

# St. Andrew Lutheran Church Encounter

December 2024

## From Pastor Jenna Pulkowski Pastor's Pen

Dear St. Andrew Family of Faith, It is so good to be back with you all after my parental leave! I know I've already said this, but I'll say it again: thank you for all your prayers, care, gifts (for both Teddy and Ellie), and all the ways you've loved and supported us in this season. The meal train was AMAZING and we had some fantastic meals that we never would have made for ourselves, your gifts have been meaningful and deeply appreciated, and your prayers have been a balm for our souls. Thank you.



As we adjust back to our two-worship schedule, we also step into the season of Advent.

While I can be oh so quick to look ahead to Christmas and skip right over Advent, our liturgical calendar ensures that we are re-grounded in this season for the four Sundays leading up to December 24 and 25. To support our Advent worship and spiritual disciplines, we will once again be using A Sanctified Art (ASA) for our Advent theme. The theme, "Words for the Beginning", marks the time when the church year ends on Christ the King Sunday and begins again with Advent 1—just as we prepare for the end of the calendar year. The creators at ASA explain that the theme started with the question of "[what words would] Mary speak to her newborn son? What scriptures and stories would she impart to him? What lessons would she teach him as he grew? In many ways, pregnant Mary was surrounded by endings—large and small, personal and political. And yet, Mary proclaimed hope in a God who was and is making all things new. As we also move through new personal and political chapters, may these words for the beginning renew us and remind us of the ways we are called to live out our faith. No matter what you are facing, no matter what this new day brings, let love be your beginning." May this season of waiting and anticipating the birth of the True King, our Savior, be holy and hopeful for you. Blessings,

Pr Jenna



## Church Council

**Molly Dir** {Council President; Operations Committee}

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**Krissy Grace** {Secretary; Worship & Music Committee}

**Bruce Dir** {Treasurer, Finance Committee}

**Jorge Cantu** {Service Committee}

**Tia Kowalewski** {Faith Formation Committee}  
**Steve**

**Payne** {Property Team; Operations Committee}

And their response...

"I will,  
and I ask God  
to help me"

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Check the monthly calendar (Page 12) for this months events!

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## Christmas Program

**Christmas Program (Dec 15):** will be held during the 10:45 am on Sunday.

# Quilters' Crossing

The joyful quilters continue our work, stitch by stitch - knot by knot!

We continue to collect fabric and gently used sheets that are used for the backs of the quilts. Thanks to Dale H, Grace O and the Doubletree Hotel, we were recently given 20 bags of sheets that will be used as backs and some for fillers! This was a HUGE DONATION THAT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED as supply costs continue to rise, we can use all the donations that we receive! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

After our work was done a few weeks ago, a group of us went over to CELEBRATE OUR DEAR LORRAINE for her 95th birthday. She had been feeling under the weather and hasn't been able to join us on Thursdays so we decided to go to her! She truly appreciated our visit and we had a great time. Thank you to the gals who helped to arrange this party!

As we're approaching Christmas season we are planning to have a small craft table on a couple Sundays & will have a variety of small items for sale. If anyone in the congregation is "crafty" and would like to donate items for sale, please let us know. All funds we receive will go toward the repair and servicing of our sewing machines so that we can continue our work.

If you ever have any questions about our group, would like to join us on Thursdays or you feel you could help out by sewing at home, please let us know. Sadly one of our long time home sewers, Mary Grandt, is no longer able to sew for us. We continue to pray for her health and comfort and that she may know how we miss her and how truly thankful we are for her many years of dedication to the quilters!

Call the church office, talk to me, Debbie Jacobson or Judy Parriott and let us know that you would like to be a part of the Quilting Ministry. We will continue our work as long as we are able with the support of our brothers and sisters at St. Andrew!

Hugs and many Blessings to you!

