

Encounter

From Pastor Jenna Pulkowski Pastor's Pen

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.
(John 14:27 NSRV)

Beloveds in Christ, grace and peace to you in the name of the Holy One. Amen.

This time of year always brings to mind a quote from “You’ve Got Mail”, where Tom Hanks’ character says he would send his pen pal a bouquet of freshly sharpened pencils—if he knew her name and address, that is. Of course, many of you have still had to do back-to-school shopping, albeit with some technological upgrades this year. With the majority of school districts working remotely, and many of our colleges and universities combining a hybrid of in-person and remote learning, the bouquet of pencils has turned into slim computer tablets.

... many of us would probably claim to prefer something constant to something constantly changing

All these changes to what was previously considered our normal has meant that once again, we have to adapt to a new normal in the time of Covid-19. Once again, we have to figure out how to keep our families safe, how to work—either at home, or out of the home—while our kids

are largely being remotely educated. Once again, we have to change everything. So much change in such a relatively short amount of time. It’s no wonder we’re all exhausted.

Change. A 6-letter word that might as well be a 4-letter word, given the ferocity with which many people respond to its utterance. While there are people who thrive on change, and cannot bear to be still or in the same place for too long, many of us would probably claim to prefer something constant to something constantly changing. If only change were as simple as a new brand of freshly-sharpened pencils.

As Jesus prepared his disciples and friends for what was

Continued on page two



KFC update

Hi! Greetings from Pastor Jenna!

If you have a KFC-aged kiddo who you’d like to participate in Sunday School this year, we’ve got an update for you!

Beginning Sunday, 10/4, we will be gathering via Zoom at 10:45 am (to give Pr Jenna time to finish outdoor worship). In order to help streamline things while we are working remotely, we’re going to use a curriculum called “All Kids”. This means if you have three kids in three age groups, they’ll all be using the same materials.

Please email Teresa (teresa-maki2019@gmail.com) and Pr Jenna (revjennap@gmail.com) ASAP if you would like to be added to the list. Teresa will be mailing out materials next week, and each week she will send out the Zoom invite.

KFC Teachers: please reach out to Teresa and Pr Jenna to let them know you’re available to help this year, and we’ll make sure to get you plugged in (no pun intended!)

Pastor's Pen *Continued from page one*

coming—his arrest, execution, resurrection, and ascension—he wanted to make it as clear as possible that change did not mean that he was abandoning them. That he wouldn't be abandoning us. Even though life was about to look radically different, and much scarier than they could have ever imagined, Jesus reassured his beloveds and us that God was still in the midst of it all. That God goes before us and with us, so that no matter what life throws at us, we never have to go through it alone.

Covid-19 has forced us to live lives that are radically different, and scarier than we could have ever imagined. We want the world and the way we have to go about our lives to return to "normal". We want all the changes to stop happening. This is hard and it's scary.

None of us can predict the future, but no matter what the future holds, God is there. God has already gone ahead of us, preparing the way and getting those future spaces ready for us—both in this world and the next. There is no time or place where God is not already present.

I know God has called us to mutual ministry—to pray, dream, and work *together* to share God's good news. My prayer for our church is that we are willing to share our ideas, hopes, and dreams with one another. My prayer is that when we have reservations about an idea, that we share those reservations with compassion and care, and that we do so directly. My prayer is that we trust in God, and how God is at work in us, as we do this hard work. We are in this together, and no matter what happens, God is with us through it all.

Peace,
Pr Jenna

Flu Shots: Up-Date

Flu Shots: Flu shots will not be available at St. Andrew this year due to the Church building being closed. People are encouraged to reach out to their Health Care Provider, or use a nearby pharmacy location to receive their immunizations this year. Insurance **MUST** be billed if there is coverage.



If anyone does NOT have insurance for this, please contact Carol Clouser for a voucher from Walgreens. Note, she has a limited number of vouchers.

Carol Clouser: 847-336-9022 (home) // 847-814-8022 (cell)



SCRIPTURES for October:

October 4 –

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 11 –

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

October 18 –

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 25 –

**21st Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday**

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46



The New How To And We Need Your Help!

