

Encounter

The Pastor's Pen

Charles Dickens once made the observation that many people seem to think that it's enough to set aside only one day in the year to give thanks to God. He went on to suggest that it would be far better if we were to set aside one day for complaining and to use the remaining 364 days for giving thanks. If we were to do this, Dickens said, we would be far happier and the world would be a better place.



Dickens is right in suggesting that it's wrong to limit our thanksgiving to a single day toward the end of November. It is also wrong to restrict our thanks to the confines of our prayers. **Thanksgiving needs to find expression through our entire being ...** Thanksgiving needs to find expression through our entire being: through our words, through regular worship, through deeds of love and service, and through our offerings.

It's appropriate that, as members of St. Andrew, we give special emphasis to our personal stewardship during the month in which we celebrate our national day of thanksgiving. As we do so, it is important that we ask ourselves: Does the way in which I use my money reveal my faith and my level of thanksgiving to God, the Giver of all that I have?

Jesus had a great deal to say about money. He knew that money can be either a blessing or a curse – either a means for furthering our selfishness or an opportunity to express generosity and gratitude, love for God and others. Our hearts and lives are shaped more by our wallets and purses, investments and bank accounts, than we realize. Money can easily become a millstone around our necks, stripping us of our freedom to love others and to serve. One of the hardest things for us to give up is often our money. It should not be so for God's stewards. When our offerings are a true reflection of our gratitude, then our giving will be generous and joyful.

Being aware of God's generosity to us, let us follow Charles Dickens' advice. Let us give thanks each day of the year – with our words, yes, but also by being faithful stewards of all that God has entrusted to us.

With gratitude for your commitment to the ministry we share,

Pastor Selbo

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

We are pleased to announce that Community Protestant Church in Mundelein is joining us for this year's Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service. The service will be held at St. Andrew on Wednesday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m., and will be led by the pastors and worship leaders of both congregations.



Community Protestant is a member of the United Church of Christ, which is an ecumenical partner of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We look forward to coming together with fellow believers in a service of praise and thanksgiving.

Family and friends are welcome!

New Member Orientation

An orientation session for people interested in membership at St. Andrew is being held Sunday, November 13, from 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m. We will meet downstairs in Johnson Hall – in the area just past the kitchen. A light lunch and childcare are provided. Talk to Pastor Selbo or Anita Pahlman for more information (847-566-8081).



Quilters' Crossing

Fall is here and quilters are back in full swing again on Thursday mornings. We will also continue to meet on one Saturday morning (beginning again in January 2017) assembling quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We welcome any new helpers on Thursday morning and any at-home contributors.



Tickets for our Annual Christmas Quilt (queen size) Auction will go on sale December 4th and 11th. The drawing will be on December 11th.

Our 2017 calendars will be available the final Sunday in December. Homemade crafted items, made by the quilters and others, will also be available.

We're on our way to meeting our goal of 300 T-shirts, washed & unstained, by the end of 2017. Thank you very, very much St. Andrew members, family, neighbors and friends!

The Infant Care Kits were sent to the Elgin distributing area and from there are on their way to Lutheran World Relief for overseas shipment, giving comfort to many infants and their mothers.

November is the month of THANKS to all who are GIVING of themselves with their help and donations to our church's Quilters. Anita Pahlman was our lucky recipient of the recent, "free ticket to all contributors" quilt raffle!

Happy Thanksgiving!
Shirley Lueck

Veterans Day Special Recognition November 13th



On Sunday, November 13, St. Andrew will recognize and honor all members of the congregation who have served or are serving in our country's armed forces in war or peacetime.

If you are a veteran or member of the armed forces, please be in church that Sunday. If you have any or all of your uniform (that still fits!), please wear it and be recognized.

So that we can include your name in the bulletin, please call the church office (847-566-8081) *Thank you.*

We salute you!

