

Encounter

From Pastor Jenna Pulkowski Pastor's Pen



³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?' ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing?' ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'"
(Matthew 25:35-40 NRSV)

Dear St. Andrew family of faith,

As we wind our way through these last days and weeks of summer, I pray that this time is as life-giving and calm as possible, especially for those of you helping kids transition back into their school year.

St. Andrew's is doing some back-to-school refreshing too! Over the next couple of months, your SALC Council Leadership will continue their work of refreshing our narthex—thank you Molly and Bruce for the backbreaking work of cleaning the brick and painting the walls, and thank you to Steve P., and John & Charlene for reviving the brick planters in the main entryway.

We welcome your feedback and labor, if you'd like to help. There's still plenty of work to be done.

Another change is the way we'll be sending out emails. For now it will only impact the Midweek Blast. This is a great time to join our Communications Team! Please contact Pr Jenna with your interest or questions.

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Rally Day Picnic & Memorial !

*Get ready for the Merv Beyersdorf
Memorial Rally Day Picnic - September 10*

Please join us for food, fellowship, and fun on Sunday, September 10 immediately following our last summer worship service at 9:30 am. We'll have outdoor games for kids of all ages, a potluck lunch, and summer treats, all while honoring our late friend Merv Beyersdorf.

How you can help:

- **Sign up to bring food to the potluck!** We'll need a variety of main courses, side dishes, and desserts. There is a sign-up in the narthex, or you can contact Krissy Grace (information below).
- **Sign up to volunteer!** We'll need help setting up chairs, tables, and tents the day before on Saturday, September 9 and then help taking it all down after the picnic on Sunday. There is a sign-up in the narthex or you can contact Krissy Grace.
- **Donate prizes for games!** We'll be collecting White Elephant gifts to give as prizes for the adult games. If you have any items around your house that you don't want anymore but might be another person's treasure, then bring it in! We'll start a collection of prizes in the narthex so you can start scoping out the prize(s) you'd like to win.
- **Loan a canopy!** Do you have a party canopy or netted tent that we could use that day? Please let Krissy know ASAP so we can protect ourselves from the sun and bugs!
- **Bring a friend!** This event is for anyone in the community, so feel free to invite others and spread the word!

Krissy Grace can be reached by email at:
kcarnehl@hotmail.com or
by phone/text at 847-997-6621.

(Worship will be conducted indoors in the sanctuary, and the picnic will be hosted outdoors. In case of inclement weather, we'll move the picnic indoors.)

STEWARDSHIP – God’s Work/Our Hands, Hearts and Lives

All God’s people said, Amen!!

As we now start up a new “school year”, please continue to pray and consider how you can live generously. Pastor Jenna and our church leaders are continuing to focus on our church mission and working with new ideas and ways to keep our great St. Andrew family alive and well! We passed a deficit budget last year and we want to be financially responsible. Your continued and increased financial support helps us to decrease deficit spending so that we can keep doing the ministry God has called us to. We need more hands to do our work and a commitment from every one of us! We will soon be conducting our annual Pledge Campaign - watch and listen for more information soon. **IF YOU HAVE IDEAS, PLEASE SHARE THEM...** our leaders can’t read our minds!

There was a great article in the Summer 2023 issue of the Thrivent Magazine titled “What’s your generosity story?” The article pinpoints five primary ways people express generosity through faithful stewardship: monetary support, gifts, hospitality, emotional/relational support and volunteering/service. They can be categorized into two groups: giving of things and giving of self.

“Not everyone thinks about generosity in the same way, nor do we usually express it in just one way. How it shows up in your life will be different from your neighbor. And that’s a good thing. Imagine how ill-equipped we’d be to make a difference if we all served in the same way. A 2022 survey conducted for Thrivent found that respondents in the Baby Boomer and Gen X generations primarily associated financial giving with generosity. Millennials most strongly associated it with gifts, and Gen Z respondents

commonly thought of generosity as emotional/relational support.

It doesn’t mean that any of these groups aren’t being generous. They are just expressing it in different ways. Older generations are often in their economic prime and may have the financial resources to give. The younger generations may be paying off student loans, raising a family and paying a mortgage. Some expressions of generosity are more evident than others and you may miss seeing the good others are doing. It is also important to realize that while one or two generosity expressions may come more naturally to you, we really should be living out all the generosity expressions in some way. Even though it may be easier to give money or to show hospitality, for example, we are all called to give, serve, welcome and show mercy.”

If we believe, we should all ask God to allow our lives to be a reflection of what He wants us to be, so if there is a need, we’ll find a way to help!