Contacting Staff

Please help me in taking care of our awesome church staff by limiting your communications to normal business hours, which are 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday. When it comes to reaching me (Pr Jenna), my work week is Sunday-Thursday. Anita, Teresa, and Paul have all been putting in lots of extra hours during the transition and pandemic, and I want to be able to help them get the rest and restoration they deserve. This includes limiting texts and phone calls, emergencies not withstanding of course.

Meeting with Pastor Jenna

In an effort to help keep all of us as safe as possible, and minimize transmission of Covid-19, I'm asking that we utilize one of these options:

- 1) We talk over the phone
- 2) I setup a meeting via Zoom
- 3) We meet outside, weather permitting
- 4) If #1-3 are not feasible, then we can meet indoors, but face masks must be properly worn (covering nose and mouth, and not slipping), and we will meet with the door open and with air circulation.

I'm so excited to keep getting to know you all! I know this is in less than ideal, but your health and safety—and mine too!—are so important, and we have excellent technological options to help maximize our safety.

You can reach me at the church (847) 566-8081, by email revjennap@gmail.com, or call me at (312) 625-7823.

Adult Education Opportunities

I know it's been too long since we've had bible studies and book studies—you're not the only one who misses them!



Please keep an eye out for an announcement about the days and times for both a congregational-wide book study, and weekly Bible study.

PEOPLE POWER OCTOBER

Due to the current COVID restrictions we have not scheduled anyone for People Power at this time, for the month of October. As we learn when we will again be able to worship together in the church, Anita will create a schedule and distribute to those involved.

ST ANDREW CALENDAR – OCTOBER

While we may not be gathering indoors, our church is still alive and functioning. As you are able, we strongly encourage you to stay home, stay healthy, save lives. Offerings and items for PADS and/or COOL may be dropped at the church on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 10 AM to 3 PM. Call ahead and/or ring the doorbell (to the left of the door).

**Worship
with us**

**by viewing
our service
on line at:**

**Standrewmundelein.
com**

CALL PROCESS SUMMARY

The call process that brought Pastor Jenna Pulkowski to Saint Andrew began in early 2018 when a committee was formed to determine which call methodology available through the ELCA best met our needs. That committee met once and recommended to the Council the process begin before Pastor Selbo retired. The committee members were Keith Negley, Lisa Green, Jenny Prescia, Jim Garbrecht, Pastor Selbo, and myself.

Following that recommendation, a steering Committee was appointed by the Council and began meeting in May, 2018. With the assistance of Pastor Dave Daubert, the consultant hired by the Council, the committee members each interviewed members of the community including business owners, Village officials, school officials, and representatives of charitable and/or volunteer organizations. The committee also oversaw the completion of the Reveal study survey completed by the congregation. The Steering Committee members were Keith Negley, Pastor Selbo, Jackie Schmidt, Barb Binversie, Teresa Maki and myself.

The Call Committee was elected in October, 2018, and thereafter met with the Steering Committee to complete our Congregational Profile. That profile was submitted to the Synod in December, 2018. The Call Committee members were Jenny Prescia, Debbie Jacobson, Heidi Emso, Bill List, Bobby Mitchell, and myself. The Call Committee hoped to identify and recommend a candidate to the Council and congregation before Pastor Selbo retired. That turned out to be an unrealistic hope. While waiting for candidates from the Synod, the Call Committee met weekly to plan for the eventual interviews, review the results of the Reveal study, and

develop the questions to be asked and issues to be covered in each interview. Once candidate profiles were received and distributed to each committee member for review, the Committee met to discuss the profiles before scheduling interviews.