Scripture Readings for November

November 06 --

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 19:23-27a

Psalm 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,
13-17

Luke 20:27-38

November 13 --

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

November 20 --

Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

November 27 --

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Worship Attendance for September

| Date | 8:30 | 10:45 | Total |
|------|--------------------|-------|-------|
| 9/4 | 72 | 50 | 122 |
| 9/11 | 103 | 110 | 213 |
| 9/18 | 110 | 65 | 175 |
| 9/25 | 93 | 160 | 253 |
| 9/4 | Labor Day | | |
| 9/11 | Work Camp Sunday | | |
| 9/18 | 1 Baptism (8:30) | | |
| 9/25 | 2 Baptisms (10:45) | | |

Totals for September: 8:30 -- 378
10:45 -- 385

In Remembrance of Lois Evans

November 9, 1930 to
October 18, 2016

We extend our sympathy to Marv Evans and his family on the death of Marv's wife, Lois. Lois was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and grew up in Duluth. She and Marv met while attending North Dakota State University. They were blessed with two children, Cynthia and Mark, and with three grandchildren. Residents of Mundelein since 1966, Lois and Marv joined St. Andrew in 2008. Lois was a homemaker, interior designer, and talented and creative seamstress. We give thanks for her life lived among us, and pray that the promise of eternal life in Christ will be a source of comfort and peace to all who are mourning her death.



Gift/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

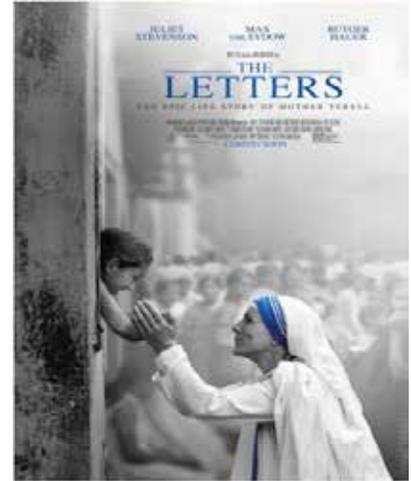
**IN MEMORY, IN HONOR,
AND WITH THANKS TO GOD
FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED.**

St. Andrew Fellowship/Movie Night

"The Letters" Saturday, November 19, 2016

Food will be served from 5 to 6:15 ,
with movie starting at 6:30 p.m.

Based on the true story of Mother Theresa. The Letters explore the life's works of one of the greatest humanitarians of all time. Her selfless devotion to helping the poor changed hearts throughout the world. Told thru a series of personal letters written to her friend and spiritual advisor, this powerful film is an unforgettable journey of faith, courage and compassion



You are invited to join us as we watch the 2003 film that the New York Times called "epic" and "ravishingly beautiful."

Thank You, Danny, Cindy & Tim Mivelaz

Movie Night Update

I would like to thank everybody who has been coming to Movie Night. This October we celebrate one year of having our Fellowship / Movie night.

During that time, ALL of the free will donations which were collected, which came to almost a \$1000 dollars, has either been put toward the St. Andrew Care Fund or given to any member who may have had a needed some assistance throughout that time..The Free-will offerings from October, November and December will be collected and will purchase gift cards to be given to the PADs, which we host this Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Details will be coming later on how we will be able to help the less fortunate people as we approach the Holiday season.

Thanks and God Bless
Danny, Cindy & Tim Mivelaz

PEOPLE POWER – 8:30 a.m. – NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday, November 6 **8:30 a.m.**
Assisting Minister: Stan Sanderson
Lay Reader: Kris Bacci
Acolyte: Alexis Ehlebracht & Jamie Shuman
Welcomer: Laurel Caldara
Greeter: Tom Girmscheid
Ushers: Lew Boyd, Steve Jacobson, Roger Bacci, Chris Binversie
Sound Tech: Tom Girmscheid
Phone Receptionist: Anita Pahlman
Altar Guild: Barb Binversie
Counters: Andrea Ammons & Carol Clark

Sunday, November 13 **8:30 a.m.**
Assisting Minister: Dave Bender
Lay Reader: Carol Bertrand
Acolyte: Keith Erickson & Jordan Shuman
Welcome Team: John & Rose Felde
Greeters: Bill & Laurie Turner
Ushers: Jean Fagerstrom, Steve Jacobson, Gary Schuessler, Lew Boyd
Sound Tech: Carl Schoenfield
Phone Receptionist: Anita Pahlman
Altar Guild: Barb Binversie
Counters: Laurie Nielsen & Julie Kangas

