

Encounter

From Pastor Jenna Pulkowski Pastor's Pen

For a child has been born for us a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)



Beloveds of God,

As we await God's holy in breaking, Immanuel, God with us, I invite you to reflect on the lyrics from The Church of the Beloved's song, "What Happens When God Comes Close".

"We wait, we hope
We yearn, prepare
For who or how or what or where?
Maybe the changing of the tide
Maybe the turning of someone's eye
Maybe the falling of the snow
Only heaven knows
What happens when God comes close

We wait, we hope
We yearn, prepare
For who or how or what or where?
Maybe the healing of a heart
Maybe reunion of a drift apart
Maybe a child's coming home
Only heaven knows
What happens when God comes close

We wait, we hope
We yearn, prepare
For who or how or what or where?
Maybe the song, a place to belong
Maybe some faith, just a touch of grace
Maybe love, it's rarely what we think of
Only heaven knows
What happens when God comes close"

May you know God's undimmed light and love this Advent as we watch and wait for Jesus's arrival.

Peace,
Pr Jenna

December 4 Advent Fellowship:



Please mark your calendars for December 4, following the 2nd service, we will be gathering for a **potluck and crafting fellowship**. Crafts will be child and adult friendly! More information to come soon from our council Service Umbrella. If you'd like to provide a craft or to help with planning, please contact Lyn Hayes-- busiain2006@gmail.com.

One service



Dec. 18th @ 9:30

Children's Christmas program
(we all want to hear them so we will have a combined service that day).

Christmas Eve Worship Services:

2 pm Worship (Traditional) with Christmas carols

5pm Worship (PoP led) with carols

7:15pm Christmas Musicale with Choir and Bells

7:30pm Worship (traditional) with Choir and Bells

Christmas Day options: St. Andrew's will not be gathering together on December 25 but. Holy Cross in Libertyville will have a 10am worship service and also available via livestream.

*Save the Date for Sunday
January 29, 2023 for our
Annual Meeting.*

STEWARDSHIP - GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS AND HEARTS BUILD/PLANT/GROW - Jeremiah 29: 4-7

“Invest Where You Are”

This is our Stewardship theme for this year. We are a family at St. Andrew - a loving, caring community that I am proud to be a part of for over 40 years! Like all families we have good and happy times, times of change and sometimes uneasy times or times of sadness - times when we may not always agree with each other or like each other so much. But through all of this we still must care for and love each other as God has commanded us to do. We are here because we believe that God's good news has changed the world, and that we as God's faithful children who worship at St. Andrew are called to be ACTIVE participants in the building up of God's kingdom inside and outside of our building. This work that God calls us to, and that we accomplish through God's will, lives out God's invitation to INVEST WHERE YOU ARE.

Through the prophet Jeremiah, God told exiled Israelites to build homes, plant gardens, and to marry and grow their families - a command that was not given lightly. By telling God's people to invest where they were, God was telling them that they could not go back to what had been. More importantly, God was reassuring the people that God had not abandoned them even though they were in an incredibly unfamiliar place.

When you invest where you are, you say Yes to the plans God has for you and for our congregation. You say Yes to building new ways of doing things, and to planting new seeds in our ministries. You say Yes to committing for the long haul so that your investment may multiply and grow. When you invest where you are, you invest in the welfare of your faith community, and pray to God for the church's well-being.

Your church leaders are so grateful for all that you have already done as faithful stewards of what God has given you and for all who have helped St. Andrew make a real difference in the lives of the people we serve in Jesus' name.



We are asking you to continue to pray to consider how God is calling you to invest where you are at St. Andrew. That investment is not just for today, and not just for yourself, but for the work that God has called us to as God's beloved children. It is always God's work, but God uses us to accomplish that work. We are all busy and we have our "own things" to take care of; sometimes we may have to stretch ourselves. Remember that God is always with us; he is always by our side!

