

# Encounter

## From Pastor Jenna Pulkowski Pastor's Pen



Dear St. Andrew family of faith,

I am writing to share some joyful news and important updates with you all. As many of you know, Alex and I are expecting the arrival of our newest family member in early September. We are so excited for Ellie to be a big sister, and to meet our little one. I am deeply grateful for the love and support we have received from our church family during this season.

Starting no later than September 3, I will be taking parental leave so that I can be fully present with my family as we welcome our child into the world. This decision was made with much prayer and consideration, recognizing the importance of this sacred time in our lives. Parental leave is a precious opportunity for us to bond with our new baby, support each other as parents, and adjust to the new dynamics of our growing family.

The Bible speaks to the importance of family and rest. In Psalm 127:3, we read, "Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him." This verse reminds us of the blessing of children are in our lives. Additionally, the concept of rest is deeply rooted in our faith, with God's own self setting the example by resting on the seventh day (Genesis 2:2-3). Parental leave is a modern extension of these timeless principles, providing the necessary space for rest, reflection, and bonding.

During my absence, Pr Matthew Laubenstein-Smith at Grace Lutheran Church in Libertyville will be available for pastoral care needs. Pr Matthew is a trusted colleague and a compassionate leader, and I know that if any care needs arise, I leave you in his excellent care. His contact information is available in the Midweek Blast, as well as from the church office.

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Hello everyone,

We now have all the materials for the Kids Welcome Bags! The stickers, coloring books and 24-pack Crayola crayons have all been ordered and received!

I also found 365 Bible Bedtime Stories, so those are included as well. Below, is a photo that shows the coloring book and storybook that are open so you can see the contents.

I have put these together and have them available for the congregation to share with our new families to feel welcomed!

Krissy Grace



# 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.”

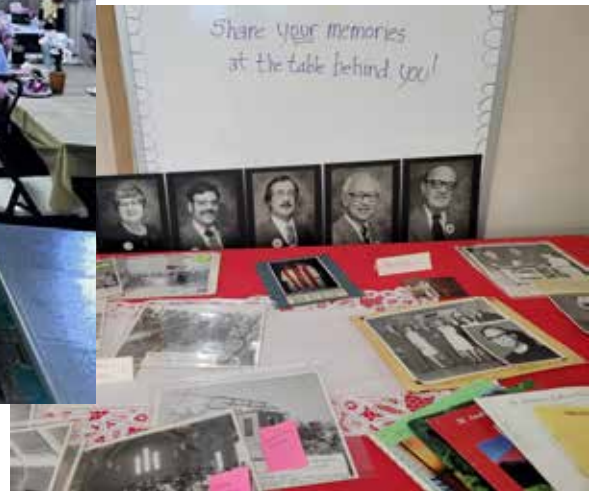
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Brothers and sisters in Christ, this year the St. Andrew Community celebrated 75 years of being in Mundelein. That’s a lot of “work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ”!

In honor of this and as part of organizing an archive for St. Andrew, we collected memories and pictures of St. Andrew’s rich history and a traditional Lutheran celebration of a pot-luck

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

### MEMORIALS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF

#### LOLITA BOLDT

Elaine Adamick  
Mary Hanson  
Steven & Dawn Tsarpalas  
Frank & Barb Wermerskirchen  
David & Debra Wagner  
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Linda Porres  
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Mary Hanson  
Robert & Pam Haley  
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#### POLLY METTS

Ellen Vander Zeeland  
Lee & Carol Clouser  
Maria Abricka & James Longstreth  
Steven Schreiber

#### JACQUELYN SCHMIDT

Gail Johnson

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

# Congregational Meeting - Sunday June 30, 2024

The congregational meeting was proposed at our Annual meeting in January to share with the congregation the current state of affairs within the workings of the church and its financial position. Recommended constitutional changes were proposed to better align our constitution with our current practices.

1. Constitutional Changes
2. Financial Update
3. Child & Family Director
4. Future focus and development

## The constitutional changes that were proposed and passed were the following:

1. Adding a minimum of 51% of membership OR 50 members for a quorum
2. Council membership reduced to UP TO 9 members
3. Remove requirement for young adult member to be on council.
4. Oversight of staff performance moves to Executive Committee.
5. Current 10 committees now grouped into 5 - Faith Formation, Finance, Operations, Service and Worship & Music

**The Current state of affairs** is more of an acknowledgment of what we all have been experiencing since 2020 and the impact of COVID.