Sunday, November 20 **8:30 a.m.** **Christ the King Sunday / Commitment Sunday**
Assisting Minister: Judy Boyd
Lay Reader: Jeff Hayes
Acolyte: Raiden Kolar & Natalie Towle
Greeter: Laurel Caldara
Ushers: Dave Bender, Tom Girmscheid, Steve Jacobson, Vern Potillo
Sound Tech: John Bestler
Phone Receptionist: Anita Pahlman
Altar Guild: Barb Binversie
Counters: Andrea Ammons & Bob Hernquist

Sunday, November 27 **8:30 a.m.** **First Sunday of Advent**
Assisting Minister: Leslie Parriott
Lay Reader: Debbie Jacobson
Acolyte: Angelina Rizzo & Olivia Zavorski
Welcome Team: John & Rose Felde
Greeter: Diane Sanderson
Ushers: Laurie Ann Bender, Laurel Caldara, Lois Laedtke, Debbie Jacobson
Sound Tech: Ray Potillo
Altar Guild: Judy Boyd
Phone Receptionist: Barb Binversie
Counters: Andrea Ammons & Kathy MacDougall

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

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| Acolyte: | Nancee Erickson | |
| Assisting Ministers/Lay Reader/Greeters/Phone Receptionist: | Anita Pahlman | 847-566-8081 |
| Nursery Attendants (Both Services) | Jessica Beyer | 847-566-0474 |
| Ushers: | Lois Laedtke | |
| Sound Tech: | Tom Girmscheid | 847-814-5401 |
| Counters: | Andrea Ammons | 847-548-8092 |

PEOPLE POWER – 10:45 a.m. – NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday, November 6 **10:45 a.m.**
Worship Leader: Bill List
Welcome Team: Mivelaz Family
Greeters: Jackie Schmidt and Elissa Towle & Family
Phone Receptionist: Anita Pahlman
Nursery Attendants:
Ushers: Tom Beyer, Bob Adams, Elissa Towle
Altar Guild: Barb Binversie
Counters: Andrea Ammons & Carol Clark

Sunday, November 13 **10:45 a.m.**
Worship Leader: Jenny Prescia
Greeters: Lisa Green & Family
Welcome Team: Danny & Cindy Mivelaz
Phone Receptionist: Anita Pahlman
Nursery Attendants:
Ushers: Tom Beyer, Kari Payne, Tim Mivelaz
Altar Guild: Barb Binversie
Counters: Laurie Nielsen & Julie Kangas

Sunday, November 20 **10:45 a.m.** **Christ the King Sunday / Commitment Sunday**
Worship Leader: Jenny Prescia
Welcome Team: Mivelaz Family
Greeters: God Squad
Phone Receptionist: Anita Pahlman
Nursery Attendants:
Head Usher: Tom Beyer
Altar Guild: Barb Binversie
Counters: Andrea Ammons & Bob Hernquist

Sunday, November 27 **10:45 a.m.** **1st Sunday of Advent**
Worship Leader: Jenny Prescia
Welcome Team: Danny, Cindy & Tim Mivelaz
Greeter: Chris Ihlenburg
Ushers: Tom Beyer, Phil & Teresa Maki, Bob Adams
Nursery Attendants:
Altar Guild: Barb Binversie
Phone Receptionist: Anita Pahlman
Counters: Andrea Ammons & Kathy MacDougall

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

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| Worship Leaders/Lay Reader/Greeters/Phone Receptionist: | Anita Pahlman | 566-8081 |
| Nursery Attendants: | Jessica Beyer | 566-0474 |
| Ushers: | Tom Beyer | 566-0474 |
| Counters: | Andrea Ammons | 548-8092 |

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AT
ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

“In this nutritious cooking workshop, Liz Sommer, registered dietitian and culinary instructor, will demonstrate how easy it is to make homemade soups that are healthy, hearty and delicious.



Participants will not only walk away with a full belly (samples will be provided) but with the nutrition tips and culinary tricks that will make healthy holiday eating quick and easy.”