Our commitment or recommitment to investing where God has placed us is SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 during each worship service. This will be for our financial support of God's work at St. Andrew. Between now and then, please pray for God's work through the hands of this congregation, your faith family, and within your lives as you consider how God is asking you to INVEST WHERE YOU ARE. Also, please consider how you can step up and say Yes with your hands and your heart to accomplish the tasks needed to continue our ministry.

Here are some words from a hymn to think about:

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You" - Georg Neumark

"If you but trust in God to guide you and place your confidence in him, You'll find him always there beside you, to give you hope and strength within. For those who trust God's changeless love, Build on the rock that will not move.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving, offer your service faithfully. And trust his word though undeserving, you'll find his promise true to be. God never will forsake in need, the soul that trusts in him indeed."

AMEN.

Lyn H. and the Stewardship Team



Lyn Hayes

Advent & Christmas

Giving Tree at St. Andrews: As we approach the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, let us honor him by helping other families in need within our Community. On Sunday, November 27th we began our annual giving tree drive to help families in need. We are collecting diapers and baby care supplies to be given to the Mundelein High School's Welcome Center that provides to local families in need. We are taking collections through Sunday December 18th. Please take a star with a needed item and return to the church by Sunday, December 18th.

Blue Christmas at Holy Cross: One of our area sister churches, Holy Cross in Libertyville, is offering a Blue Christmas service on Saturday, December 3 at 5:30 pm. This service names and makes space for those of us who may be struggling with sadness and unable to enjoy the festivities around us. If you would like more information, you can find that here: <https://www.holycrosschurch.org/bluechristmas>.

Family Movie Night: Grab a blanket and invite some friends to church on December 22 for a movie night with St. Andrew's! The movie begins at 6:30pm and is FREE! We are collecting donations of bottled water, individual bagged popcorn and fun sized candies to hand out. Please consider donating to help make this a fun event for our friends and families. Donations can be dropped off to Tina Routledge or Kati Gruneisen.

Dream the Dream 75

We are entering a new season in the life of St. Andrew.

Next year, 2023, marks our **75th anniversary** as an organized congregation. This time is for visioning our work and time for us to dream about how God wants us to be.

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

Peace,
Pr Jenna

St. Andrew Annual Christmas Tree Sale

There is STILL a Christmas Tree shortage again this year so please consider buying your FRESH Christmas tree EARLY from St. Andrew!



The sales benefit St. Andrew's Youth Group & Cub and Boy Scouts (which the church charters).

Trees are on sale now and go through December 18th OR EARLIER. We continue to sell out in record time so shop early!

Don't be without a real tree this season!

NEW Hours for 2022 are:

Black Friday: 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Fridays 5:00-8:00 P.M.

Saturdays and Sundays 10:00 A.M. -7:00 P.M.

YOU matter, YOU are important! You may find your place, your comfort zone and find out you are stronger than you thought.



Thank You for Your Offering!

We continue to have 3 ways to ensure your Giving reaches the church.

- 1) **"Drop-Off"** - During church office hours. (M-Th, 10-3)
- 2) **Mailing** it to the church
- 3) **On-Line**, for recurring and one-time offerings. Go to standrewmundelein.com/donations to access the online giving portal.



Bible Readings for the Month

Scriptures for December

November 27 –
 1st Sunday of Advent
 Isaiah 2:1-5
 Psalm 122
 Romans 13:11-14
 Matthew 24:36-44

December 4 –
 2nd Sunday of Advent
 Isaiah 11:1-10
 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
 Romans 15:4-13
 Matthew 3:1-12

December 11 –
 3rd Sunday of Advent
 Isaiah 35:1-10
 Psalm 146:5-10
 James 5:7-10
 Matthew 11:2-11

December 18 –
 4th Sunday of Advent
 Isaiah 7:10-16
 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
 Romans 1:1-7
 Matthew 1:18-25

Church Council - 2022

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

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



Gifts & Memorial Fund

The church gift/memorial fund is established for the purpose of receiving and holding money given to the church in memory or honor of someone or to honor a special occasion.

