

# Encounter

## From Pastor Jenna Pulkowski Pastor's Pen

“Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
Will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown  
In you and you in me?”

*from “The Summons (Will You Come and Follow Me)”  
by John Bell (ELW #798)*



Although you're reading this in August, I've spent a bit of July reflecting on my 9th Ordination Anniversary, which I celebrated on July 26. The lyrics printed here are from one of my favorite hymns, especially for those of us who serve in ministerial contexts.

Being a pastor—not just in job title but in the way one lives their life—has quite a bit of ups and downs. From celebrating births, adoptions, and baptisms, to the grief of bedside vigils and navigating funerals, I am often invited into the many intimacies of human life. I take this calling seriously, and find often myself singing a line or two from “The Summons” as a reminder of my ordination vows.

God calls each and every one of us to come and follow him. Our tradition affirms the priesthood of all believers, which Luther used to describe the way in which every person has a special and unique calling from God—not just priests/pastors/clergy.

That was an inconceivably preposterous idea in the 16th century, and there are many people in the 21st century who would still argue that it is preposterous.

Yet, scripture repeatedly shows us that God calls people into the priesthood of all believers. David was a young shepherd, Ruth was a Moabite, the Apostles were fishermen and tax collectors. God does not limit

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## Ministries - Children, Youth, and Family (CYF):

- ❑ **2023-24 6th Graders:** Pr Jenna sent an email to the families with kids going into 6th grade this fall on 7/11. If you did not receive that email and your child is going into 6th grade, please contact her directly at revjennap@gmail.com.
- ❑ **2023-24 7th-12th graders:** Pr Jenna also sent an email to the families with youth going into 7th-12th grades. If you did not receive that email and your child is going into 7th-12th grade, please contact her directly at revjennap@gmail.com.
- ❑ **Men's Breakfast:** Please join our Men's Fellowship as they meet for breakfast at Mauri's on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 9am. The next gathering is August 8th.
- ❑ **Quarterly Devotionals:** Did you know that St. Andrews offers two different quarterly devotionals throughout the year? We have large print and regular sized copies of “Christ In Our Home” and “Word in Season” available at the church. There's still the month of March left in these copies--pick one up next time you're here! You'll find them on the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

### Editor's Notes from Donn Hamm

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 -  
Tuesday, August 15th***



# STEWARDSHIP – God’s Work/Our Hands, Hearts and Lives as Disciples of Christ Jesus

We may ask ourselves, “Who am I, how can I make a difference?”

“Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ the glory and the power forever and ever.”

*1 Peter 4: 9-11*

Soon summer will be over and at St. Andrew, we will be starting a “new year” full of more activity, again, as well as many of you will have much more activity outside of your church life. We do pray, though, that each one of us can see that there is a place for us to fit in and selflessly give of themselves in service to their brothers and sisters in Christ here at St. Andrew. There are so many opportunities and this is what God has directed us to do! Let us listen with 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? We can each make a difference even if we do a small part. Many more volunteers are needed to help with worship services -altar guild, communion assistant, ushers, lay readers, assisting minister, media techs. Please talk to Pastor Jenna, Anita in the office

or any of our Council members if you have questions. There may also be opportunities to help with our Children/Youth/Family ministry! There are opportunities in our music ministries! Also, please try to keep up with your Pledges of financial support so that we may keep our building open and welcoming to the community! We are a strong and loving/caring congregation! We have strong leaders and many folks who give of their time and abilities so we can continue to worship as a faithful community but we want everyone to see that there is a place for them. If you are not asked, PLEASE ASK ‘HOW CAN I HELP’?

Remember, 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!! “Do nothing from selfish ambition, 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.



*Lyn Hayes*

Lyn H. for the Stewardship team

## Save the Dates!

As summer comes to a close and we look forward to starting up our regular school and Sunday School schedules again, be sure to save these dates so you can participate:

**August 13: Backpack Blessing** – bring your backpack to church for a back-to-school blessing-  
September

**Rally Day Merv Beyersdorf Memorial Picnic** – join us for fellowship, food, and fun after church!

**September 17: First Day of Sunday School**

Planning and details are still in the works, but you can contact Tina Routledge for questions regarding the Backpack Blessing and Sunday School or Krissy Grace for questions regarding the picnic.