Amen.

And why do we say “Amen”? We say it as a solemn expression of agreement, belief and affirmation.

My granddaughter once asked me why I say “ah-men” instead of “ay-men”.... at the end of our bedtime prayers. Either way we say it, we are saying “certainly” and “so be it” and we should be sincere; we are taking an oath to voice our agreement....AMEN, AMEN!



Lyn Hayes

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:

September 10: Rally Day Merv Beyersdorf Memorial Picnic – join us for fellowship, food, and fun.

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

Thank you to all who have donated sheets as we continue our work! More than eighty quilts have been completed since Mother's Day thanks to all our dedicated workers on Thursday mornings and at home. We recently got another new sewer who saw our sign, was looking for a sewing "circle" and came to check us out! Jan also recently joined our group and she is having a lot of fun sorting through all our material and matching fabrics that coordinate well together to be made into squares for the quilt tops.



We recently received a donation of six more bins of fabric from Community of Faith Lutheran Church in Spring Grove. Their congregation has dwindled and they were so gracious to find us and a home for all their fabric that was just sitting in their garage and not being used. The same day that we brought the bins to St. Andrew, a gentleman stopped by the church to ask if we wanted his "garage full" of fabric (in bins and boxes) that he wants to give away. A friend of his saw our sign out front about our quilting ministry and told him about us. He lives in Antioch. His wife was an avid sewer and passed away about 5 years ago. He worked at International Harvester with Merv Beyersdorf so he knew about our church.

The quilts finished last year have now been boxed & taken to Elgin; thank you to all who helped box and get this done! They will be held in Elgin until being sent later this year to the East coast and will then be on their way overseas to warm those in need. We will soon start putting together the Baby Care Kits. Some of our sewers have been busy making diapers out of those donated t-shirts and Lorraine has been busy crocheting lovely sweaters. We ARE STILL IN NEED of Ivory or Dove soap for these kits and kids socks size 12-24 months.

Last, but certainly not least, CONGRATULATIONS to our high school graduates: Nadia Emso, Emma Kalamus, Riley Routledge, Alex Shubin and Natalie Towle! and A HUGE THANKS to Carol Bertrand for her love and talents in creating beautiful quilts for each of these young folks in their school colors which they can take

with them on their next journey and have a warm hug when needed and know that we here at St. Andrew are "with them" during the next chapter of their lives!

Please keep in mind, it is never too late to join us on our mission and in our ministry to remember those less fortunate than we are. The day we were "boxing", a new potential quilter, Abby, stopped by to see what was going on and took a quilt top kit home to assemble. We do hope she felt welcome and will join us when she can. If you have questions, call Judy Parriott (847)986-4465. Yes, Judy is still healing from her shoulder surgery but back and working with us!



Lyn Hayes

Blessings!
Lyn H. for the Quilters

PARISH LIFE

MANY, MANY THANKS to Joan Routledge for her continued dedication in collecting our donations for COOL and taking them to the food pantry in Waukegan.

Thank you to the many folks who still keep filling the bin. Also, thank you to all who have been able to use our garden bounty and although not required, have given donations that have also been taken to COOL to buy even more food!

Funds for the St. Andrews Cares fund are still graciously accepted. If you have questions, please talk to Pastor Jenna.

Please look for the Treat Sign-up sheet again on the table in the narthex near the water cooler & coffee pots. We will have some good fellowship time again between services and share these sweet treats. We are also trying something new, you may have noticed, by having a Kuerig available for individual cups of coffee (or cocoa). This helps to avoid having to make full pots and then throwing out wasted coffee!

See you in church and "as a reminder", let's get to know our kids. We encourage families to use the name tags provided so we can CALL THEM BY NAME!



Bible Readings for the Month

September 3 --
14th Sunday after Pentecost
 Jeremiah 15:15-21
 Psalm 26:1-8
 Romans 12:9-21
 Matthew 16:21-28

September 10 --
15th Sunday after Pentecost
 Ezekiel 33:7-11
 Psalm 119:33-40
 Romans 13:8-14
 Matthew 18:15-20

September 17 --
16th Sunday after Pentecost
 Genesis 50:15-21
 Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
 Romans 14:1-12
 Matthew 18:21-35

September 24 --
17th Sunday after Pentecost
 Jonah 3:10--4:11
 Psalm 145:1-8
 Philippians 1:21-30
 Matthew 20:1-16

Church Council - 2023

- Leslie Parriott {President}
- Molly Dir {Vice President}
- Anastasia Carmona {Secretary}
- Donn Hamm {Treasurer}
- Heidi Emso
- Krissy Grace
- Tia Kowalewski
- Nancy Milne
- Steve Payne

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



Temple Talk - Our Financial Future

Sometime ago I was at church and I was praying to God.