Lyn H and your Quilters



## Liturgical Scriptures for December 2024

### December 1 -- 1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

### December 8 -- 2nd Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

### December 15 -- 3rd Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

### December 22 -- 4th Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:46b-55

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

### December 25 -- Nativity of Our Lord II: Christmas Day

Isaiah 62:6-12

Psalms 97

Titus 3:4-7

Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

### December 29 -- 1st Sunday of Christmas

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalms 148

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52



**Advent Series Scriptures for December 2024**

**December 1 -- 1st Sunday of Advent**  
Isaiah 43:1-7  
Luke 1:26-38

**December 8 -- 2nd Sunday of Advent**  
Ruth 1  
Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

**December 15 -- 3rd Sunday of Advent**  
Luke 3:7-16  
Isaiah 58:9b-12

**December 22 -- 4th Sunday of Advent**  
Matthew 1:18-25  
Luke 1:46-55

**December 24 – Christmas Eve**  
Luke 2:1-20  
Isaiah 9:6

**December 29 – 1st Sunday of Christmas**  
Luke 2:10,  
Matthew 2:10,  
Isaiah 9:2-3,  
Psalm 148,  
Psalm 126:1-3,  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8,  
Isaiah 55:12-13

## Men's Breakfast

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

## 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!*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### October 2024

Total Income: ..... \$28,641.93  
Total Expense: ..... \$22,877.00  
Net: ..... \$5,764.93

Bruce Dir, *Treasurer*

# St. Andrew Annual Christmas Tree Sale

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 will be on sale starting the Friday after Thanksgiving (November 29th) and go through December 16th OR EARLIER. We continue to sell out in record time so shop early!

Don't be without a real tree this season!

### Hours for 2024 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.

## Flowers for the Altar



If you would like to continue our tradition of sponsoring flowers for the altar, please either email the date and information to Anita or sign up on the flower calendar outside of Pastor's office. The cost is \$20. Sponsors for the eternal candle are \$20 for the month. There are still openings in the next couple of months. Let's continue to beautify and light our church with memories and remembrances and honors!!

# Quilters Complete Baby Kits for LWR

During the summer the St. Andrew Quilters switch from making quilts to making baby kits. The Quilters have put together almost 89 'Baby Kits' and they have been boxed, labeled and taken down to Elgin to a collection site.



These baby kits will be added to other donations of baby kits and quilts made by many other congregations in our area and shipped to the East coast. Once they arrive, they will be repackaged for world-wide distribution by the LWR (Lutheran World Relief). LWR helps communities, living in extreme poverty, with disaster relief and recovery. I believe there are times, in world news stories that you will see quilts and baby kits being used in pictures of refugee camps. God's plan our Quilter's hands.

## Thank You for Your Offering!

We continue to have 4 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](http://standrewmundelein.com/donations) to access the online giving portal.
- 4) **In Worship**

# Caring In Action

Greetings from “The Caring In Action Team“ also known as The CIA Team

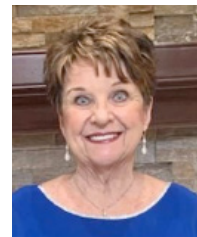
We had a recent meeting to update our information about who in our congregation needs in-home or facility visits, or those who just need contact by phone or cards to continue to show our care and concern for different situations. It could be for illness, a recent loss, or any troubling event.



We continue mailing Birthday Greetings to everyone on our list . Make sure your name is in our Data Base by checking with Anita. If you know of anyone that needs a visit, phone call, or card, please inform Anita, or me at 847-814-8022.

If anyone is in need of a ride to an appointment, or picking up groceries or medication, please also contact us.

We are pleased to welcome Barb Binversie as a member of our team. I am forever grateful for the Love and Compassion shown by all the ladies on this team, as they always try to bring smiles to so many faces. We would welcome a male member, too ! Respectfully submitted with Faithful Service.



Carol Clouser

Sincerely,  
Carol Clouser and The CIA Team:

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## 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 place a poinsettia order in celebration of the Birth of our Savior.

The cost is \$15.00. Plants may be taken home by the donor after the worship Service on Christmas Day.

The form to the right, together with your cash or check, may be placed in an offering plate or mailed to the church office. We cannot guarantee that forms received after December 15th will be listed in the Christmas bulletins.



*I wish to order* \_\_\_\_\_ *Poinsettia(s)*

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**In Honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**In Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**In Thanksgiving for:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## STEWARDSHIP - WE ARE "TOGETHER FOR JOY"

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

"Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices....."

We here at St. Andrew continue to have good reason to be ever thankful and joyful! Thanks be to God and to all of you who have taken seriously your part in our St. Andrew family of faith. As Pastor Jenna and our church leaders continue to move forward with our budget and planning for 2025, we are asking each and every one of you to think about what St. Andrew means to YOU and to consider how YOU can help to make our church a place "where all are welcome, fed and nourished in the name of Jesus Christ". If you have not had a chance yet to pledge your financial commitment to St. Andrew, please do so as soon as you can. If what you give is from the heart and you believe that God will provide and give you "enough", whatever you can give will help the finance team in planning to keep us alive and moving forward. We do know that everyone has their own struggles; our "pledges" can be changed during the year if needed. God does, though, call each of us to be faithful. If we believe, we can ask God to allow our lives to be a reflection of who he wants us to be. We are all here to be servants, as Jesus has taught us to be.