The Call Committee received profiles for ten candidates, six men and four women. Nine of those candidates had initial interviews. One of the candidates, a man, withdrew from our call process before his first interview after becoming the primary candidate in another call process in which he was involved. Two of the candidates, a man and a woman, withdrew after their initial interviews. Three candidates had second interviews before it became apparent to the Committee they were not the right candidates for our congregation. One candidate the Committee interviewed three times and both she and the Committee agreed she was not the candidate for Saint Andrew. One candidate interviewed once and the Committee went to another church to hear him preach, as a result of which the Committee concluded he did not meet the needs of our congregation. One additional candidate was eliminated after his initial interview.

Each of our last two candidates were interviewed three times, the first in person, the second via zoom because of the pandemic, and the third in person. Some of you may be aware there were two consecutive Wednesdays earlier this year when a sign was posted on the door at church stating the building was closed after 4:00 p.m. to everyone except the Call Committee. On each of those Wednesdays the Committee met with one of the last two candidates. After each candidate preached,

there was, effectively, a third interview. After each candidate left, the Committee discussed the candidate's preaching and the interview. The Committee then agreed to meet a week later, again at the Church, and to spend that week thinking and praying about the difficult decision before us. The decision was difficult because the last two candidates were the best candidates throughout the call process.

At that meeting a week later, the last committee meeting, the Committee spent hours discussing the candidates and the needs of our congregation. The question, as expressed by Bill List, came down to: "Do we want the same pastor we have always had, or do we want a pastor to help lead us into the future?"

Saint Andrew is in its 71st year and through those years, the circle of life has been completed several times. Those of us who have been members for decades came here as young families with small children. We saw and met the older members who were the leaders of the congregation. As time passed, we became more involved as volunteers, committee members, council members, Sunday School teachers, VBS teachers, youth volunteers. We are now the older members of the church, our circle of life in the church is nearing its end and a new circle of life is beginning. The future of the church is in the hands of the younger member families like Bill and Erika List, Bobby and Abby Mitchell, Jose and Anastasia Carmona and other young family members.

The answer to the question is Saint Andrew needs a pastor who can help the new circle of life develop and grow. A pastor who can help draw new families. The answer to the question is Pastor Jenna Pulkowski.

Jeff Hayes
Call Committee Chairman

PRAYER VENTURES

September 2020

1 Give thanks for the gifts, witness, leadership and faith of our LGBTQIA+ siblings in Christ. Pray that we will continue to grow as a church centered in the gospel and committed to the inclusion of all people. Pray that we will recognize and challenge the dynamics of bias, fear, power and privilege that discourage participation and equity in this church and in society.

2 Ezekiel confronted the Israelites for their resistance to change and to God's ways of fairness. He rejected their arguments that change was too difficult, that they were acting only as they were raised and that he needed to live in the real world. Pray that we will repent, embrace God's peace and justice, and heed God's command, through Ezekiel, to "get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit!"

3 *Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church (1181-1226)* Pray that we will greet each day with a sense of awe, gratitude and respect for creation, for the organisms and creatures that inhabit the earth and for humanity in all its diversity and complexity – the handiwork of God.

4 The Lutheran World Federation's Season of Creation 2020 invites us, through prayer and activism, to give thanks for creation and renew our human vocation for its care. Join Lutherans around the world in the online meeting and closing prayer today.

5 Persist in praying for all affected by Hurricane Laura, by wildfires in the western United States and by flooding and severe weather. Pray that we will generously assist relief and reconstruction efforts and support the work of Lutheran Disaster Response.

6 Give thanks and praise to God that our righteousness and salvation come not through our own efforts but through faith in Jesus Christ.

7 Ask forgiveness for our involvement – consciously or unconsciously – in perpetuating the racism, laws and structures that benefit the majority through inequality and oppression. Pray for the Spirit to stir our humility, wisdom and persistence as we reflect on our lives and society and strive for racial justice, reform, reconciliation and unity as children of God.

8 Ask God to strengthen our faith and deepen our roots in the good news of Jesus Christ. Pray that we will draw on God's strength through our faith, especially when we grow weary or doubtful in the face of the world's challenges, criticism and ridicule.

9 Pray that we will actively engage with our communities and neighbors, developing the resilience and hope needed to absorb, endure and recover from the spiritual, medical, social and economic impacts of natural and human-caused disasters.