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

IN MEMORY OF

Chuck Fitz-Hugh

- John Bestler
- Mary Hanson
- John & Susan Matousek
- Marion Collins
- Josh & Mary St.John
- Nancy Hanks
- Chris & Barb Binversie
- David Blank & Katherine John
- Peter & Sonja Schoenfeld
- Robin & Carolyn Vucitech
- Jane & Ken Smith

Jean Meloney

- Ellen VanZeeland
- Meloney Revocable Living Trust
- Robin & Carolyn Vucitech
- Keith & Pamela Addison



August & September Treasurer's Report

	GIVING	EXPENDITURES	(+/-)
SEPTEMBER			
Giving	\$19,823.56	\$28,731.07	(\$-8,907.51)
OCTOBER			
Giving	\$25,879.12	\$24,186.37	\$1,692.75 +

Quilters' Crossing

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

6000 - WOW!!!



The Quilters are one of the longest running continual Service ministry teams at St. Andrew. Since 1989 the 6,000th quilt has been completed; it was on display on 11/20 and was blessed and dedicated during our services. That is an average of 182 quilts per year. This is accomplished through the weekly gatherings of our dedicated quilters, our "home sewers" and all who support this blessed ministry! This is an enormous accomplishment and a wonderful testament to "God's Work Our Hands". We will always welcome more hands as we meet each Thursday from 9 - noon. No experience is necessary - loving instruction will be given. You can come and go as you wish. The more hands, the more we can get done! We have completed 226 quilts already since we shipped out the ones from last year in May. We do not know where they went yet but they will be graciously received!

We are always grateful to receive donations of blankets, sheets, pillowcases (they do not have to be new but clean and in good condition), thread and sewing machine needles (size 14 and 16) and men's t-shirts size Large or x-Large that are used to make diapers for the Baby Kits.

In December, we will be raffling off a couple of Christmas quilts. Please watch for this opportunity to own one of these beautiful quilts for yourself or it would make a lovely gift!

Thank you all who support us and who recently participated in our silent auction. Winners of our two Halloween/fall-theme quilts were Luke Kowalewski and Sonia Schoenfield. We are so Blessed! For answers to questions, please contact Judy Parriott (847) 986-4465.



Lyn Hayes

Lyn H and the Quilters

Women's Fellowship

Listed below are the upcoming events for St. Andrew's Women's Fellowship program.



Women's Fellowship Thursday Dates for 2022-2023

We hope that you mark your calendars for our upcoming events. We will meet in person at 7pm at church unless noted otherwise noted for December and June.

December 8 - Christmas Caroling to the Elderly members, (arrive at church by 4:45 PM)

January 12 - Annual Bunco Event, bring your white elephant gifts

February 9 - Sharing favorite piece of jewelry, share your favorite piece of jewelry and stories

March 9 - Movie Night - TBA

April 13 - Game Night - Mexican Train fun

May 11 - Guest Speaker - TBA

June 8 - Dinner at 6:00 pm @ Taco/Burrito Express - outside deck

Thanks you,
Barb Binversie, barbarabinversie@gmail.com or 847-566-8708.



Barbara Binversie

Men's Breakfast

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

Our Heartfelt Condolences



Dear St. Andrew family of faith,

I write to you with a heavy heart to share the passing of our beloved Lucille Hersted. God called her home to him this morning as she was surrounded by her loved ones.

During one of my recent visits with Lucille, she proudly shared that she and her husband had been members of St. Andrews for over 60 years. Even as her mobility decreased, Lucille was insistent that she be at church as often as possible (thank you Carol and Lee!), where she remained connected to her faith family. Some years ago a member of the congregation made a small prayer shawl that was given to Lucille, and she loved to have it on her lap or over her shoulders. As she neared the end, her daughter Susie placed it over her chest, wrapping her in the love of her church family and all those who had known her and prayed for her all these years.

The family will schedule a memorial service to be held in the new year. Once that information is available, we will share it with the congregation.