Please continue to pray as well - what is YOUR PART in the life of St. Andrew? There are many, many opportunities for you to support the ministries of our church. Whether you are interested in a one time

project, want to participate in one of our small group ministries, or you want to support, encourage and help grow our Faith Formation, Service, Finance or Operations ministry teams, there is a place for you. If you like to sing, we have started choir rehearsals again and would welcome MORE JOYFUL VOICES! You don't have to be a superstar or soloist, we work as a group and sing together! There are also many opportunities to assist with worship - let Anita know what you can do!

Some may feel that we are truly in tumultuous and uncertain times, but let us all keep faith, "For I know the plans I have for you. 'declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" - Jeremiah 29:11

A story to close written by Erin Janoso and published in 2024 Daily Devotions "Walking in Grace"

"One of my husband, Jim's, favorite shows is 'The Joy of Painting' on PBS. 'It's almost meditative,' he'll say as he watches Bob Ross layer paint onto the canvas. I love it, too, and will often watch with him. It always feels rewarding to see empty white space transformed into something beautiful.

One day, though, as Jim and I enjoyed an episode together, Mr. Ross did something that took me aback: he dipped one of his broadest brushes into a dollop of midnight-black paint and proceeded to pull it across the

middle of what had been a lovely forest scene. I'd thought it had been nearly finished. But now it looked ruined-bisected by an ugly, black gash.

'Why'd he do that?' I asked my husband, as I stared at this new, ruinous flaw. I could not imagine how it would be made to belong within a painting that had been so pretty. Bob Ross didn't seem worried though. Clearly, he could see something here that I could not.

And, sure enough, as I watched, brushstroke by brushstroke, he transformed that black stripe into an incredible river. Vibrant and realistic, it tumbled its way through what, just moments ago, had been a nice-but much less interesting-painting.

I smiled, impressed. That black stripe had never been a flaw at all. Bob Ross had a plan, but instead of telling us up front, he'd waited for us to discover the beauty as it unfolded. And just like God's plans, because I trusted, when the time came, I saw it too."

One needs to look no further than Calvary to know that where You are at work, God, what might appear calamitous at first does not remain that way... Amen.



Lyn H and the Stewardship Team  
(Service Umbrella Ministry)

# PRAYER VENTURES

## December 2024

- 1 *First Sunday of Advent* Give thanks for God's boundless love and mercy, made tangible and sure through the birth of Jesus Christ, and for the free gift of salvation and hope that sets us free and leads us to eternal life in the kingdom of heaven.
- 2 *World AIDS Day (Dec. 1)* If left untreated, HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) can cause AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome). In 2023, 39.9 million people were living with HIV and 630,000 people died from AIDS-related illnesses. Pray for individuals, families and communities impacted by HIV and AIDS, and for health care workers, researchers, clinics and faith communities working to treat, prevent and eradicate HIV and increase awareness of HIV and AIDS.
- 3 *International Day of Persons with Disabilities* Pray for our neighbors and siblings in Christ who live with disabilities, that they will 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 Ministries and the 16 social service organizations that make up the Lutheran Services in America Disability Network.
- 4 "Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts" (Colossians 3:14-15). Pray for the Spirit to shape our lives, that our words and actions might embody the gospel, the heart of our faith.
- 5 Pray for those in Florida and the Gulf Coast who are grieving losses and recovering from hurricanes. Pray for assistance, resources and support to help them recover and rebuild, and thank God that our donations to Lutheran Disaster Response enable our church to respond to crises and care for those enduring trauma and devastation.
- 6 Give thanks for the ELCA Good Gifts catalogue, which helps us understand the needs and priorities of our neighbors and provides opportunities for us to respond with compassion and generosity in ways that promise great, immediate and long-term impact.
- 7 "To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul" (Psalm 25:1). Lift up everything to God — your joys, concerns, questions, lamentations, confessions and praise.
- 8 Thank God for the example of John the Baptist, who endeavored to spread the life-giving news of Jesus Christ and to encourage faith in a loving, forgiving God.
- 9 Pray that our faith and anticipation will be stirred by Advent candles, songs, art and Scripture that draw our attention to God's abundant love for humanity and amazing gift of Jesus Christ.
- 10 Give thanks for siblings in Christ who accompany us on our baptismal journeys and encourage our faith and understanding of God's ways. Pray that we will not hesitate to share the gospel or to show love, concern or mercy for others, as God does for us.
- 11 "I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die for poor ordinary people like you and like I" (With One Voice 642). Praise God that our salvation does not depend upon our actions, the strength of our faith or our perfect understanding of what God has accomplished for us through Jesus Christ.
- 12 December is a time of anticipation and joyful celebration, expressed through shared meals, gatherings of friends and family, community events and special opportunities for worship. Promise to invite and welcome others, especially those in our communities who feel alone, ignored or forgotten.
- 13 Give praise and thanks to God for blessing us with Jesus Christ, our true Savior, Messiah, teacher, light and hope.
- 14 Pray that, day after day, we will grow more generous in responding to our neighbors in need, strengthening our communities, supporting our global companions and expanding the ministries and outreach of our congregations.
- 15 Promise to be a faithful, generous and merciful follower of Jesus Christ, proclaiming the gospel in word and deed and doing God's work in the world.
- 16 *Las Posadas* Las Posadas ("the Inns") is a Mexican Christmas tradition in which worshippers reenact the experience of Mary and Joseph as they searched for a place where Mary could give