1. Weekly Sunday Attendance down by 50% versus 2020
2. Members have not been willing to join Council
3. We struggle to find volunteers for committees
4. Giving is down

## Our current finances recapped

We have 2 bank accounts

1. One local with Mundelein Community Bank for daily needs of deposits and expenditures.

2. Mission Investment Fund (sponsored by ELCA) contains \$108K, (\$100K is in a 7-month CD to earn 5% interest and \$8K in checking at 2.5% interest)
3. Between the two banks we have \$223K .

*We have been running an approximately \$20K deficit each year since Covid. Theoretically, at this rate, we could expect to be solvent for the next 8 years but that is not our intent.*

## What the Council recognizes and recommends to the congregation:

1. We know there's been a major cultural change; fewer people attend and participate in church
2. We need to improve the visibility of the church in our community through advertising and outreach
3. Invite new members and families to our church from our community
4. Create new programs and improve existing programs
5. Invite back members that have been absent or that view our Zoom services
6. Share our building, property and programs to reduce overhead
7. Outreach to housing developments, which will add 4,000 new families to this area
8. Our church family comes from Mundelein, Vernon Hills, Grayslake, and further away.
9. We are looking at options for the future of service schedules to optimize our needs.
10. Between infants through high school, we're seeing between 12-20 regularly attending. The majority of attendance is from Sunday School age children during the school year (approximately 17 children come up to

the children's message); had 7 confirmands this year.

11. Small Ministry Groups: we have Quilters, Youth, Women's Fellowship, Choir, Men's Fellowship, Power of Praise, Bible study, Adult Forum, CIA – we need to start calling them Small Group Ministries. They include a component of Bible Study and personal connections but we can support more.

## Children, Youth, and Family Director Proposal Passed

Approval of additional expense, with 2 options

1. Devoted SALC employee
2. Shared ministry position with another congregation  
*(This is not a position that will be filled by a rostered minister or deacon; it's not a Youth "Pastor" position. It will be a lay leader, ideally with youth experience.)*
  - a. Up to \$10K for 2024 (up to \$25K for 2025), \$20-25 per hour based on experience. Responsibilities include Sunday School planning, Confirmation, more emphasis on Senior High Youth, good at planning and coordinating activities and communicating the details to families. Sunday mornings and Sunday School would be separate
  - b. If we shared a director with another congregation, willing to work with both congregations

## Future thoughts and directions

1. How do we expect people to come and stay here if our property doesn't look good? - Council will add parking lot repairs to the 2025 budget
2. We need to up our game, both in small groups and youth. What we can offer will improve.

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# Congregational Meeting continued

3. We used to have Wednesday Night Live as part of the confirmation requirement, which was a meal, fellowship, and education night. The congregation came together to support the youth; about 60 people regularly came.
4. We are not proposing any changes or cuts to existing staff positions
5. Our overall goal is to change the trajectory of the congregation so we can continue to thrive and meet the needs of current and future members
6. We recognize we can't do everything – we need to focus and commit to making the changes that will help us achieve our goal
7. Increase governance to manage overall spending.
8. Return to a stipend model versus a fee-for-service model for contract employees
9. Move to Breeze for online giving, saving the annual cost of \$240 for Vanco
10. Fellowship & Fundraiser - Trivia night (after Nelson Hall refresh)
11. Monthly Summer fellowship events
12. Initiate the 2024 Stewardship Campaign: Together For Joy based on Psalm 98 (more to come from Lyn Hayes)
13. Implement a building usage policy with associated charges for use of our space
14. Welcoming – make sure our visitors and anyone who walks through our doors feels like they belong here

15. Refresh Upper Nelson Hall: paint, declutter, remove excess chairs, upgrade bathroom
16. Family – Support sustainable lifeblood of the congregation

### Opportunities for Involvement by the congregation.

1. Join a committee
2. Volunteer to support Sunday School or Confirmation
3. Join a music ministry – Power of Praise, choir, or handbells
4. Participate in fellowship events
5. Invite friends and family to worship and fellowship
6. Build SALC's social media presence
7. Create a small group ministry

We don't know if we'll get a different outcome, but this might be what God is calling us to. It's hard work, but we can do it together. We should be inviting the families around us to join us. We want to support them in their journeys. We have good news and love to share with others, which is what we're called to do.



