran Transitional Ministry Association, which train and support pastors and interim leaders for serving congregations in times of transition, vacancy and discernment.
- 17** What distractions in your life draw you away from being mindful of God's presence and activity in the world? Pray that the Spirit will help us refocus our attention on God's ever-present grace, the work to which God is calling us and the needs and laments of people around us.
- 18** Pray for the worship leaders and church musicians gathered for Lutheran Summer Music, the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians' annual conference at Valparaiso University in Indiana. Ask that their gifts will be strengthened, that their imaginations will be stirred and that they will develop new skills for working with all generations.
- 19** Pray that, throughout life, we might understand and remain faithful to the ways of God — humility, persistent love, and forgiveness of others. Pray that God will be patient with our weaknesses and guide us back when we stumble or stray from these paths.
- 20** Give thanks for the work we do together across all expressions of our church — congregations, synods and the churchwide organization. Pray that we might value and draw upon the unity and strength we have in Christ and that, when we experience conflict or disappointment, we show grace and humility toward one another, grounding ourselves once more in our bond as children of God, siblings in Christ.
- 21** Ask God to help us comprehend that we have the ability, wisdom and resources to address the root causes of poverty and hunger in the world — especially when we work together and exercise generosity.
- 22** Praise God for the beauty and complexity of the universe that stirs our awe, imagination and appreciation, and for a creative power that stretches beyond our understanding.
- 23** God's persistent, undeserved grace and mercy restore us every day. Praise and thank God!
- 24** Ask the Spirit to reassure us of God's loving concern and attentiveness, especially when we feel the burden of thinking our prayers need to be worded perfectly and meet the expectations of others.
- 25** Pray for pastors, church musicians, artists and lay leaders participating in the Conference on Worship, Theology, and the Arts, sponsored by St. Olaf College in Minnesota, as they explore how the power of imagination can change, challenge and inspire churches responding to COVID-19 and structural racism.
- 26** Give thanks for Scripture, the creeds, Lutheran confessional writings and the ELCA Confession of Faith, which provide a foundation for our Christian faith, practice and witness and give expression to our relationship with Jesus Christ, the risen son of God and savior of humanity.
- 27** Remember in prayer those confined in our jails, prisons and correctional facilities. Pray that they will be treated justly and humanely, be renewed by the good news of Jesus Christ, and find hope and strength in God's love and mercy. Pray for the Spirit to help us extend our hospitality, acceptance and support to people previously incarcerated as they do the challenging work of building new lives in our communities.
- 28** Give thanks for musicians and artists who, through their creative gifts and work, proclaim the gospel, inspire our faith and convey the experiences, emotions and needs of humankind.
- 29** Remember in prayer our neighbors who struggle financially and live with the uncertainty of how they will support and care for themselves and their families. Pray that the Spirit will inspire us to respond with respect for their dignity and to affirm our interdependence as children of God.
- 30** With humility and joyful hearts, give thanks for God's steadfast love, which sustains and strengthens us through the twists and turns of our baptismal journey.
- 31** Pray that we might find identity, value, purpose and hope in God and not in accumulating short-lived wealth, possessions and power.

# STEWARDSHIP –

## OUR WAY OF LIFE HERE AT ST ANDREW

### “FULL TO THE BRIM AND OVERFLOWING AND NOW SEEKING A NEW VISION”

We are now in the heart of summer where hopefully you all will be able to find some time to enjoy time outdoors, spend some time with family and friends, relax and maybe do some travelling even if it is close to home or for even just a day or two. We also need to continue to pray for Pastor Jenna and our leaders, the church Council, our ministry teams and all who are now working to help us see the vision of St. Andrew for today and the future. We are a strong and loving/caring congregation. We have many strong ministries and many folks who give of their time and abilities so we can continue to worship as a faithful community but we want to help everyone to see that there is a place for them to fit in and to selflessly give of themselves in service to their brothers and sisters in Christ. There are so many opportunities and this is what God has directed us to do! Your leaders are also committing themselves to find more opportunities where we can have some fun fellowship time and get to know each other better! Let us all listen to our hearts that we may hear where we are being called... what is God asking of you as a believer...where is the Spirit leading you? This is our time for renewal! We are all part of the Body of Christ and are called to do His work!

“Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.” (Words by Daniel Iversen)

The privilege of Serving others is not bound by a schedule. The care and concern we bless others with may have nominal cost but priceless meaning. God’s message to us should be that we should all strive to serve with an open, generous heart and be willing to help others with extra effort. If you have ideas to share, please let us hear them. We don’t know what is on your mind if you don’t share your thoughts.

*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Philipians 2:3*

Let us pray - Father, may my actions glorify you in the care, love and understanding I show those around me in all ways. Amen.

#### SEE YOU IN CHURCH!

Lyn H. for the Stewardship Team



ST ANDREW CARES

#### 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 -  
Friday, July, 15th*

## Pictures are Worth a 1000 Words

As we continue to update the new website, we are in need of more pictures of the church, and of programs at the church. Please email your pictures to Donn Hamm, - dehamm@comcast.net.