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
10 S. LAKE STREET, MUNDELEIN, IL
PHONE: (847) 566-8081

Thank You For a Successful Garden

The garden at St Andrew was a big success this year. Members of our congregation donated \$400.00 for fresh produce that was available after church services. This success was due to the huge effort and physical work of several people. Dave Frost obtained the seeds, tilled and planted the garden. Chuck Fitzthugh, John and Char Bestler weeded the garden and also picked vegetables on several occasions. Other members who also helped with picking and cleaning were Marion Collins, Otis Hedlund, Bob Hernquist, Becky and Joe Patrick. COOL Ministries thanks all of these people and the members of St. Andrew who donated their time, money and hard work to make the garden project a big success. Chuck Fitz-Hugh volunteered many hours to this project by lining up volunteers, cleaning and bagging the vegetables, and providing the attractive display at the church services every week. Thank you so much!

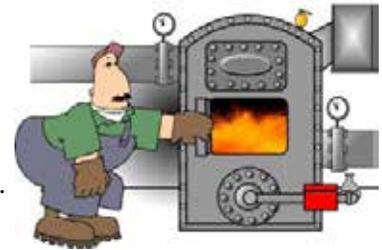
Becky Patrick

Boiler Update *The HEAT is on!!*

The HEAT is on!! Thanks to everyone's abundant generosity the new boiler project is complete. This was paid for through the congregations extra giving which frees up money in the building fund for other needed improvements.

Your Long Range Property Planning Committee's upcoming projects include a new garage/storage, removal of old garage and new parking lots. These are big endeavors which will need your prayers and continued financial support and by the grace of God we will get these goals accomplished. The property teams thanks you for your support.

John Bestler



STEWARDSHIP – “Is it YOUR WAY OF LIFE”??

Stewardship is everything we do after we say “I believe.” Though faith is not always comfortable. Faith must be an exercise of the heart and the mind. It is something we cannot always understand but we have to truly believe that God is in control and he is to be trusted. Over the past several weeks we have heard Pastor Mark preach on the book of 2 Timothy starting at chapter 1: 5. The Apostle Paul wrote the following words to Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry: “I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.” We are all apostles commissioned to pass our faith to others!

As part of this fall’s stewardship campaign at St. Andrew, we are encouraging each of you to celebrate and give thanks for the legacy of faith that you have received. How did you receive the gift of faith? Through the work of the Holy Spirit, certainly, but it was no doubt through the witness of other people – parents, grandparents, friends, pastors, teachers. And now that you have received the legacy of faith, how is God using you to pass that legacy on to others? We have many opportunities here at St. Andrew and in our everyday contact with those around us to pass on our faith and live as God and the Holy Spirit guide us.

November 20 is Commitment Sunday at St. Andrew. During worship that day, each of us will have the opportunity to make a financial commitment to support the work of the church in the coming year. Please prayerfully consider the commitment that God is calling you to make. Your financial support, along with your participation in the life of our congregation, helps ensure that the legacy you have received will remain alive.

Can YOU put your life in the hands of the living God? Do you believe that YOU are in God’s plan? We must first believe and then we can begin to understand, explain and act on our belief which will then lead others to this glorious life. What a wonderful legacy to pass along!

Your Stewardship Team

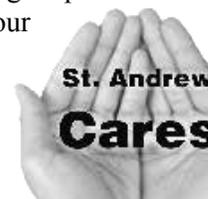
Dear Lord,

Please give each of us the courage and strength to put our beliefs, our faith, into action. Please show us the way to be open and visible to those around us.

St. Andrew Cares

St. Andrew Cares is a special assistance fund administered by Pastor Selbo and used to help people in need, both from within and outside of the congregation. St. Andrew Cares is funded entirely by donations; it is not one of our congregation’s budget items. Especially with the economic difficulties that many people in our community continue to face, St. Andrew Cares is as needed ever.

If you would like to make a contribution to this fund, you may give it to Pastor Selbo, send it to the church office, or place it in the Sunday morning offering plate. Giving a gas card or a gift certificate from Jewel is also a great way to help meet the needs of those who occasionally come to the church seeking help. Thank you for your generosity!



Editor’s Notes:

Information to share; thank-yous, articles, notes, stories or pictures, please email to:

dehamm@comcast.net.