Gracious God, we thank you for the long and full life of your beloved child, Lucille, and for giving her to us to know and to love. We entrust her back to you, the One who lovingly made her and who now lovingly calls her home, and we look forward to the day of our reunion. We pray this in your name, Amen.

*In God's Abundant Love,
Pr Jenna*

Thank You...



Dear St Andrew's Family,

The family of Charles D Fitz-Hugh, Jr (Chuck, Charlie, Sir Charles) would like to thank each and every one of you for the love and support you shared with us as we said goodbye to our beloved patriarch.

We really appreciated your generous offers of meals, the beautiful floral arrangement of roses, cards of support from the care team & members of the congregation as well as your memorial gifts to the church. We were comforted by the loving support of those that patiently waited in the long line at his visitation and joined us at his Celebration of Life, in person and virtually via the Zoom link. Pastor Jenna's beautiful eulogy really captured the essence of "Charlie's" life. We were so grateful for the wonderful reception the CareTeam/Funeral committee so lovingly put together to honor their beloved brother in Christ for his dedication and tireless service to St Andrew Lutheran Church over the past 64 years.

Chuck truly loved his church and his church family. He was a friend to everyone he ever met & always welcomed the opportunity to serve others!! He will be missed but we know he is now resting in the arms of our loving Savior along with his beloved wife, Carlene, and all the saints that have gone before him. Thanks be to God for the 89 years he gave Chuck here on Earth and for his eternal life in Heaven.

*With grateful hearts,
The family of Chuck Fitz-Hugh*

Altar Guild

How Can I Help?

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

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

The Altar Guild prepares the altar for Sunday's ser-

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

PRAYER VENTURES

December 2022

- 1 World AIDS Day Today we join our neighbors, siblings in Christ and companion churches around the world in remembering all who have been and continue to be affected by HIV and AIDS. Give thanks for the progress we have made in effective prevention, treatment and care and in discouraging discrimination against those who are HIV-positive; pray that we will not grow complacent but continue to make progress; and give thanks for the ongoing work of the ELCA's HIV and AIDS ministry.
- 2 Give thanks for our faith, which embodies hope and anticipation as well as confidence and joy in God's promises and grace, which were fulfilled in Jesus Christ.
- 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities Pray for our neighbors here and around the world who live with disabilities, that they might be welcomed, respected, valued and fully included in every aspect of the church and society. Give thanks for the wide-ranging work of ELCA Disability Ministry, Lutheran Services in America–Disability Network and other ministry partners.
- 4 Pray that, like John the Baptist, we will share the good news of Jesus and the love of God with boldness and humility and will invite all people to believe and be baptized into a new life in Christ, free from the confines of sin, despair and death.
- 5 Give thanks for the ELCA's Good Gifts catalog, which lifts up the diverse needs of our neighbors and offers opportunities to respond with gifts that grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives around the world — from honeybees and irrigation systems to trauma counseling and vocational training for entrepreneurs.
- 6 "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God" (Romans 15:7). Pray that the Spirit will help us live in unity and celebrate the faith that binds us together as siblings in God's family; pray that we will invite and welcome people into our communities of faith so that they too might experience the gifts of joy, grace and mutual care as siblings in Christ.
- 7 Give thanks and pray for the work and enthusiasm of those applying for ELCA World Hunger Education and Network-
ing Grants, which help congregations and synods build partnerships, provide training and education, plan service learning and host events with people passionate about ending hunger.
- 8 Pray for ELCA missionaries serving with our global companions in Africa: the Rev. Elisabeth Johnson and Anne and Willie Langdji (Cameroon); the Rev. Alex LaChapelle (Kenya); the Rev. Janelle Neubauer (Rwanda); and the Rev. Brian Palmer and Rev. Linda Johnson Seyenkulo (Liberia).
- 9 Pray that God will work through us to help goodness, honesty, justice, peace, generosity and compassion flourish in the world.
- 10 Give thanks for scientists, researchers and teachers of science and math; they help us acquire skills for daily life, explore and better understand creation, expand our appreciation of God's handiwork, and develop new technologies for the health and well-being of humanity and our environment.
- 11 People of faith are not immune to questions or doubts. Give thanks for God's patience with us and for the Spirit's work of strengthening our faith, revealing the mysteries and wonder of God's boundless love for humanity, and helping us understand Scripture and faith in the context of life today.
- 12 Pray for farmers and ranchers as they prepare their fields, animals and equipment for winter, and for those planting and harvesting during winter. Give thanks for their vocation of feeding the world, their care for the environment and their wisdom about seasons and cycles of life.
- 13 Pray that, with the use of Advent candles and wreaths, we will embrace faith traditions and practices that center us on God's grace and forgiveness, received through the gift of Jesus Christ.
- 14 "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant" (Luke 1:46-48). Join in the song of Mary and give praise and thanksgiving for God's love, mercy and attentiveness — blessings experienced from generation to generation.
- 15 Ask the Spirit to help us invite and welcome with enthusiasm our neighbors and surrounding community to join