## Pastor's Pen - from pg one

The SALC Council will be available for additional support as needed—if there's anything that you'd normally bring to me, please reach out to them! Their contact info is in the Midweek Blast as well as later in the Encounter, and Anita always has the information too.

Unlike my first parental leave, I was not able to secure just one person for Sundays for the duration of my leave due to lack of availability—it's a busy season for many of our interim and supply preachers in the area! Instead, several of my colleagues will be sharing the Good News with St. Andrew during my leave.

- September 8, 15, 23, & 30: Rev. John Lang (retired)
- October 6: Rev. Anna Roper (On Leave From Call)
- October 13: Rev. Nathan Klein, Assistant to the Bishop for Metro Chicago Synod
- October 20 & 27: Rev. Gail Haedtke (retired)
- November 3: TBD
- November 10, 17, 24: Rev. Robin Brown (synod interim pastor)

While I will miss being with you all, I look forward to returning to worship and our life together at the start of Advent with renewed energy and a heart full of stories about this new chapter in our lives. Your continued prayers and support mean the world to us, and we are thankful for this loving community that we are privileged to call our church home.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Pr Matthew for pastoral care, or our church council and Anita if you need assistance during my leave. They are here to serve and support you.

May God's grace and peace be with you all.

With love and gratitude,

Pr Jenna

# PRAYER VENTURES

## August 2024

- 1** Pray for those recovering in the aftermath of Hurricane Beryl in the Caribbean, the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico and the Texas Gulf Coast region. Pray that their faith and the care and support of neighbors near and far will sustain their hope and reassure them that they are not alone in this time of suffering. Give thanks for the support of congregations, synods and Lutheran Disaster Response.
- 2** “Elisha said, ‘Give it to the people and let them eat’” (2 Kings 4:42). The food that Elisha intended for the hungry crowd wasn’t scraps or leftovers; it was from the “first fruits” — the first and best of the harvest that was offered to God. Pray that our generosity toward our neighbors in need will come from our first fruits for the sake of their dignity and well-being.
- 3** Remember our neighbors who are most vulnerable to hot weather, including older adults, children, people who are ill and those without shelter. Pray that they will find public cooling centers and neighbors offering relief.
- 4** Pray for the Spirit’s presence and work, which enable our words and actions as we stir hope, inspire faith in Jesus Christ and pursue justice and peace for all people.
- 5** Give thanks for the gift of Christian community, through which the Spirit unites us with siblings offering hospitality, encouragement, wisdom and skills for doing God’s work in the world together.
- 6** Be persistent in praying for peace, justice and reconciliation in the world, including in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, the Palestinian territories, Sudan, Yemen, Ethiopia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- 7** Pray that we will be mindful of our oneness — one body, one baptism, one Spirit, one Lord, one God and one faith — while also valuing our diversity, which strengthens and enriches our life together for bearing public witness to God’s boundless love.
- 8** Thank God for the ELCA’s special relationship with the Moravian Church in America, a full communion partner since 1999 and one of the oldest Protestant denominations in Christianity. 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.
- 9** Praise God, for God provides all that is good and sustains us, imploring us to use these gifts to care for our neighbors in need.
- 10** Praise God for deacons who are called to serve as ministers of Word and Service in diverse settings and contexts — congregations, special ministries, social services, parish nursing, schools and beyond. Pray that we will identify and encourage siblings in Christ as they discern how they might serve the church, our society and the world.
- 11** Give thanks to God for the gift of faith in Jesus Christ, the bread of life and son of God, and that this faith brings a new life that stretches beyond human understanding and imagination — eternal life with God.
- 12** Pray for teachers, school staff and administrators as they prepare to welcome students to a new school year. Ask the Spirit to inspire their energy, creativity, wisdom, compassion for students and enthusiasm for their vocation; promise to affirm those involved in the education and care of our children and youth.
- 13** “Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you” (Ephesians 4:31-32). What could be more relevant than Paul’s letter to the church in Ephesus? Pray that the Spirit will equip us to live by the gospel of Jesus Christ and be imitators of God in all we say and do.
- 14** Pray for congregational leaders and volunteers who will be launching Christian education opportunities, faith formation programs and community ministries for all ages and abilities this fall.

**15** As we discern who should serve as leaders of our nation, ask the Spirit to stir within us civility, wisdom, compassion for our neighbors in need and faith that we are bound together as children of God, with abundant and diverse gifts for uplifting one another and resolving persistent problems and injustices.

**16** Pray for high school, college and university athletes, that they will be safe and will embrace the values of teamwork and mutual care and respect.