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

***Next Due Date will Be
Tuesday, November 15th***

*Thank you again,
Donn Hamm*

November 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | 7 pm Evangelism 7 pm W&M 7:30 pm Troop 198 8:30 pm Mund. AA | 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Daisies #45193 7:00 pm Choir Reh. | 9 am Quilters 7 pm Scouts B.O.R. 7 pm Kirk Players Reh | 5:30 pm Early Bird AA 7:30 pm Kirk Mtg | 10 am Power of Praise Rehearsal (POP) |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| ALL SAINTS DAY 8:30 Traditional 9:40 Adult Forum 9:45 KFC 10:45 Contemporary 5:15 H2H M/up #3 6 H2H Lesson #4 | 9 am H.O.U.S.E. 6 pm Brownies #40310 6:30 pm Webelos 2 6:30 Early Bird AA 7 Kirk Rehearsal 7 Cub #98 Parents Mtg | ELECTION DAY 8 am Men's Breakfast (Hillside Rest.) 7 pm Council Mtg 7:30 pm Troop 198 8:30 pm Mund. AA | 10 am Bible Study 1 pm H.O.U.S.E. 6:30 Lucky Ducks 4-H 7:00 Choir Reh. 7 Kirk Rehearsal | 9 am Quilters 7 pm Women's Fellowship 7 pm Scouts B.O.R. 7 pm Kirk Players Reh | VETERANS DAY 8 th Gr. L. O. M. C. 5:30 pm Early Bird AA | 8:30 am Women's Breakfast Bible Study 10 am POP Rehearsal 8 th Gr. L. O. M. C. |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| VETERANS RECOG. 8:30 Traditional 9:40 Adult Forum 9:45 KFC 10:45 Contemporary w/ 3 rd Gr. Bible Presentation 12 pm New Member Orientation | 9 am H.O.U.S.E. 2:30 pm Advocate Soup Lunch 6:30 pm Early Bird AA | ENCOUNTER ARTICLES DUE 7 pm Worship & Music Team Mtg 7:30 pm Troop 198 8:30 pm Mund. AA | 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Daisies #45193 7:00 pm Choir Reh. | 9 am Quilters - Brown Bag Lunch 6:30 Staff Support | 5:30 pm Early Bird AA 7 pm Cub #98 Pack Meeting | 9 am CMas Tree Set-Up 10 am POP MOVIE NIGHT! "The Letters" 5 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Movie |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| Christ the King Commitment Sunday 8:30 Traditional 9:40 Adult Forum 9:45 KFC 10:45 Contemporary 5:15 H2H M/up #4 6 H2H Lesson #5 | 9 am H.O.U.S.E. 6 pm Brownies #40310 6:30 pm Early Bird AA | 8 am Men's Breakfast (Hillside Rest.) 7:30 pm Troop 198 8:30 pm Mund. AA | Thanksgiving Eve 7 pm Worship |  thanksgiving | CMas Tree Sale Begins 5:30 pm Early Bird AA | 9 am Quilters 10 am POP Rehearsal |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |
| 1 st Advent 8:30 Traditional 9:40 Adult Forum 9:45 KFC 10:45 Contemporary | 9 am H.O.U.S.E. 6:30 pm Early Bird AA 7:30 Mund. Coin Club | 7:30 pm Troop 198 8:30 pm Mund. AA | 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Advent Mid-week Worship 7:30 pm Choir Reh. | | | |

PRAYER VENTURES

November 2016

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the church. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