in our congregational activities, celebrations and worship during Advent and Christmas, and throughout the year.

- 16** Las Posadas This tradition, popular in Mexico and observed by some ELCA congregations, uses lighted paths and processions from house to house to follow Mary and Joseph's journey through Bethlehem in search of lodging. Pray that our recollection of Mary and Joseph's experience will prompt us to welcome strangers, immigrants, refugees and neighbors in need.
- 17** Pray for those who suffer depression, loneliness and anxiety, especially during the holidays. Ask God to help us be attentive to people around us who are struggling, that they might find understanding, hope, support, inclusion and caring companions in our communities of faith.
- 18** International Migrants Day Pray that we will support and accompany migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers in their difficult pursuit of safety, justice, self-sufficiency and family stability.
- 19** Remember in prayer ELCA Global Mission personnel and missionaries who are celebrating Advent and the birth of Christ in the communities and congregations of our global companions around the world.
- 20** Remember those who are alone during this time of community celebrations, meals and worship, including refugees, immigrants, and those who are imprisoned, confined to home or an institution, without family, or separated from family and community by work or deployment.
- 21** Winter solstice Reflect on the intricacies of the universe that govern the movement of our solar system, the changing seasons and how people experience seasons in different hemispheres of the world. Praise God for a life-sustaining creation that inspires awe, curiosity and humility!
- 22** "Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved" (Psalm 80:3). Give thanks for God's mercy and favor, which grant us new life and hope — not because we deserve it or have lived good lives but because God is gracious and generous beyond human comprehension.
- 23** Remember those who serve and work in our communities during the holidays. May we assure them of our love, concern and gratitude, and create opportunities to include them in our celebrations and worship, especially when they are unable to be physically present.
- 24** Christmas Eve Offer prayers of thanksgiving and joy for the gift of Jesus, our Savior, life and hope, who brings light to the darkness, "for he came down from heaven above to help a world in need" (ELW 271).
- 25** Christmas Day All glory and praise to God — everything we have seen, heard and been taught about Jesus Christ, our hope and salvation, is true. Give thanks that God's love and mercy, present in the birth of Christ, have shaken the world and awakened our hope.
- 26** Kwanzaa Today begins Kwanzaa, a weeklong celebration of African culture and traditions that emphasizes family, community and shared principles. Give thanks for the rich and enduring traditions, celebrations and practices of our African American siblings and the global African community.
- 27** John, apostle and evangelist Give thanks for John and the other disciples, who trusted in and responded to Jesus' call, leaving behind their previous lives to experience God's presence and love through Jesus Christ and to do God's work in the world. Ask the Spirit to guide, inspire and equip us for sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor in a world of constant change and new challenges.
- 28** Hope, joy, love and faith are infectious. Pray that the hope and joy stirred by our faith in God's love and presence in the world will spill over into our personal and professional relationships and our interaction with strangers.
- 29** Pray that we will be ever mindful of our baptism, which brings us identity and purpose "through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5). Give thanks that we are equipped, encouraged and sustained by our siblings in Christ throughout our lifelong journey of faith.
- 30** The birth of Christ, manifesting God's love for humanity, changed everything, forever. We celebrate the joy and significance of Christmas and pledge our lives in constant witness to God, who embraces and loves us with all our flaws, complexities and questions.
- 31** New Year's Eve What do you hope for in the coming year? What are your aspirations? Give thanks for the assurance we receive through our baptism, that we might live in God's mercy and grace through the ups and downs of life, and pray that we will be supported during our journey by a vast and caring community of siblings in Christ.