While I was praying, I asked God, "How long is 10 million years to you?" God replied, "It is like 1 second."

The next day I asked God, "God, how much is 10 million dollars to you?" And God replied, "It is like a penny to you" Then finally I asked God, "God, can I have one of your pennies?" And God replied, "Just wait one of my seconds."

If it were just that easy or we could just wait that long....

Many of the same expenses you have from month to month we also have here at S. Andrew; electric, gas, water, waist management, insurance and maintenance as well as other incidentals such as an elevator inspection.

When I look at the expenses of church "in the big picture," roughly half of our expenses are needed for this building and programs and about half for the salaries of those that are full-time and part-time employees providing those services we all count on and need.

I, like possibly many of you, have not stopped to think about all active parts of St. Andrew except in the focus of our individual involvements and interests, but there are many.

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Charles Fitzhugh Memorial

Kathe Swanson, Charles' daughter, wrote this about her dad's new memorial stone in the Memorial Garden at church. Thanks to Barb and Chris Binversie

"Oh Barb & Chris this is absolutely BEAUTIFUL & such a very special remembrance for our dad!! It just brought tears to my eyes that you two would remember him in this way... THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for your thoughtful & generous gift!"



Pastor's Pen - continued from page one

Most importantly, we have been working on refreshing our church's mission statement in order to ensure that we have a clear understanding of who we are as an organization.

One of the key expectations of the Council's oversight and responsibilities is, "To lead this congregation in stating its mission, to do long-range planning, to set goals and priorities, and to evaluate its activities in light of its mission and goals" (C12.04.A).

In order for us to do any long-range planning or to effectively set goals and priorities, we need to be clear on our mission. The previous statement was difficult to remember, and we informally shortened it to "Sharing Christ". While still an absolutely central part, it doesn't help us to define our boundaries.

Mike Ward writes in *Abundance: Creating a Culture of Generosity* that, "Mission defines who we are, and therefore what we don't do. It defines our purpose in the world" (Ward, 45).

For this next season of our life together as God's people called to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, we proclaim to the world that our mission is to

be a church, **"Where all are welcomed, fed, and nourished in the name of Jesus Christ."**

Just as God delights in us as individuals and a collective whole—"we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another" (Romans 12:5)—the mission statement isn't just for leadership, but for each of us who call St. Andrew's our home.

This particularly reminds me of the passage I included at the top of this article. As Jesus prepared his disciples for life without his physical presence, he once again reframed what his love in action looks like. It looks like strangers and prisoners being welcomed, those who hunger for food and wholeness being fed, and that everyone whom Christ's disciples encounter leave that encounter being nourished.

God has always welcomed us, no matter who we are or who the world has lied to us about who we are, and through Christ, God invites us to be a part of that work.



Peace,
Pr Jenna

Ministries Information

- ❑ **Fall Worship Schedule:** We will return to our two-service schedule on Sunday, September 17. The first service will be at 8:30am, and the second service will be at 10:45am. We will continue to offer worship live via Zoom and the recording will be uploaded to YouTube.
- ❑ **Nursery Support:** Please help us to keep the nursery tidied! Right now there is no one responsible for picking things up each week, and we'd appreciate your help.
- ❑ **"People Power", i.e. Volunteers for Sunday Worship Service:** Please see information in the narthex explaining volunteer opportunities to help within worship services (altar guild, communion assistant, usher, lay reader, assisting minister, media tech, etc). A sign-up sheet is also available.
- ❑ **Backpack (+ work bags!) Tags:** We handed out 35 backpack and work bag tags this past Sunday! If you did not get one for yourself, we have more available!
- ❑ **Rally Sunday on September 10:** We will celebrate the Lord's Supper in our final summer worship service at 9:30am, and then celebrate with a picnic and fellowship! If you'd like to be a part of the team that will make this happen, please contact Pr Jenna ASAP.
- ❑ **Sunday School Registration:** Our first day of Sunday school is September 17 from 11-11:30am (during the 2nd worship service). Please register your child/ren by September 10 to help us plan accordingly! Registration is found here—<https://salcmundelein.breezechms.com/form/d2aef3>.
- ❑ **Name Tags for Kids!** Name tags for our children are available in the narthex. We encourage families to use them so that we get to know the children by name. We are all called by name, so help us to get to know our little lambs by name!