# QUILTERS CROSSING

## *From Heart to Heart: the journey of a quilt:*



There's a difference between a blanket purchased from a store and one stitched together with love. We have seen firsthand that the children, women and men who receive your quilts are deeply moved by the care, intention and prayer poured into each one. When you make a quilt, you never know where it may end up - but you can know that, after a long journey, it will be a beautiful blessing to the person who receives it. This heartfelt thank you was printed in the Summer edition of the LWR newsletter for Quilters and Kit Makers. Last year, 220,000 quilts traveled to 19 countries.

Your St. Andrew Quilters are continuing our work and continuing to pray for healing for our faithful leader, Judy P. recovering from her shoulder surgery. She is healing well and even felt well enough to host "brown bag lunch" at her home in July. We are still collecting good usable sheets (queen or king preferable) & men's large or larger t-shirts. These things are used to complete the quilts (over 70 have been completed since Mother's Day) and to make diapers for the Baby Care Kits.

There is always an open invitation/opportunity for YOU to join this group. We have at least 15 or more that show up each Thursday and there are many others who continue to help out by working from home assembling quilt tops, matching materials and cutting squares to then be sewn together. You don't have to do it all to be a big help! You can help with many tasks such as watching for sales on materials, tying the quilts, donating funds for shipping and last, but certainly not least, praying. Please join us on Thursday mornings if you want to help. We also meet the 4th Saturday of each month. There are also Quilt Top kits in a basket in the narthex (the basket is full again!). You can take one of these kits home and try your hand at assembling a beautiful top for a quilt. Instructions are included. You may then be "hooked". We wouldn't be able to complete as many quilts as we do without our "home sewers"!

While Judy is out, please feel free to call Deb Jacobson (847)566-4764 or Lyn Hayes (847) 566-2537 with any questions.

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers!

## 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.*

### MEMORIALS

#### LUCILLE HERSTED

Sharon Ketterhagen  
Hersted Family

#### LORRIE GROVES-COLON

Chris & Barb Binversie

#### MERV BEYERSDORF

Linda Porres  
Ed Arroyo  
Parriott Family  
Janice David  
John & Janet Schockmel  
Alan Benedeck  
Chris Binversie

*From my Andrea Ammons*

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who can and is called into discipleship, nor does God leave us unprepared for the ministry to which God has called us.

August will find many of us in transitional spaces. Moving away to college, going into a new grade, a new classroom. Many of us are finding new rhythms and routines to our daily life. Wherever we might be or be headed to, God goes with us and before us so that when God calls our name, we might be able to follow where God leads.

Will we let God's life grow in us as we grow into God? When we answer the summons, we find out.

Peace,  
Pr Jenna





**Bible Readings for the Month**

**August 6 --**  
**10th Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Isaiah 55:1-5  
 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21  
 Romans 9:1-5  
 Matthew 14:13-21

**August 13 --**  
**11th Sunday after Pentecost**  
 1 Kings 19:9-18  
 Psalm 85:8-13  
 Romans 10:5-15  
 Matthew 14:22-33

**August 20 --**  
**12th Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Isaiah 56:1, 6-8  
 Psalm 67  
 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
 Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

**August 27 --**  
**13th Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Isaiah 51:1-6  
 Psalm 138  
 Romans 12:1-8  
 Matthew 16:13-20



# COOL . . .

## Help Needed for a COOL Housing Family:

COOL is asking for donations of gas cards for a guest family. Little Alivia, at age 5, lost her eye due to cancer. Now, at age 7 a tumor has been found.

COOL was able to house the family and provide food and items from the food pantry, but gas to and from Children’s Hospital in Chicago and parking is expensive. We are asking for gas cards or gift cards that will aid this guest family in keeping their head above water while Alivia continues her journey to heal.

Cards can be sent or dropped off to COOL at 800 W Glen Flora Ave Waukegan, IL.60085.

Please contact Amanda (awilliams@coolministries.org) or Mindy (Mlindholtm@coolministries.org) with any questions. They can also be dropped off at St. Andrew and we will deliver to COOL.

### COOL and Veterans Needs:

Did you know that the Veterans support programs that we contribute to are in fact a service of the COOL Food Pantry? They can always use shampoo and conditioner.

The Veterans donation bin is still in the narthex if you have items you are able to share. The Food Pantry is in desperate need of non-perishable food. Collection bin is in the narthex, outside of Pastor Jenna’s office.