- 1** *All Saints Day* Today we remember God's faithful people, saints who have gone before us—recently and throughout history—sharing the gospel, furthering the mission of the church, demonstrating love and justice in the world, and serving as bold witnesses to Jesus Christ.
- 2** Our words, actions and attitudes influence people more than we realize. We ask God's forgiveness when we fail to give witness to our new life in Christ and pray the Spirit will rekindle our faith and witness each day that all may experience the good news of Jesus Christ in us and through us.
- 3** During National Adoption Awareness Month, we remember in our prayers infants, children and youth in need of safe and loving homes, and we give thanks for parents who open their hearts, lives and homes to them through adoption and foster care.
- 4** We remember in our prayers the Rev. Brian Palmer and the Rev. Linda Johns Seyenkulo, ELCA missionaries serving in Liberia in partnership with the Lutheran Church in Liberia and working with theological education, curriculum development and leadership training.
- 5** We ask God to lead us out of the darkness of mistrust, blame, hatred, racism, violence, misunderstanding and division and into the light of God's Word and along God's paths of peace, goodness, justice, healing and humility.
- 6** *All Saints Sunday* We lift up in prayer and celebrate the lives of people who have influenced and encouraged—intentionally or indirectly—our lives, faith, maturing and discernment of how to serve our neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ.
- 7** Being sinners and saints, we pray God knows our desire and efforts to follow God's ways and Word, be faithful, do good in the world and serve our

neighbor, and we pray for God's forgiveness, steadfast love and help in our moments of weakness and failure.

- 8** *Election Day* We pray today that our nation will exercise civility, wisdom and mindfulness of the diverse needs of our communities and neighbors as we choose a new president and leaders. We pray that we will move forward—together—in constructive ways, with our visions, plans and actions guided by God's Spirit.
- 9** Youth and family ministers attend to the spiritual, social and emotional needs of youth. We give thanks to God for their ministry and special skills and pray the Spirit will guide their work and that we will support and nurture their leadership in our congregations.
- 10** We remember in our prayers the gathering of the ELCA Church Council in Chicago and ask God to bless and inspire its work and decisions for the sake of God's work in the world through our church and each of us.
- 11** *Veterans Day* On this day, especially, we remember in our prayers and give thanks for the sacrifice and service of men, women and young adults who have served in the U.S. military in the interest of freedom, peace and justice here and throughout the world.
- 12** We ask God to watch over the children, spouses and families of all those who serve in the military and that they find comfort and care in congregations, supportive communities and chaplains serving the U.S. military and Veterans Affairs hospitals.
- 13** In these difficult, frightening and seemingly chaotic times, we pray that we not lose our focus on God's promises, love and forgiveness.
- 14** We give thanks to God for second-career pastors who, in the course of their lives and work, have sensed and responded to God's calling to serve as ordained ministers of Word and Sacrament in the church.
- 15** We trust that God's love is steadfast and faithful, and we pray that God will look upon us and judge us with forgiveness and mercy, though we are undeserving.

16 We remember in our prayers regions of the world where there is conflict and war, and we continue to pray for peace, reconciliation, healing and the emergence of leaders who are guided by wisdom, compassion and commitment to the well-being of those they are called to serve.

17 Our church partners with ministries and organizations that care for people who live in poverty and hunger, who suffer injustice, who are imprisoned, who suffer illness and who are recovering from tragedy and disasters. We ask God to broaden our awareness of these needs and efforts and move us to greater involvement.

18 We pray the Spirit will deepen our relationships with other Lutheran churches and open doors where division and conflict prevent conversation, cooperation and unity. We pray that one day we will embrace each other and work together as brothers and sisters in Christ, united in the body of Christ for the sake of the world.

19 We ask God's help and wisdom in pursuing our goal of full partnership and participation of African Descent, American Indian and Alaska Native, Arab and Middle Eastern, Asian and Pacific Islander and Latino people in the life of the ELCA.

20 We offer praise and acknowledgment in our prayers for Jesus Christ—the true Messiah, our savior, the son of God—our real hope and salvation.

21 We remember in our prayers the Rev. Philip and Lou Marie Knutson, the Rev. Tessa Moon and Jon Leiseth, and Allison Westerhoff, ELCA missionaries serving in South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland. We ask God to bless their work and grow the ministries of the partner churches and organizations they serve alongside.

22 As humans, we find ourselves still asking questions about the nature of Jesus. In our curiosity, doubts and searching we ask God to continue to reveal and reassure us with the truth of God's Word and to strengthen our faith as we encounter God's divine mystery.

23 For people traveling to be with friends and family on the holidays, we pray for safe travel and joyful gatherings; for those who are alone, we pray

they are welcomed in and know the joy of hospitality and community; for the many who work through the holidays, we pray our expressions of appreciation and blessing will lift their spirits and remind them they are not forgotten nor taken for granted.