**17** “Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!” (Psalm 130:1-2). Make time today to pray from the depths of your inner being about those things that weigh heavily on you.

**18** Give thanks for the sacrament of Holy Communion, in which Jesus Christ comes to us with grace, love and forgiveness, nourishing and strengthening us for doing God’s work in the world.

**19** Observe the world around us and give thanks for the multitude of little things that inspire our gratitude, stir our curiosity, make us smile, remind us of someone we need to reach out to, or draw our attention to God’s presence in the world.

**20** Remember children and youth who will soon begin a new academic year; pray that they are filled with anticipation and will feel safe, cared for and supported by their parents, teachers and peers.

**21** “Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul,” wrote Martin Luther. “It is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us.” Praise God for the gift of music in your daily life and when you gather for worship.

**22** Remember in prayer pastors and deacons discerning God’s call to service and accepting calls to new places where they are needed. Pray for the Spirit to open their hearts, give them wisdom and strengthen their families during their moves and transitions.

**23** Pray for the work of Sumud: For Justice in Palestine and Israel (formerly Peace Not Walls), a

new ELCA initiative of accompaniment, advocacy and awareness-raising with our partners in the Holy Land and in the United States, that together we will find the justice required for peace in the Middle East.

**24** Pray for youth and adults who experienced the ELCA Youth Gathering and related events, that they will bear spirited witness far and wide to God’s love and presence in the world and that the Spirit will continue to nourish their faith and identity as bold disciples of Christ.

**25** “Jesus asked the twelve, ‘Do you also wish to go away?’ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God’” (John 6:66-69). Ask the Spirit to renew and strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ, the living Word of God, especially when we grapple with the hard sayings of Jesus and wonder how to live by the gospel.

**26** Give thanks for Sunday school teachers, volunteers, Bible study leaders and faith formation coordinators, who share their faith, time and gifts to build up the church and equip all ages for our baptismal journey of witness and service.

**27** Give thanks and praise to God for young adults who served at Lutheran summer camps across the country, impacting the lives of children, youth and adults. Pray that they will continue to seek opportunities for ministry in response to God’s call for service and leadership.

**28** Pray for understanding that the “whole armor of God” (Ephesians 6:10) is a gift from God to protect our faith in Christ when we are confronted by temptation and things that weaken our faith.

**29** Pray for our siblings in Christ around the world who are baptized as children of God, and for our common journey of lifelong growth and learning as we witness to God’s mercy, care for others and celebrate God’s presence in our lives.

**30** Give thanks and praise to God for responding to our cries for help — silent and spoken — in times of trouble, when our spirits are crushed.

**31** Who or what has drawn your attention and inspired your prayers today? Ask the Spirit to embolden you to move forward and respond.

## August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9 am Quilters 10 am Bible Study	2 5:30 pm Early Bird AA	3
4 9:30 Worship	5 6:30 pm Early Bird AA	6 6:30 pm Cub Pk #98 7 pm Troop #198 7 pm Kirk Players Board Mtg 7 SALC Exec. Team Mtg 7:30 pm Mund. AA	7 10 am Bible Study	8 9 am Quilters 7 pm Stewardship Team Mtg	9 5:30 pm Early Bird AA 7 pm Kirk Players Monthly Meeting	10
11 9:30 Worship	12 6:30 pm Early Bird AA	13 9 am Men's Breakfast (Mauri's) 7 pm Council Mtg 7:00 pm Troop #198 7:30 pm Mund. AA	14 10 am Bible Study 12 pm Lk County HOUSE Co-Op 1 pm CIA Mtg 7 Lucky Ducks 4-H	15 ENCOUNTER ARTICLES DUE 9 am Quilters Brown Bag Lunch	16 5:30 pm Early Bird AA	17
18 NEW MEMBER SUNDAY 9:30 Worship 10:45 Potluck Fellowship	19 6:30 pm Early Bird AA	20 6:30 pm Cub Pk #98 7:00 pm Troop #198 7 Worship & Music Mtg 7:30 pm Mund. AA	21 10 am Bible Study	22 9 am Quilters 6:30 pm Kirk Players rehearsal full cast 7 pm Operations Umbrella Team Mtg	23 5:30 pm Early Bird AA	24 9 am Quilters
25 9:30 Worship	26 6:30 pm Early Bird AA 7:30 Mundelein Coin Club	27 9 am Men's Breakfast (Mauri's) 7:00 pm Troop #198 7:30 pm Mund. AA	28 10 am Bible Study	29 9 am Quilters	30 5:30 pm Early Bird AA	31

# Quilters' Crossing

I am continually thankful and blessed to be a part of the quilting ministry at St. Andrew!