*Thank you for going beyond & Sharing Christ!*

# PARISH LIFE

Many, many THANKS to Dale Hamblin and anyone else who has worked on our wonderful St. Andrew Garden. The garden is beautiful and is thriving to produce amazing flowers and vegetables which are available on Sunday mornings or you can contact Dale or the church office to collect some of this bounty during the week. Dale is out there most evenings! All donations given go to help support the COOL food pantry and all excess produce will also be taken there.

As you may have seen in Pastor Jenna’s Midweek Blast, our St. Andrew Cares fund is running low due to the increased needs of our community. Anything that you feel you could donate to help would be greatly appreciated. If you have questions, please talk to Pastor Jenna.

Please look for the “Treat Sign-up Sheet” again on the table near the coffee. We will start sweet treats again between services in September. If you have a specialty, I am sure no one would be upset if you decided to share it with your fellow worshippers for a bit of fellowship!

We pray all have had time to relax and enjoy summer! See you in church and let’s get to know our kids! We encourage families to use the name tags provided for the kids so we can “call them by name” as we have been called.



Lyn Hayes

# PRAYER VENTURES

## August 2023

- 1 “I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39). What a powerful message of love and hope for us to embrace throughout life and proclaim far and wide. Praise God!
- 2 Pray for ELCA Justice for Women and its partners as they help our church and society address sexism, work for gender justice, advocate for change and encourage people of all genders to work together.
- 3 Pray for an end to the wildfires across Canada and for the relief of all people and communities affected. Give thanks for the selfless service of firefighters in Canada and from more than 10 other nations, including the United States, as they work together to protect life and respond to this widespread natural disaster.
- 4 Pray for the elected leaders of our nation, that they will discern what is right and good and serve all people, without prejudice.
- 5 Pray for an end to the Russia-Ukraine War, the conflict in Sudan and political unrest in other nations. Ask God to help us value and respect one another, exercise compassion and generosity, and find ways to work together to address common problems and challenges.
- 6 How can we balance our needs against those of our neighbors? Pray that we will learn to care for ourselves without compromising our compassion and generosity toward those in need.
- 7 Pray for teachers, school staff and administrators in public and faith-based schools as they prepare for a new academic year. Give thanks that they have chosen a vocation of service, education and care for children and youth of all backgrounds and abilities.
- 8 Pray for refugees around the world displaced and unsettled — sometimes for years — as a result of war and violence, natural disaster, economic crisis, changing climate and ethnic or political persecution.
- 9 Remember in prayer children, youth and adults impacted by outdoor ministry experiences; pray that they will return to their homes, congregations, schools and communities with rekindled faith, confidence and enthusiasm to serve their neighbors in need.
- 10 Ask the Spirit to prompt us, throughout our busy days, to pause and behold God’s presence and attentive love.
- 11 Pray for church leaders and volunteers who prepare fall programs and community ministries in congregations across the country, that their efforts will bear abundant fruit, spread the good news of Jesus Christ, strengthen the faith of people of all ages and serve the diverse needs of our neighbors.
- 12 *International Youth Day* Join siblings in Christ around the world in praying for young people, giving thanks for their gifts and contributions, and lifting up their concerns and suffering.
- 13 “Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid’” (Matthew 14:27). Amid fear, loneliness and shaken faith, turn to God in prayer and trust that God is present and attentive to whatever is going on in our lives and the world.
- 14 Give thanks for nurses, who care for the needs of body, mind and spirit. Lift up the names of nurses in your congregation, in other Lutheran congregations and in other faith communities. Pray for the Lutheran Faith Community Nurse Association and its work to equip faith-community nurses and to foster health and wellness ministries in congregations.
- 15 Remember in prayer and give thanks for ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) volunteers serving with our companion churches in Senegal, the United Kingdom, Argentina/Uruguay and Jerusalem/West Bank.