- birth. Remembering Mary and Joseph's difficult journey, promise to embody hospitality, compassion, generosity and justice in responding to modern-day homelessness, poverty and immigration.
- 17** Pray for students returning home from colleges, universities and seminaries, that they will experience joy and renewal as they reconnect with family, friends and faith communities.
- 18** *International Migrants Day* Remember our neighbors and siblings in Christ who seek refuge and welcoming places to rebuild their lives. Pray for those held in refugee camps and waiting at border crossings, that they will be treated with love and respect and supported in their difficult journeys. Give thanks for the work of our church in partnership with Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service).
- 19** "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6). To worry is normal, especially in these times. Know that you are not alone and that God listens to our prayers, caring for us through faith communities and our siblings in Christ.
- 20** *Katharina von Bora Luther (1499-1552)* Give thanks for Katharina Luther, Martin Luther's source of inspiration and trusted partner in life. Let us thank God for partners and spouses who accompany us in our baptismal journeys and help us to do God's work in the world.
- 21** *Winter solstice* Praise God for the mysteries of creation, the cycles of life and the reflection they inspire.
- 22** Pray that — like Elizabeth awaiting the birth of John, and Mary awaiting the birth of Jesus — we will trust God and move forward through our uncertainties.
- 23** Remember those who serve our communities during the holidays, including church staff, first responders, retail and restaurant workers, health care providers, members of the military and those who maintain the infrastructure of our communities.
- 24** Christmas Eve "That there were shepherds, means that no one is to hear the Gospel for himself alone, but [everyone] is to tell it to others who are not acquainted with it. For he who believes for himself has enough and should endeavor to bring others to such faith and knowledge" (Martin Luther, "Sermon for Christmas Day; Luke 2:1-14"). Promise to share the story of your baptismal journey with confidence and joy, so that others might find comfort in the good news of Jesus Christ.
- 25** *Christmas Day* God's glorious light breaks through sin, death and despair to illuminate the gifts we receive through the birth of Jesus Christ — love, mercy, hope and new life. Praise God!
- 26** Kwanzaa begins this week. Give thanks to God for our siblings of African descent, and for the richness of their traditions, cultures, values, stories, faith and leadership.
- 27** Pray for those living with political conflict and instability, that they will grow in hope and resilience and experience lasting peace, justice and healing.
- 28** Give thanks for the enduring impacts of Christmas and the good news of Jesus Christ, letting them shape your life and guide you throughout the year.
- 29** "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive" (Colossians 3:12-13). Promise to bear witness to God's love for all people, a love unconfined and undiminished by national borders, political affiliations, human laws or social problems.
- 30** Christ's church is diverse and global, manifested in different Christian faiths and traditions. Pray for ELCA congregations and ministries, ecumenical partners, global companions and neighboring faith communities that join us in sharing the gospel and doing God's work in the world.
- 31** *New Year's Eve* Our faith, hope and joy in Christ do not ebb and flow with the seasons, the holidays or our church calendar. They are an ever-present reality, nurtured and strengthened by the Spirit's presence in our daily lives. Give thanks and praise to God!