10 Remember in prayer those who have lost jobs or are furloughed from work, that they will have the resources and support to meet their daily needs as they seek employment. Pray that our congregations will be welcoming, supportive and ready to help, concerned for their dignity and their spiritual, physical and emotional needs.

11 Give thanks and praise to God for welcoming us into the kingdom of God, an undeserved gift to be shared with the world. Pray that we will never take the joy and blessings of this gift for granted or hide it from our neighbor.

12 The Lutheran Office for World Community (LOWC), a joint ministry of the ELCA and the Lutheran World Federation, represents Lutherans at the United Nations. Give thanks for the LOWC's work in monitoring issues of concern to the church, sharing our perspectives and speaking for peace, justice, human rights, respect for international law, and better standards of living for all people.

13 Pray that we, too, will hear Paul's assurance to the Philippians in difficult times, that "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Ask that the Spirit fill our lives with peace, love and mercy that will shine brightly in the world.

14 Pray for our companion-synod relationships throughout the world, especially during this time of physical separation, that we will continue to nurture and strengthen one another for life and ministry through prayer, study, communication, and sharing resources for doing God's work in the world together.

15 Throughout our baptismal journey, Psalm 23 encourages, calms and nourishes us with the reassurance that we are never without God's love, attention and guid-

ance. Give thanks to God and pray that we will reflect God's loving presence and care in all that we do and say.

16 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathered, in person and online, for the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

17 Pray for active-duty military and their families, especially in times of deployment, transition and separation, that their faith will comfort and strengthen them and that they will have confidence knowing they are always connected with the love, support and concern of their home community of faith.

18 Remember in prayer newly elected synod bishops. Ask the Spirit to give them the wisdom, vision and faith to meet the challenges of their ministries, helping congregations and special ministries spread the gospel, serve our neighbors in need and grow the church.

19 Ask God to help us provide comfort, support and hope to our neighbors who feel helpless and overwhelmed amid the pandemic, natural disasters, economic struggles and social unrest.

20 Pray that we will experience God's love, encouragement and unity in the body of Christ through worship and the sacraments – in person, online or however we gather.

21 Give thanks to God for one another and pray for our siblings in Christ, that we will be steadfast in our faith, proclaim the gospel in our daily lives and serve as examples of God's mercy and love in the world.

22 Thank God for our special relationship with the United Methodist Church, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 2009. Pray for the church, its diverse ministries and its members and leaders, that together we will find mutual support, new partnerships and new resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

23 "Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it," for God is great, powerful and wondrous. Sing praise to God!

24 Pray for students, teachers, school staff and par-

ents as they continue to adapt to the uncertainties of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on school environments and distanced learning.

25 *Reformation Sunday* Praise God for the gift of grace that sets us free to change and be changed, to form and reform as the body of Christ for the sake of humanity, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in the world.

26 Pray for the Spirit to deepen our understanding of what being a Lutheran Christian means, through prayer, Scripture, reflecting on our creeds and teachings, being renewed and united through the sacraments, and opening ourselves to God's voice and guidance in an ever-changing society and world.

27 Give thanks that, though we have sinned and fallen short of God's expectations, God has set things right with us and restored our relationship through the gift of grace we have in Jesus Christ. Pray that throughout our baptismal journeys we will spread the hope and good news of God's merciful love for humankind.

28 The ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarship program supports students of promise attending ELCA seminaries. Pray that we will generously support this program to make seminary more affordable, to enable more future ministers to study and to help them graduate with less debt as they respond to God's call to serve as the church needs and the Spirit leads.

29 "God is our refuge and strength." Give thanks and praise to God and reflect on how God sustains you, gives you courage, influences your decisions and actions, and equips you for living as a follower of Christ in the world.

30 Pray for the Spirit to guide and inspire our discernment and decisions in the upcoming presidential election, and to help us prioritize the needs of our neighbors, the well-being of communities in turmoil and the task of healing the deep divisions in our society.