## Men’s Breakfast

Our Men’s Breakfast group meets for breakfast at the TRI-ANGLE RESTAURANT -- 83 & Washington St., Grayslake, on every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. We start at: 8:00 AM and end at 9:00 AM  
*All St. Andrew Men are welcome  
for faith, food and fellowship.*

## July 2022

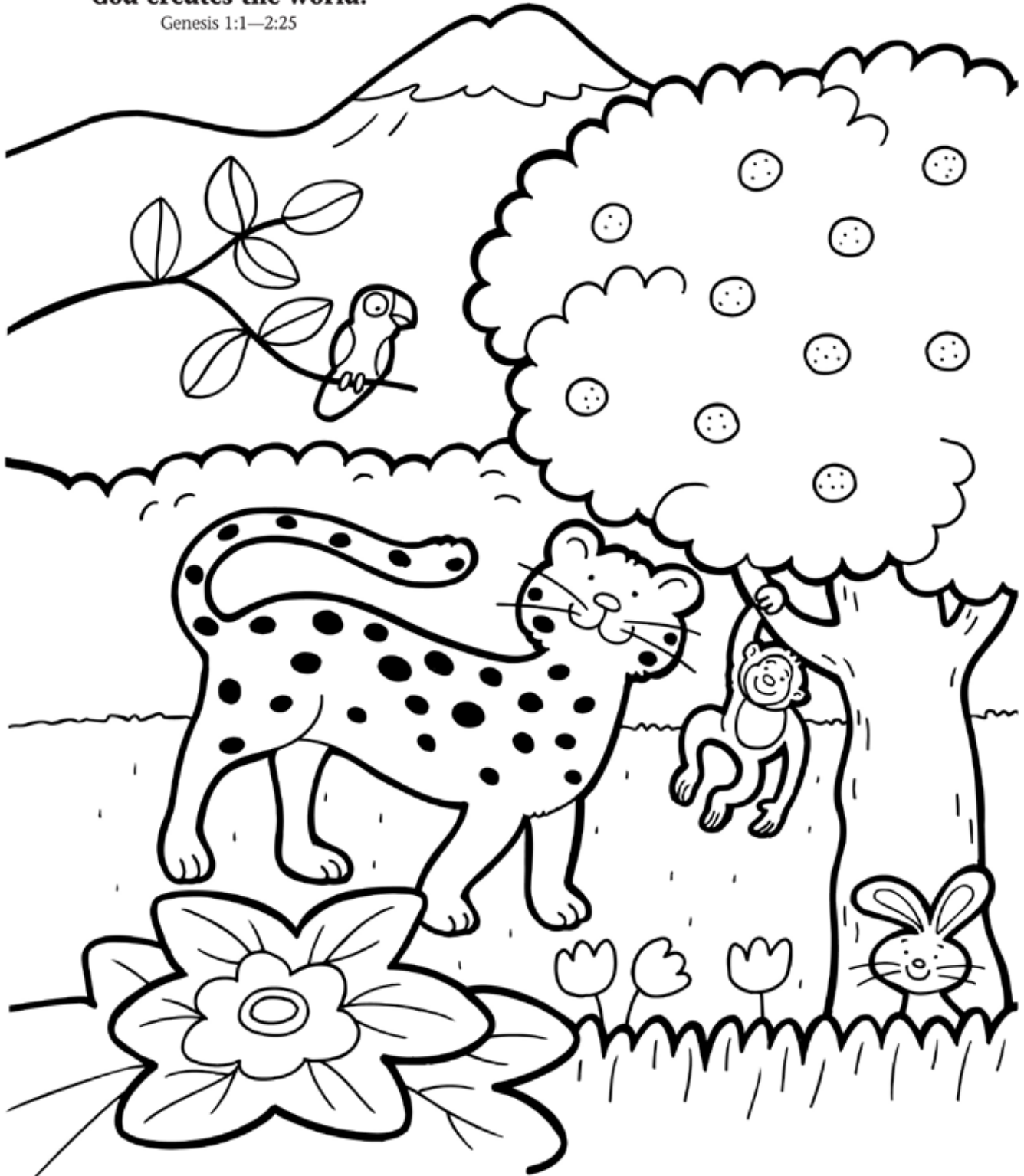
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## God creates the world.

Genesis 1:1—2:25

*For our young readers*



In the beginning, before anything was anything, God made the heavens and the earth. He just said, “Let there be light,” and there was light! Then God made the sky and the land and the oceans. God made the plants and the sun, moon and stars. He liked what He made. It was very good! Then God said, “Let the sky be filled with birds that fly.” And it was. He said, “Let the waters be filled with all sorts of creatures.” Then there were fish, dolphins, jellyfish, and many other creatures in the water. Next, God made every kind of animal. When God saw all the creatures that He made, He said that they were very good. Then God did something even more special! He took some dirt and formed it into a man. Then God breathed into the man and he became alive. Next, God made a woman. They were the first people—people like you and me. They were named Adam and Eve. God loved Adam and Eve. Everything God made was very good.



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## All are Welcome...

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

June 5th - September 11th.  
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service, held at 9:30 AM.



*Sunday Service  
can be viewed at*  
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**Our mission as a congregation is to *Share Christ*. More specifically, it is to help people come to *know* Christ, to *grow* in their relationship with Christ and his Church, and to be equipped to *serve* and *witness* in Christ's name. We would love to have you join us in this mission.**