## PEOPLE POWER – DECEMBER 2024



<b>Sunday, December 1</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	
Assisting Minister:	Peter Schoenfield	Lay Reader: Sonia Schoenfield
Advent Wreath:	Amanda & Nadine Dziekanski	
Ushers:	Debbie Jacobson, Jason Carmona, Jeff Hayes	
Sound Tech:	Brandon Carmona	
Altar Guild:	Jim Kowalewski	
Counters:	Lyn Hayes & Bill List	
<b>Sunday, December 8</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	
Assisting Minister:	Leslie Parriott	Lay Reader: Heidi Griffith
Advent Wreath:	Anastasia, Brandon & Jason Carmona	
Ushers:	Debbie Jacobson, Jason Carmona, Jeff Hayes	
Sound Tech:	Brandon Carmona	
Media Tech:	Steve Jacobson	
Altar Guild:	Krissy & Steve Grace	
Counters:	Krissy Grace & Steve Jacobson	
<b>Sunday, December 15</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	
Assisting Minister:	Leslie Parriott	Lay Reader: Jim Kowalewski
Advent Wreath:	Peter & Sonia Schoenfield	
Ushers:	Debbie Jacobson, Jason Carmona, Jeff Hayes	
Sound Tech:	Brandon Carmona	
Altar Guild:	Krissy & Steve Grace	
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Kathi Mac Dougall	
<b>Sunday, December 22</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	
Assisting Minister:	Peter Schoenfield	Lay Reader: Charlene Bestler
Advent Wreath:	John & Charlene Bestler	
Ushers:	Debbie Jacobson, Jason Carmona, Jeff Hayes	
Sound Tech:	Brandon Carmona	
Media Tech:	Steve Jacobson	
Altar Guild:	Krissy & Steve Grace	
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Darrell Vander Bloomen	
<b>Sunday, December 29</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Lessons &amp; Carols Sunday – only 1 service</b>
Assisting Minister:		
Communion Assistant:	Kari Payne	
Ushers:	Debbie Jacobson, Chris Carlson, Jason Carmona, Jeff Hayes	
Sound Tech:	Brandon Carmona	
Media Tech:	Steve Jacobson	
Altar Guild:	Jim Kowalewski	
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Kathi MacDougall	

**If you have a schedule problem, or can volunteer, please contact the following:**

<b>Assisting Ministers/Lay Reader/Greeters/Phone Receptionist:</b>	Anita Pahlman	847-566-8081
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Anita Pahlman	847-566-8081
<b>Ushers:</b>	Lois Laedtke	847-336-0505
<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Tom Girmscheid	847-814-5401
<b>Counters:</b>	Andrea Ammons	224-214-6723



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<b>Sunday, December 1</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	
Lay Leader:	Bill List	Lay Reader: Bruce Dir
Greeter:	Dominick Martinelli	Advent Wreath: Landuyt Family
Usher:	Chris Carlson	
Children's Message:	Bill List	
Communion Assistants:	Kari Payne, Heidi Emso	
Sound Tech:	Annamarie Martinelli	
Media Tech:	Steve Jacobson	
PowerPoint Tech:	Jenny Paddock	
Altar Guild:	Jim Kowalewski	
Counters:	Lyn Hayes & Bill List	
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<b>Sunday, December 8</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	
Lay Leader:	Jenny Prescia	Lay Reader: Kati Gruneisen
Greeter:	Trinity Routledge	Advent Wreath: Dan, Netti, Max & Charlie Bell
Usher:	Chris Carlson	
Children's Message:	Bill List	
Communion Assistant:	Steve Grace	
Sound Tech:		
PowerPoint Tech:		
Altar Guild:	Krissy & Steve Grace	
Counters:	Krissy Grace & Steve Jacobson	
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<b>Sunday, December 15</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	
Lay Leader:	Jenny Prescia	Lay Reader: Steve Grace
Usher:	Chris Carlson	Advent Wreath: Rapaka Family
Children's Message:	Bill List	
Communion Assistant:	Kari Payne	
Sound Tech:		
Media Tech:	Steve Jacobson	
PowerPoint Tech:		
Altar Guild:	Krissy & Steve Grace	
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Kathi Mac Dougall	
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<b>Sunday, December 22</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	
Lay Leader:	Jenny Prescia	Lay Reader: Heidi Griffith
Usher:	Chris Carlson	Advent Wreath: Emso Family
Children's Message:	Bill List	
Communion Assistants:	Kari Payne, Heidi Emso	
Sound Tech:		
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<b>Ushers:</b>	Debbie Jacobson	847-566-4764
<b>Media Tech:</b>	Steve Jacobson	847-566-4764
<b>Counters:</b>	Andrea Ammons	224-388-1041
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Jim Kowalewski	224-715-2141