31 *Reformation Day* Give thanks and praise to God for the ministry, teachings and impact of Martin Luther and other church reformers, who took great risks to re-focus our faith, institutions and practices on the word of God and the good news of Jesus Christ. Pray that we will continue to be a reforming church, mindful of the Spirit's guidance as we discern how to follow Christ – now and in the future.

Quilters' Crossing

Blessings and hugs to you all again as we go on day by day making the most, the best we can of this "normal, distanced" but safe way of life!



We all have to continue to focus on the positive aspects of our daily lives and keep moving forward. As we reflect on our quilting ministry, Judy Parriott was looking back at how we've grown and continue to serve for the benefit of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. When we started keeping record in 1989-1993, 201 quilts were made by the quilters. Since then each year the numbers have grown. In 2019-20, the 402 quilts that were made and shipped out recently, brought the total to 5,221! In 2009, the group also started making the "Baby Care Kits" – to date 767 of those kits have been put together to help mothers have some of the essentials need to care for their babies.... WOW!

The Quilters continue to do their work now to again build up the inventory of quilts to be shipped out next year once again. This is a continued success story of love and perseverance! We are very thankful for the continued donations so this ministry can flourish! We are still in great need of backers for the quilts – large pieces of material and sheets (twin and full flat OR queen or king flat or fitted). If you have questions or you would like to help either by joining the group or seeing what you can do at home, please call Judy Parriott (847)986-4465.

We are now in the midst of Fall, cooler temperatures and thoughts of the holidays – the season of "thanksgiving". We do still have a lot to be thankful for even if some days it is hard to believe. We still need to continue to pray for our leaders, our scientists and medical teams – let them hear God's voice as they help us through these difficult times.

Let us continue to pray – Still – by the strength of our faith, by the Love of our Lord and Saviour, we will get through this – we must continue to be strong and believe this!

Lyn Hayes and the Quilters

Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship - Autumn Happenings...
Welcome Pastor Jenna Pulkowski

Hello Ladies...welcome autumn! We realize that it has been awhile since we met on February 13 when the Mundelein police spoke about safety and we met Titan, their K-9 dog. Since that date, we have unfortunately not been able to meet due to the Covid restrictions.

We are planning to meet on October 8 via ZOOM so that we can welcome Pastor Jenna to our church. We will be able to gather and share what we have been up to these many months. We have missed sharing with one another. Pastor Jenna is joining us and will share her introduction and then we can ask her questions. Hopefully we can chat about future virtual meetings.

If you have not joined us before for a variety of reasons, this month would be a wonderful opportunity for you to meet some of the ladies of the church and Pastor Jenna.

At 7 pm, please join our Zoom meeting:

Here is the link for the meeting:

You can copy and paste (or retype) this https address into your address bar.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88660233308?pwd=MmxmUnhGR1F5Rzhhd2RwTVNEZ3Y2Zz09>

Important notice:

"In order to prevent Zoom bombing, we will use Zoom's waiting room function. This means the host will have to let you in to the meeting. Don't worry if you get that notice when you try to join--we'll add you quickly!"

We are meeting at 7 pm. Bring your own snacks and come join us.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Barb Binversie, 847-254-9856 or barbarabinversie@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP –

PROUDLY, OUR WAY OF LIFE AT ST. ANDREW

First of all, thank YOU ALL again for continuing to be such faithful stewards of what God has given to you and your continued support of YOUR St. Andrew FAMILY. The Finance Team (TST) tells us that we are still financially sound with continued giving good, pledges being met and salaries being paid. We should be proud of our continued thankfulness to God!

With Fall arriving even though we have not been able to start up a lot of our ministries and programs due to the pandemic, we will soon be conducting our Stewardship drive to plan for 2021. Our theme this year will be A NEW BEGINNING! We have called Pastor Jenna to be our new fulltime pastor and leader but we shouldn't expect her to do everything on her own. All of us lay people should be leaders and ministers of our faith. We each have special gifts of our own that we can use and share! "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.....Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 Corinthians 12: 1-7 (NRSV). We MUST VOLUNTEER, don't always wait to be asked. You know what you can do! Ask, "what can I do"? As Pastor Jenna put in her letter to us last month, "We have been marvelously set apart' (139:14 CEB) by God, even in all our supposed strangeness or weirdness – how do I use this to glorify God"? One or

few members can do the whole job alone – "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ" 1 Corinthians 12: 12-13. (NRSV).