PRAYER VENTURES

September 2023

[Prayer Ventures for September 2023]

- 1** Pray for God's protection, reassurance and wisdom as climate change impacts every aspect of our lives including work, economic systems, community resilience, food stability, immigration, and physical and emotional well-being. Remember in prayer those impacted who are particularly vulnerable to poverty, hunger or illness.
- 2** Give thanks to God for the love and forgiveness we have in Jesus Christ; unshakeable, it endures amid all that seems unstable, temporary and conditional in our world.
- 3** The suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus may not seem logical to us. Pray for the Spirit to reveal the truth of God's profound gift to us through Jesus Christ — love, forgiveness, a new identity and eternal life.
- 4** *Labor Day* On this day we pray for the work people do to sustain themselves and their families and benefit their communities and society. Pray that all will receive fair wages and benefits, work in safe environments, receive respect and gratitude, experience joy and fulfillment in their labor and be renewed through times of sabbath. Remember in prayer also those seeking employment or unable to work.
- 5** Pray for the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, an ELCA Worship partner organization, and the "Hearts Hands Voices" workshops offered across the country for church musicians to learn new skills, share best practices and build relationships.
- 6** Pray for the strength and humility to treat others with love, respect and compassion, especially those whom we find difficult to love or whose politics, personal values, religious beliefs or worldview differ from our own.
- 7** More than 828 million people in the world — including in the United States — experience hunger, and an estimated 2.3 billion face food insecurity, an increase over previous years. Pray that our concern will move us to action and generosity and that our work together through ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Federation and other organizations will bring relief and hope to our neighbors.
- 8** "Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart" (Jeremiah 15:16). Pray for the word and wisdom of God to become part of our very being as we study Scripture, hear and share the gospel, and converse with our siblings in Christ.
- 9** Remember in prayer young adult delegates gathering in Wisla, Poland, prior to the Lutheran World Federation Assembly to worship, build community, discuss concerns and priorities, and prepare for the event.
- 10** "*God's work. Our hands.*" Sunday On the 10th anniversary of our annual day of service, give thanks for the chance to draw closer to our neighbors and embrace them as children of God, listening with respect and empathy and responding to their needs.
- 10** Ask God to help us understand more fully how our lives and faith express God's love, compassion and respect for the neighbor. "To be your presence is our mission bold, to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold, to be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!" (ELW 546).
- 12** "Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful" (Psalm 149:1). Praise God that worship and the sacraments renew, sustain and equip us as children of God living in communities of faith. Give thanks for the resources that guide and enrich our worship, including ELCA Worship and Faith Practices ministries, Augsburg Fortress publishing and our seminaries.
- 13** Pray for those gathering for the Lutheran World Federation Assembly in Kraków, Poland — "One Body, One Spirit, One Hope." Ask God to bless and guide our work together as a global Lutheran community for a just, peaceful and reconciled world.
- 14** Remember in prayer African-descent siblings in Christ as they gather for the ELCA African Descent Ministries' RECLAIM event in Minneapolis. Ask God to bless their work building community, teaching new ministry skills and approaches, sharing resources and rejuvenating preachers, teachers, professionals, young adults and laity.
- 15** *First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month* Thank God for the history, contributions and rich cultural diversity of our Latino siblings. Pray for the growth and vitality of ELCA Latino Ministries, the Latino Ministries Association (Asociación

Luterana de Ministerios Latinos ELCA) and the 147 ELCA Latino ministries around the country as they work to share the gospel, encourage unity in Christ, fight racism and promote Christian values that unite Latinos of the ELCA in a “community of communities” to do God’s work in the world.