### Veteran's 11/10



Bob Hereth, Lee Clouser, Ron Schultz, Dale Hamblin.

### Bags of sheets donated to quilters by Doubletree Hotel.



### Quilters group celebrating Lorraine!



**Pictures are  
Worth a  
1000 Words**

Both in our newsletter and website, we are in need of more pictures of the church, the programs and activities at the church.

Please email your pictures to [ajdondapati@vayunaproductions.com](mailto:ajdondapati@vayunaproductions.com),  
Avindondapati.  
Thank you



# December 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>8:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee / Fellowship Hour 10 CMas Tree Sales 10-7 10:45 Worship 11:00 Sunday School</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1 pm Lk County Co-Op 6:30 pm Early Bird AA</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7 pm SALC Exec. Team 7 Troop #198 7 Kirk Players-Artistic Dev</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10 am Bible Study 6:15 pm Soup Supper 7:00 Worship</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9 am Quilters</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5-8 CMas Tree Sales 5:30 pm Early Bird AA 9 pm Scout Lock-In</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10 CMas Tree Sales 10-7</p>
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## 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.**

## St. Andrew Opportunities to help & Share

- SALC Bible Study
- Faith Formation Committee
- Service Committee
- Caring In Action (CIA)

Team

- Quilting Ministry
- Women's Fellowship
- Parish Life
- Men's Breakfast
- Quilters
- Volunteer Needs
- Social Media Opportunities
- "People Power", i.e.

Volunteers for Sunday Worship Service

## Nursery Support:

Please help us to keep the nursery tidied! We'd appreciate your help in keeping that space tidied and cleaned up. Thank you for your help!

## Church Council

**Molly Dir** {Council President; Operations Committee}

**Anastasia Carmona** {Vice President; Service Committee}

**Krissy Grace** {Secretary; Worship & Music Committee}

**Bruce Dir** {Treasurer, Finance Committee}

**Jorge Cantu** {Service Committee}

**Tia Kowalewski** {Faith Formation Committee} **Steve**

**Payne** {Property Team; Operations Committee}

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

## Capture the Joy of Christmas at St. Andrew

Join us for our Christmas Photo Booth session after the 10:45 am service on Sunday, December 1, and after the 8:30 am service on Thursday, December 7.

If you're unable to make it on these dates, please let us know your availability, and we'll do our best to accommodate you.

Sessions are quick, lasting just 5-10 minutes, and your edited photos will be ready within two days. We look forward to sharing the warmth and joy of this season with you and your family!

## Quilters Craft and

**Raffle:** will be Dec 8 and Dec 15. Two weeks this year. Donations can be dropped on Thursday morning or they can be brought on Sunday and given to Judy Parriott, Debbie Jacobson or Lyn Hayes.... or, Anita, if you're not sure who those ladies are. We continue to collect gently used sheets for making the quilts. Please seek out a quilter, if questions

## Advent Midweek Soup Supper &

**Worship:** As in Lent,

we will be having midweek Advent soup suppers & worship on Wednesdays. Please join us each Wednesday as we gather for a delicious soup supper from 6:15-6:45pm. If you're able to bring something to share, soup, bread, and simple sides are always a hit. Everyone is welcome though, even if you aren't able to bring anything to share. We always have enough! Worship will begin at 7 PM.

## Editor's Notes

Information to share, thank-yous, articles, notes, stories & pictures, (many photographers needed!) please continue to email them to:

[ajdondapati@vayunaproductions.com](mailto:ajdondapati@vayunaproductions.com)

Please put **ENCOUNTER** in the subject header.

**Next Due Date will Be - Friday, Dec. 13th**

*For our young readers*



For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,  
which is Christ the Lord.



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## All are Welcome...

The Sunday Morning  
Worship Schedule is:

Worship services are held  
at 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM.

Sunday Service  
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