- 16** Give thanks for God’s amazing ways of getting our attention, from the earth-shaking to the silence Elijah experienced on a mountaintop.
- 17** Pray that, through Scripture and the example of Jesus, we will learn to be generous with our time, money, resources and lives for the sake of our neighbors in need, supporting special ministries and the growth of our church.
- 18** Pray for strength and faith to proclaim boldly our redemption through faith alone, independent of our work, saying the right words or living a good life.
- 19** Ask the Spirit to give us wisdom and discipline to care for wildlife and natural resources, for the well-being of creation and humankind.
- 20** Pray that our Lutheran theology, traditions and practices will not present obstacles for our neighbors and people from other faith traditions. Ask the Spirit to guide what we do and say so that we communicate our faith clearly and simply, reflecting God’s boundless love and forgiveness and demonstrating respect for our neighbor.
- 21** Pray for companion synod relationships, which connect ELCA synods and congregations with international companions, enabling them to nurture and strengthen one another for life and ministry through prayer, study, communication, exchange of visitors and sharing of resources.
- 22** Pray for people of all ages and backgrounds who struggle with addiction, recovery and sobriety; pray that they will find effective immediate and long-term assistance and that they will have supportive and nonjudgmental people and communities to turn to — including us.
- 23** “How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1). It is human nature to notice how we are different from one another. Pray for the courage to trust in the new selves we receive in Christ and for the wisdom to recognize the blessings of living in unity.
- 24** Pray for the work of synod bishops, staff and volunteers as they equip and encourage church leaders and congregations in diverse contexts to share the good news of Christ, invite others to believe and follow, and respond with compassion and empathy to neighbors in need — no matter how complex those needs might be.
- 25** Pray that we will be wise, just and responsible in developing and using technology and will recognize that our faith, curiosity, intellect and creativity are gifts from God, to be used for the well-being of all people and for God’s glory.
- 26** Give thanks for the six Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service welcome centers across the country, which provide asylum-seekers with case management, health care and counseling, legal assistance, school enrollment for children and youth, and emergency food, housing and financial assistance.
- 27** “[Jesus] asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’” (Matthew 16:13). Who do you say that Jesus is? Ask the Spirit to further reveal to us, through Scripture and personal witness, who Jesus is, especially when we are unsure or are reaching for words to express our faith.
- 28** Many seasonal workers are heading home, back to school or toward new employment. Give thanks for their work and service throughout the summer; pray that they will find employment, housing and benefits that sustain them and their families; and pray that their spirits will be renewed and sustained in welcoming communities of faith.
- 29** Praise God for the diverse gifts of our siblings in Christ. Give thanks that our unique gifts and abilities intersect to spread the gospel, serve our neighbors in need, and grow and strengthen our communities of faith.
- 30** Remember in prayer students who live with a range of physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities. Pray that they will receive caring and skilled support, affirmation of their gifts and abilities, and inclusion and encouragement in our congregations.
- 31** Give thanks for our church’s history of affirming the value of lifelong education. Give thanks for teachers who nurture faith, teach life skills and help people of all ages use their gifts and passions to serve neighbors in need and do God’s work in the world.

# Altar Guild

*Consider making it a family commitment  
Quiet Time for yourself in church?*

The Altar Guild prepares the altar for Sunday's service and communion (20 to 30 minutes). Traditionally, this was Saturday morning but it can work on different schedules. The assignment schedule is prepared a year in advance and can involve as little as only one month.

This is a wonderful opportunity for moms/dads and an older child to serve in this important ministry! By preparing communion for Sunday, the commitment to a vital church activity can be rewarding. Complete "how-to" information is available. Please contact Tana Hamm (tanahamm@comcast.net) or Anita if you would like to consider this as a family commitment.

## Pictures are Worth a 1000 Words

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

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

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**June 2023**

Total Expense:.....\$26,438.12

Total Income: .....\$18,038.91

**Net:..... \$-8,399.21**

Donn Hamm, *Treasurer*

## (CIA) Caring in Action

If you are homebound, or know of anyone who is, or would just like a visit for companionship or perhaps to play a game of scrabble or cards .....

**contact your Caring In Action Team –**

We are available to visit, pray, chat, read scriptures, offer communion or help with your needs of picking up some groceries or medications and other errands. We could arrange some help with rides to Dr. appointments or perhaps Church. Call Anita to get in touch with our team: Pastor Jenna, Myrna Wells, Carol Clouser, Tana Hamm, Paulette Metts, Ellen Van Zeeland and Carol Clark. We extend an invitation to others who can find time to

also add their name to this important mission of serving others. Please contact Anita in the church office at 847-566-8081.