December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9 am Quilters 6 pm GS Jr Troop #45730	2 5:30 pm Early Bird AA 6:30 pm Girl Scouts #47205	3
4 8:30 Traditional 10 SS Cmas Pageant Rehearsal 10:45 Contemporary 11:00 Sunday School 3 pm Girl Scouts #45617	5 6:30 pm Early Bird AA	6 7:30 pm Boy Scouts #198 7:30 pm Mundelein AA	7 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Confirmation 6:30 Bell Choir Reh 7:15 Choir Reh	8 9 am Quilters	9 5:30 pm Early Bird AA	10 8:30 Women's Breakfast Bible Study
11 8:30 Traditional 10 SS Cmas Pageant Rehearsal 10:45 Contemporary 11:00 Sunday School	12 6:30 pm Early Bird AA	13 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Triangle Restaurant) 6:30 pm Cub Scouts #98 7 pm Council 7:30 pm Boy Scouts #198 7:30 pm Mundelein AA	14 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Confirmation 7 pm Lucky Ducks 4-H 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	15 9 am Quilters – Brown Bag Lunch – All are welcome 6 pm GS Jr #45730 ENCOUNTER ARTICLES DUE	16 5:30 pm Early Bird AA 6:30 pm Girl Scouts #47205	17
18 9:30 Worship Sunday School Christmas Pageant during Worship	19 6:30 pm Early Bird AA	20 7:30 pm Troop 198 7:30 pm Mundelein AA	21 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Confirmation 7:15 Choir Reh 7 pm Kirk Players Reh	22 9 am Quilters 5 pm Cmas Family Movie Night 7 pm Operations Umbrella Mtg	23 5:30 pm Early Bird AA	24 Christmas Eve 2 pm Traditional Candlelight Communion Service 5 pm Contemporary Worship w/ Candlelight & Communion 7:15 Muscale w/ Traditional Candlelight Communion Service
25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! The Word has been made flesh. Rejoice! The light shines in the dark. Go forth & be a bearer of light. Share this Good News! "Share Christ!" Love to ALL!	26 Church Office Closed 6:30 pm Early Bird AA 7 pm Staff Support	27 Church Office Closed 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Triangle Restaurant) 6:30 pm Cub Scouts #98 7:30 pm Boy Scouts #198 7:30 pm Mundelein AA	28 Church Office Closed NO Confirmation	29 Church Office Closed 9 am Quilters	30 Church Office Closed 5:30 pm Early Bird AA	31 New Year's Eve

Living Lutheran Magazine:

Do you love receiving a Living Lutheran magazine each month? Wonderful! However, if you do not want to receive it, you won't hurt our feelings. Please contact Anita ASAP to let her know if you'd like to be removed from the subscription list.

Counters Needed & Counting Update

We still are recruiting new counters.

Offering Counting Schedule: The office has heard from several of you regarding concerns about your offerings not being deposited. Thank you so much for your faithful giving and your attention to your offerings! Beginning with Covid, our counting schedule has been reduced to every 2-3 weeks rather than every week. This will mean that your checks may not be deposited immediately. We apologize for the delay, but wanted to let you know that nothing is missing!

If you would like to be a part of our counting team, we are looking for 2-4 more individuals with patience, attention to detail, and who are ok with numbers. If we can increase the number of those who are trained to count, we can increase our counting schedule.