- 16** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Sierra Pacific Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, elect a new bishop and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbors in need and grow the church.
- 17** Reflect on what hinders us from exercising forgiveness and patience with others, including those we see as adversaries. Ask the Spirit to recenter our lives and interactions with people in the boundless and undeserved mercy that God demonstrates with us.
- 18** Pray that students and teachers in our schools will be safe and that students who suffer trauma, anxiety, depression and other mental health concerns will have ready access to counselors, social workers and psychologists.
- 19** Pray for the congregations, youth and adults registering for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans and for those who prayerfully consider participating.
- 20** “The prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: ‘Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea’” (Exodus 15:20-21). Give thanks for the wonderful variety of instruments and musicians who help us praise God, and recall God’s activity in the world throughout history.
- 21** *International Day of Peace* With our global neighbors and siblings in Christ, pray for peace, reconciliation and unity wherever conflict divides our communities and the world.
- 22** Ask God for strength and boldness to fight the rising tide of hate crimes motivated by race, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, sexual orientation, disability, gender, gender identity, and social and economic status.
- 23** What an amazing and reassuring gift it is to know that God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love for all people, everywhere. Give praise and thanks to God!
- 24** Pray that we might understand justice, fairness and generosity from the perspective of God, whose creation benefits all humanity.
- 25** Remember in prayer leaders gathering for the “Stewardship Kaleidoscope” conference in Minneapolis, offered in partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the ELCA Stewardship and Generosity team to develop deeper understanding of stewardship and generosity and to share resources for cultivating generosity in congregations.
- 26** Pray for ELCA Children’s Ministry and its partners, who support and encourage the intergenerational faith formation of Christian communities including family households, congregations and child-centered ministry settings.
- 27** Pray that we will remember the wonderful and miraculous things God has done and revealed to us throughout the history of humankind. Ask the Spirit to help us share — with young and old alike — stories of our faith and of God’s presence and activity in the world.
- 28** Give thanks for our ecumenical and interreligious relations and partnerships, which lead to unity and cooperation, mutual understanding and respect, shared resources for serving our neighbors in need.
- 29** “When God saw what [the people of Nineveh] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry” (Jonah 3:10–4:1). God’s love and justice do not always sit well with us. Ask forgiveness for when we wish ill upon others, and ask the Spirit to inspire our patience and love as we strive to do God’s work in the world.
- 30** Pray for God’s guidance and wisdom throughout the Future Church: God’s Love Made Real initiative as our church tries to discern God’s will and navigate the challenges and opportunities of an ever-changing world.

St. Andrew Scouting Programs Youth in Action



Marching in the 4th of July Parade with a float



Girl Scout Troop 47205 having fun working on "tie-dye"

St. Andrew Boy Scout Troop 198 and Cub Pack 98 sponsored the "Climbing Wall" and the rope bridge at Mundelein Days!



St. Andrew Cub Scout Pack 98

Please support the Cub Pack as they sell Popcorn, Chocolate covered pretzels, and collecting donations for Hero Helpers (sending popcorn to service men and women).

Where - online

Online link is - <http://trails-end.com/store/scout/3QG4OR6X?=&3QG4OR6X>

QR code to purchase online-FYI. Online sales have free shipping with orders over \$65.

When - Sale starts Aug 26th. Sale ends Nov 20th.

Fundraising to help the scouts achieve their adventures, explore more new activities, off set cost for camp and other activities, and provide an exciting program at the lowest cost possible to families.



Temple Talk - Our Financial Future - Continued from pg 4

Having now been the Treasurer for some time I can clearly see the out-standing commitment that you, as a congregation, are making and continue to make by supporting this church with your donations and voluntarism.

We are all aware of the multiple events that have affected our church in the recent couple of years. These times have been challenging and continue to be. So the council and I want to share with you the basic of our church's treasury.

So here are the financial possibilities for St. Andrew I see based on the past seven (7) month averages. The following numbers are approximate not absolute.

On average (for the past seven (7) months) we have been running a deficient, (expenses more than donations) of approximately \$4000. per month. approximately a 15% deficient.

If we continue with our average donations and expenses we will be out of money in approximately two (2) years from now in our general account.

An additional possible factor is that we do have a savings account that has been accumulated, in part from possibly the sale of the parsonage or a capital building campaign from years past.

If we were to use our savings account for general expenses, and again, if contributions and expenses were to remain the same, we could have approximately an additional two years for operations. OR a total of four (4) years of operating money.

Of course it is our prayers and focus that we will find other solutions to our 15% shortfall before we need to use our savings. It is also our hope and prayer that your prayers and ideas will be on our future as well.

As we have discussed in Council meetings 'our Mission has been to Share Christ,' not look for larger contributions and membership..... but it is a complex situation.

I hope that you find this in formation both positive and challenging, We are solvent for the next couple of years but also realize that we are in need of future plans in order to continue our mission..

Thank you
Donn Hamm, *Treasurer*

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 2023

Total Expense:.....\$23,705.56

\$23,705.56 Total Income:.....\$25,490.35

Net:.....\$1,784.79

Donn Hamm, *Treasurer*

Who Cares Anyway?

St. Andrew Cares is a special assistance fund administered by Pastor Jenna and used to help people in need.

Many times during a month individuals and families come to our church with real needs.

Right now this fund is low and in need of donations. If you would like to make a contribution to this fund, you may give it to Pastor Jenna or Anita, send it to the church office, or place it in the Sunday morning offering plate.

Thank you for your generosity!

For our young readers





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The Sunday Morning Worship Schedule is:

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

September 17 - Two (2) Services
Traditional - 8:30
Contemporary - 10:45



*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.