Please listen and watch for information, pray and consider your commitments – pray about how the Spirit will guide you and how you can grow with your financial givings as well as your time and special talents. The Spirit will guide each and every one of us faithful believers!

Special gift donations are also needed so the Worship & Music Team can expand our on-line worship presence. Sound and technical equipment is needed to make our "virtual" worship better and more meaningful because we still don't know how long we will have to stay apart. We, so far, have been able to conduct our outdoor services only with borrowed equipment! We want to be able to "bring more people together with virtual options" in-

cluding not only worship with music but Sunday school (Kids for Christ), Youth programs and Bible studies! We raised money to build our beautiful storage garage, WE CAN DO IT AGAIN! We don't anticipate the need to be near as much as we collected in the past.

Now, may you all be blessed by our dear Lord as we move into this next chapter for our St. Andrew family. Open our hearts, dear Lord, now to embrace the mission opportunities you lay before us. In your name we pray. Amen.

The Stewardship Team



Mundelein LUNCH program:

Thank you very much to all who helped serve lunches at the four different sites this summer. We enjoyed lovely weather this summer with only one day cancellation due to rain. It certainly was a different summer.

We had four sites, worked with the elementary schools and Mundelein High School staff and served in non-park locations. Families could eat the meals at home. We

extended the number of weeks to serve meals since school started later this year. All together we served 19,675 lunches this year!! (Actually, the number of meals is doubled since we also served breakfast this year.) Thank you again for volunteering for this excellent program. We had excellent participation from St. Andrew members. It was great to work with volunteers from our local churches and schools. Thanks!

Barb Binversie

St Andrew Re-Opening Team

The Re-Opening Team includes Leslie Parriott, Sonia Schoenfield and Jim Garbrecht, as well as Pastor. We also consulted with Jenny Prescia and Danny Mivelaz to get their input from a medical and building cleaning point of view. In addition, the ELCA has a rather extensive document to guide this process as well.

As a team, we have looked at how to resume services now, when to resume services in the sanctuary and the use of the church for church related and non-related meetings/ events. The major consideration for how to open the church building is the fact that talking and singing in a closed space with limited ventilation for a period of time provide the greatest risks for spreading the covid virus. And, of course, these activities are exactly what we do in church. One of the biggest concerns is the lack of adequate ventilation in our sanctuary and the cost involved with a long term remedy and also associated costs with more cleaning and appropriate supplies to accomplish that. Safety and liability are a big part of the discussion of reopening.

Outdoor worship started in August and appears to be going well. Numbers painted in parking spaces indicate where people can sit. A sign-up is available online for members to reserve space. The gathering is limited to 50 people. Everyone brings their own chairs and wears masks. Masks and hand sanitizer are available if needed. Pastor serves only bread for com-

munion. The service does not include singing or any verbal congregational responses. These services will continue, weather permitting, until alternate worship opportunities are available.

St Andrew is experiencing the same issues that our nation is facing with schools, businesses, gatherings of any kind. We realize that this topic of worship, meetings, activities within our building is one of great concern to many people. A few churches in our area are starting worship inside and larger congregations in our immediate area are doing all their ministry remotely. We have to look at what is best for the St. Andrew family and have patience and pray for what lies ahead. I know that Pastor Jenna is already looking at things we can do and we need to see where those ideas will lead us. When we stopped worship and all other

activities back in March, I never even thought we would be having worship outside or be able to have our worship service online which is reaching many people each week. God has not gone away because of this pandemic but rather is challenging us in new ways which I believe will make us an even stronger congregation in the future.

There is no immediate date for reopening the church building for worship or other activities. The meetings that are happening are all being done remotely and I know that council, and other teams are working hard for the future of our congregation.