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, December, 15th

Simple Jobs Need Volunteers to Help Through Advent

With Advent season approaching, there are several opportunities for people to help with several tasks- some are one-and-done opportunities. Most of these have been done by one or two people for the past several years, but now we need your help

Please look at this list and consider one or more for you or your family! If it looks like something you could do, email Anita. She will provide details for the job.

1. **Hang small advent banners along the edge of the outer rows-** one each week. Could be done anytime during the week beginning the week before November 27th and each week until Christmas. Maybe a 5 minute job each week.
2. **Arrange poinsettias around the altar** and through the Narthex after they are delivered probably December 16 or 17th. Takes about 30 minutes.
3. **Remove Poinsettias after Christmas**, remove the Poinsettias that have not been taken home. They go in the refuse bin. Again, maybe 30 minutes. If you compost, you can take them home and use the dirt for your garden.
4. **Take down the Christmas tree...** disassemble and return to garage attic. Also, return the advent table from the sanctuary to the garage attic.

PLEASE read the above and see if you can help! We do want a decorated sanctuary!!!



PARISH LIFE

FAMILY HOLIDAY POTLUCK/CRAFT TIME!

On December 4 right after the second service, approximately 11:30, there will be a time to share a meal with some of your St. Andrew family members and then time to make a Christmas ornament. We will also have the supplies at hand to create some more handmade cards as we did on Rally Day for our Caring in Action team to mail or deliver to our homebound members or those that need a special little greeting to brighten their day - thank you, get well, thinking of you cards. These cards were “extra special” to the people who have already received them!

Please plan to attend, bring a dish to share if you can and help to celebrate the beginning of our Advent season.



We continue to have our treats in between services on Sundays and time to “chat” a bit. Thank you to all who have supplied goodies. There will be new sign up sheets out soon for January and February. If you have questions, you can call me, Lyn Hayes, (847)772-1064.

We will gratefully accept new members to join our “team” - we focus on Parish Life, Social Ministry and Evangelism.

*Your Service Team Members,
Anastasia Carmona, Nancy Milne, Lyn Hayes*

Help Celebrate the Joy of Christmas

Once again you have the opportunity to help beautify our sanctuary for Christmas.

All members and friends are invited to make a poinsettia donation in celebration of the Birth of our Savior.

The donation is \$15.00 per plant. Plants may be taken home on a first come basis after the worship service on December 24th.

The form to the right, together with your cash or check, may be placed in an offering plate or mailed to the church office. If you pay by check, please put “Christmas plants” in the memo line. If you use the offering envelopes in the pew, select “Other” and write in “Christmas plants” next to it. We cannot guarantee that forms received after December 10th will be listed in the Christmas bulletins.



I wish to order _____ Poinsettia(s)

Your Name: _____

(\$15.00 each) **Total Amount** _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____



Feeding the Hungry ~ Housing the Homeless

800 West Glen Flora Avenue | Waukegan, Illinois 60085 | 847-662-1340
"We are God's servants, working together"
1 Corinthians 3:9

October 25, 2022

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

Dear Friends,

It is with deep gratitude that we acknowledge your generous donations to the COOL Food Pantry of \$114.00, plus 685 pounds of food and vet items collected during a food drive. We are blessed by your generosity and would like to thank all those who have made this donation possible.

Your kindness is appreciated by all our staff and volunteers, and more importantly by our neighbors in need who receive services from the COOL Food Pantry.

The number of visitors to our food pantry has been increasing monthly and your gift will help us to help more of them. COOL is committed to identifying and adapting to the ever-changing needs of our community, and our staff works very hard to continue providing the highest level of services to those who come to us seeking assistance.

On behalf of all of us at COOL and those we serve, we are grateful for your help and support in carrying out our mission of service to the community. Your willingness to answer our call for help is truly a blessing to this ministry,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mindy Lindholm, E.D.".

Mindy Lindholm
Executive Director

For our young readers





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