Just a few days ago I was telling someone how much I enjoy my Thursday mornings and being able to be a part of creating quilts that are donated to folks that are less fortunate than we are and can let someone know that they are being thought of! These quilts can be used as a layer of warmth, a tent, or a bundle to carry one's belongings in. As you read this, we have created over 50 quilts since our display and send-off on Mother's Day. Our progress has been a little slower lately as we are going through the material we have on hand to match up fabric for tops and getting them put together. Thank you to all who are helping us to continue this important work including our "home sewers"! We are still looking for donations of good usable cotton fabric that can be used for the tops and sheets that can be used for the backs. We have recently gotten a few donations of fabric and sheets but can always use more!

We did recently have a new quilter join us; she saw our front sign and came in to check out the activity! She has been coming back now each week... remember there is always room for YOU if you like to sew, would like to try your hand at it or can tie a knot! We meet each Thursday from 9-12. There is always good conversation, good fellowship and treats! Please contact the church office for more information or talk to me, Judy Parriott or Debbie Jacobson on Sunday morning.

Hugs and blessings,

Lyn H and the Quilters

## 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**

**Thursday, August 15th**



### August 4 -- 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15  
Psalm 78:23-29  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

### August 11 -- 12th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:4-8  
Psalm 34:1-8  
Ephesians 4:25--5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

### August 18 -- 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 9:1-6  
Psalm 34:9-14  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

### August 25 -- 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18  
Psalm 34:15-22  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

## 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.*



For our young readers



# STEWARDSHIP - WE ARE "TOGETHER FOR JOY"

"O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things..... Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth: break forth into joyous song and sing praises....." Psalm 98

## 75 years STRONG -

As we struggle with budget shortfalls, let us continue to hold each other up, encourage our brothers and sisters. We are "Together for Joy"....this is our theme for our Stewardship Pledge campaign for 2024. This theme is based on Psalm 98 but as I was reading that psalm, Psalm 100 also caught my eye - a psalm of thanksgiving. ".... For the Lord is good: his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."

We want St. Andrew to be around for another 30, 40, or 75 years to be a place "where all welcome, fed and nourished in the name of Jesus Christ". On June 30, our Council invited us to imagine the ways in which God is calling us to more fully share our time, talents, and treasures as a part of our life together at St. Andrew. One of the ways this invitation plays out is supporting the ministries of St. Andrew through the work that our committees are called to do. There are many amazing opportunities! Whether you are interested in a one-time project, or you want to support, encourage, and grow our Faith Formation through Sunday School, Confirmation, or Adult Education, there's a place for everyone.

There are also some amazing ministries (small groups) that you can be a part of including Quilters, Men's Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, Choir, Bell Choir, Caring in Action,

and Bible studies to name a few.

It was suggested to that as part of our continued celebration of 75 years together, that if we are able, we can in thankfulness to our Lord that we have a place to be together and worship, each give a bit more of our "treasure" - a multiple of 75 (75 cents, \$7.50, \$75 or more). Is this something you can manage? Please pray. This can be a one-time offering or if you pledge, consider increasing your pledge by that amount for 2025. If you are interested in being a part of our Stewardship team or have some ideas about how we can increase our giving to support our budget, we are having a planning meeting for our Stewardship campaign on THURSDAY, 8/7 AT 7:00. Please join Pastor Jenna and myself as we continue to plan. We expect to have all information and materials out to the Congregation by the end of September and Pledge Commitment Sunday 10/27. This will give the Council and Finance Team more time to put together the budget for 2025. Please continue to watch, listen and pray as we move toward 2025 - where do you belong? What is YOUR PART in our faith life at St. Andrew?

As I go, a story by Ashley Kappel and printed in the 2024 daily devotions, "Walking in Grace":

"At the end of baseball season, postseason play begins. For us and our crew of six-year-olds, that means evaluations for the post-season teams. Our town had three teams per age group, and when I tell you that these six-year-olds can play, I mean it. They throw outs at first, hit without a tee, and swing for the fences.