Peace, Patience and Prayers for the St Andrew family

Submitted by James Garbrecht



Jacob tricks Esau.

Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-41

**Jacob tricks Esau. Genesis 25:19-34; 27:1-41**

Jacob and Esau were twin brothers. Esau was born first, so he was supposed to be the next leader of the family. Esau loved to hunt and be outside. Jacob was quiet and stayed at home. One day Jacob was cooking some stew. Esau came home from hunting and he was very hungry. "Give me some of your stew," he said. "I'll give you some stew if you give me the right to lead the family when our father dies," Jacob answered. So Esau gave his birthright to Jacob. Esau wanted the stew more than he wanted to be his family's leader. Another time, Jacob dressed up like Esau. Jacob put some goat's skin on his arms and chest so he would feel hairy like Esau. Jacob put on some of Esau's clothes so he would smell sweaty like Esau. (They didn't wash their clothes very often back then!) Jacob talked to Isaac, but because Isaac was almost blind Isaac thought Jacob was really Esau! Isaac prayed for Jacob, and made promises to him, promises he had meant to make to Esau. When Esau found out about Jacob's trick he was very angry.

Our Deepest Gratitude

Our deepest gratitude to all of our family at St. Andrew for the visits, hugs, cards, gifts of food and all the many prayers upon the death of Kenn's father, Paul. Your love and support have aided us through this difficult time. Thank you and God Bless You!

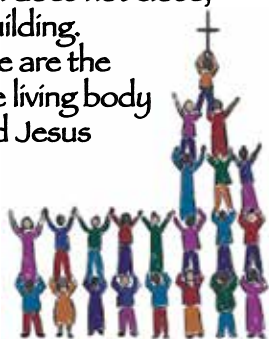
~ Anita & Kenn Pahlman

We still need your offering!

Going forward, there are 3 ways to ensure your Giving reaches the church.

- 1) **"Drop-Off"** - days will be Tuesday & Wednesday between 10 am & 3 pm.
- 2) **Mailing** it in is still always an option.
- 3) **On-Line**, if you don't want to leave your home & have internet access, you can make one-time contributions using the on-line giving offered on the St. Andrew website. This can be done weekly, monthly or however you wish to do.

The church does not close, only the building. Because we are the church, the living body of our Lord Jesus and we are everywhere.



Who Cares Anyway?

St. Andrew Cares Fund

St. Andrew Cares is a special assistance fund used to help people in need.

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

If you would like to make a contribution to this fund, you may give it to Pastor Jenna, send it to the church office, or place it in the offering plate in the Narthex.

Giving a gas card or a gift certificate from a grocery store is also a great way to help meet the needs of those who come to the church seeking help.

Thank you for your generosity!

Gifts and 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.

Church Council

Ministry Team Liaisons:

- Christian Education:.....Jackie Schmidt
- Communication:
- Evangelism:.....Leslie Parriott
- Finance:.....Mary Hanson
- Memorial:.....Steve Jacobson
- Parish Life:.....Lyn Hayes
- Property:.....Matt Sample
- Social Ministry:.....Nancy Milne
- Staff Support:.....Lisa Green
- Stewardship:.....Ellen Van Zeeland
- Worship and Music:.....Rhonda VanderBloomen
- Youth:.....Erika List

Building
Faith
In Our
Future

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
10 South Lake Street
Mundelein, IL 60060

Not
Equal
Giving
But
Equal
Sacrifice

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

“Sharing Christ”

- In Faithful Worship
- Faithful Giving
- Ministry Participation
- Daily Living

www.standrewmundelein.com
Telephone No.: 847-566-8081

**Dated Material
Do Not Delay**

All are Welcome...



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

A special thanks to
Pastor Mark Sundberg
for leading us through
these challenging times.
We give Glory to God
for you Sharing Christ with us!

St. Andrew Lutheran Church (ELCA)
10 South Lake Street
Mundelein, IL 60060

www.standrewmundelein.com
Telephone No.: 847-566-8081



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.