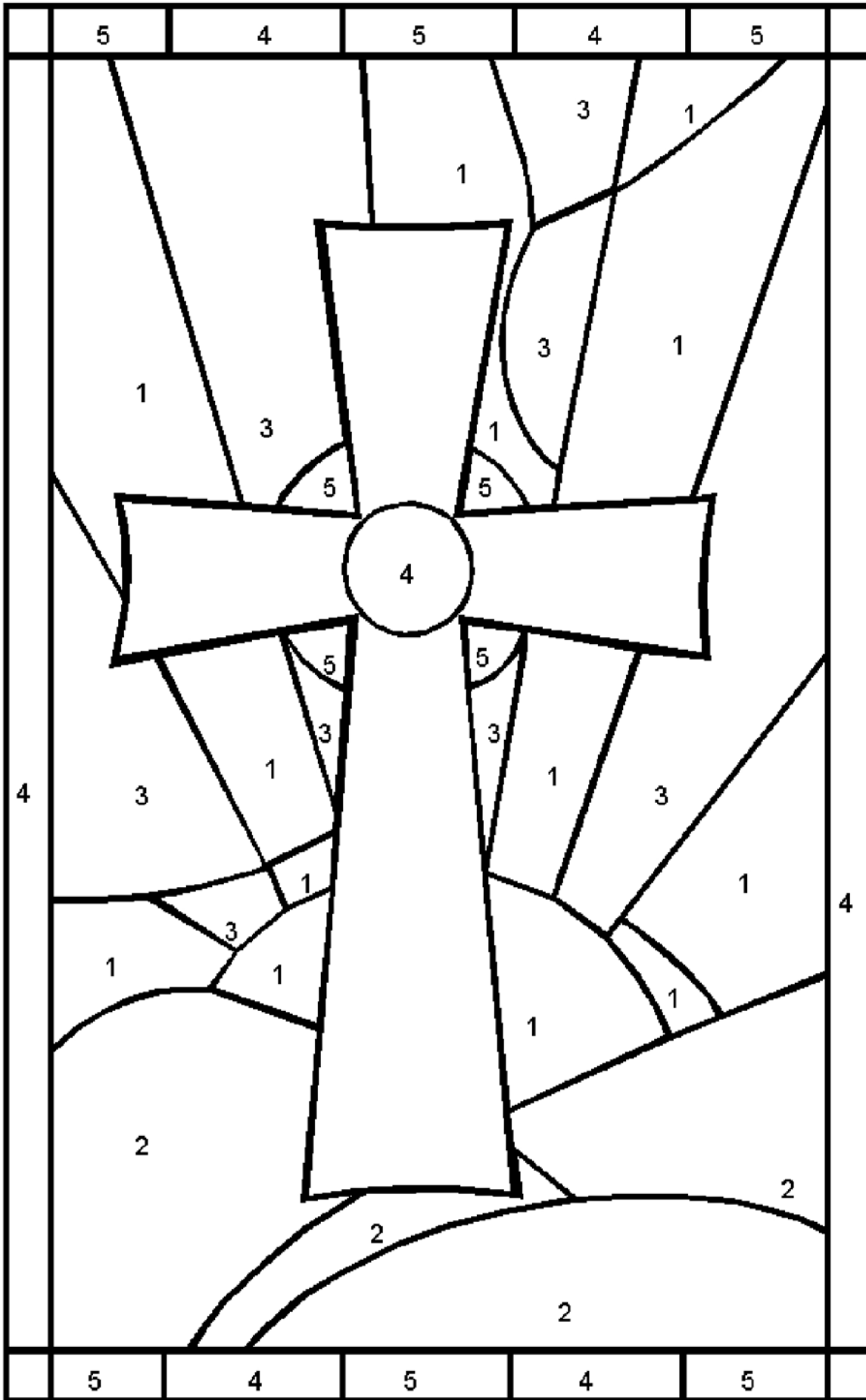


# August 2023

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20 9:30 Worship	21 6:30 pm Early Bird AA 6:45 pm Kirk Players Reh	22 9 am Men's Breakfast (Mauri's) 7:30 pm Troop #198 7:30 pm Mumd. AA	23 6:45 pm Kirk Players Reh	24 9 am Quilters 6:45 pm Kirk Players Reh 7 pm Operations Umbrella Team Mtg	25 5:30 pm Early Bird AA 6 pm 7-12 Graders Fun Fellowship Pizza & Movie @ Church	26 9 am Quilters
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*For our young readers*



- 1 – yellow
- 2 – green
- 3 – blue
- 4 – purple
- 5 – red



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- Faithful Giving
- Ministry Participation
- Daily Living

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## All are Welcome...

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

May 28th - September 10th.  
Summer Worship is one  
service, held at 9:30 AM.



*Sunday Service  
can be viewed at*  
www.standrewmundelein.com

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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.**