When we saw the lists come out, we realized that James hadn't made the top three teams. Then, something caught Brian's eye; none of James's buddies had made the teams either. He called a fellow coach and shared his idea: what if we took this crew and made a team? That first practice, as the team gathered, was holy ground. These boys love each other, love baseball, and love a good time, so day after day they played, got better, and had a blast doing it.

Our first game was against one of the town's best teams, and the air just felt different. Their boys were frustrated, struggling to work as a team after a season of being the best at the game.

Our boys, on the other hand, were used to doing their best, falling short, and cheering each other on. We watched as they came together, had a ball, got better and won! On the way home, James couldn't believe they had done it, and we reminded him of the Bible story of the talents. When each brings what he has, God will bless it. And that day, He did."

Lord, thank You for allowing us each to bring our own strengths to Your table. Help us use them to encourage others, always. -Amen.

See you in church!

*Lyn H and the Stewardship Team*



## Rally Day 2024:

It's that time of year for us to gear up for Sunday school, Confirmation, and Adult Education, and what better way to celebrate the transition from summer to fall than our annual Rally Day?!?

To ensure a fun kickoff to the program year, we need a small group of excited people to help make that happen! Our first planning meeting will be scheduled to accommodate this team--please talk to Pr Jenna ASAP if you're interested in being a part of the team, or learning more about what that even means.

## Fabric Donations for Quilters

We are in need of fabric donations for SALC's Quilting Ministry! Fabric needs to be quilting cotton/cotton—please NO knit fabrics. Please select pieces 10x10 inches or larger. We also need full size and larger sheets with no holes or stains. All donations can be brought to church.

## New Member Sunday & Potluck 8/18:

We are so excited to welcome 3 new households to this amazing family of faith in worship on Sunday, August 18, and to celebrate we're having another potluck after worship! We'll flip who's doing what: households with last names starting with A-L--please bring a salad/side/sweet treat, and M-Z please bring a main dish! If you're available to help with setup and takedown, please let the office know ASAP.

## Church Office and Go-Tos

Anita out of the Office 8/1-8/7: Please note that Anita will be out of the office Thursday, August 1 through Wednesday, August 7. Pr Jenna will be available during that time, but please call the office before heading over to ensure that she is not out for a meeting or pastoral care.

## Blessing of the Backpacks (and work bags) 8/25:

As we celebrate the start of the new school year, we invite all our kids, college students, and educators--and anyone with a work bag!--to bring your backpacks or work bags to worship on 8/25 where we will pray over them and you during this season of transition.

## Service Team Meeting

8/7 at 7pm: The Service Team (overseeing Parish Life, Stewardship, and Evangelism) is meeting on Thursday, 8/7 at 7pm to work on our fall stewardship season. Lyn Hayes has a great article in this Encounter explaining our theme and goals for this specific season. Please join us in the joy and spiritual practice of being good stewards of what God has entrusted to us--we need your gifts and talents! Questions can be directed to Pr Jenna or Lyn Hayes.

## Nursery Support:

Please help us to keep the nursery tidied! We'd appreciate your help in keeping that space tidied and cleaned up. (*Come see the new bathroom make-over*). Thank you for your help!

## Summer Worship:

New Worship Webinar Link! Please note that we have a NEW webinar link for our worship services! The old one no longer works.

SALC Sunday Worship  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88951313408>

Webinar ID: 889 5131 3408  
 Or Call: (312) 626-6799  
 and follow the menu

**The recording is always available on YouTube**

## Confirmation 2024-2025

Please let Pr Jenna or the church office know ASAP if your child/ren will be entering 7th grade this upcoming school year--they're officially a part of the Confirmation Class! There will be more information regarding the plan for Confirmation this fall soon, but it's important that Pr Jenna know who is included in that group.

## Sunday School 2024-2025

We know it feels like summer has just started, but we're looking ahead to the next Sunday school year! If you would like to be a teacher, helper, or general support for our Sunday school program, please contact Pr Jenna ASAP.

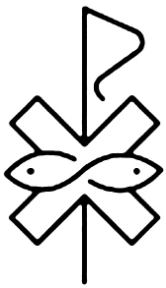
## TREASURER'S REPORT

### June 2024

Total Income: ...\$19,214.94

Total Expense: ...\$24,882.89

Net: .....\$5,667.95



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## All are Welcome...

*The Sunday Morning  
Worship Schedule is:*

Worship will be one blended  
service, held at 9:30 AM.



*Sunday Service  
can be viewed at*  
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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  
people are welcomed, fed, and nourished  
in the name of Jesus Christ.**