24 *Thanksgiving Day* We give thanks and praise to God in our prayers for all that we have received that sustains us, contributes to our joy and fullness of life, equips us to serve our neighbor and enables us to respond generously to people in need in our communities and globally.

25 Worship leaders, assistants and musicians help us celebrate, pray, grow in faith, center ourselves in God's Word and presence, and connect our faith with everyday life. For their leadership and guidance, we give thanks.

26 We remember in our prayers people who have few resources and not enough to sustain their lives and families and pray that we freely share our bounty with others while also working creatively with them to foster self-sufficient, thriving communities.

27 *First day of Advent* Entering the season of Advent, we offer prayers in anticipation of celebrating Jesus' birth and, at the same time, prayers of thanksgiving for the fulfillment of God's promises and the love and new life we experience daily through Jesus Christ.

28 As God's children, we pray that our understanding and practice of stewardship reflect God's intent for humanity and all creation and that we value, respect, share and use wisely all that God has entrusted to our care.

29 We remember in our prayers places in the world recovering from earthquakes, draught, severe weather and other disasters, and we offer our thanksgiving and encouragement for the emergency relief work and presence of Lutheran Disaster Response and The Lutheran World Federation.

30 Just as the disciples who were fishermen dropped their nets and followed Jesus at his invitation, we pray that we too are willing and quick to follow Jesus and learn to share boldly the good news—the gospel message—with the world.

Women's Fellowship 2016-2017 Schedule

We have an excellent calendar of events for this upcoming year. Not only will we be having some of our annual activities, we will also be hosting some guest presenters and having a couple of "field trips." All meetings at the church are @ 7:00 PM on the SECOND Thursday of each month. Please plan on joining us and invite your friends, neighbors and family members.

Any questions, please contact Barb Binversie @ [847-566-8708](tel:847-566-8708) or barbarabinversie@gmail.com

Thursday - November 10 - Book Club - Honoring 500 years - Martin Luther, Reformation 1517

We have been wanting to have a "Book Club" and what better book to read but about Katherine Luther, the woman behind Martin Luther. Pick up the paperback [Kitty, My Rib: The Heartwarming Story of a Woman of Courage and Devotion](#) by E. Jane Mall (copies will be available at church for \$13.00) Have it read by 11/10 for a thoughtful discussion about "Kitty" and how she enhanced Luther's life with the joys and fullness of family living.

Thursday - December 8 - Christmas Caroling to Shut Ins

This is our annual and special tradition that continues to grow each year. We will share Christmas music and cookies with our senior St. Andrew members. This truly gets everyone in the joyous Christmas spirit.

Thursday - January 12 - Annual Fun Bunco Night

Ready for laughs, stories, and memories? What will be in

the "unique" gift pile for Bunco this year. This is no skill or talent necessary to play this dice game. Plan ahead to what "white elephant" gifts you might like to donate to this exciting evening.

Thursday - February 9 - Game Day

When was the last time that you had time to just relax and play a board game with friends? Bring your favorite games - cards, board games, dice to share with our group. Maybe you have games from your childhood that you would like to share with others. Maybe you will learn a new game that you have not played before. This should be a fun-filled evening that you will love!

Thursday - March 9 - Feed My Starving Children - Service Project!

Field Trip to Feed My Starving Children, 742 East Park Avenue (176, Libertyville, 6:00 - 7:30 PM (please note earlier time!)) Feed My Starving Children® is a Christian non-profit organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: children and adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, and we ship these meals to our distribution partners. FMSC meals have reached nearly 70 countries around the world in our history.

Thursday - April 13 - Wise Moves, Allison Wilmes

Experienced yoga and movement therapist Allison Wilmes will guide us through "chair exercises" to reduce shoulder and neck stiffness and help with suggestions for lower back pain. With simple, targeted movements, she can assist with ideas to reduce pain. What a great idea to prepare us for our spring gardening and outdoor activities.

Saturday - April 29 - 11th Annual Ladies' Tea 2:00 PM

Looking forward to Leslie Goddard's one-woman show. More details to follow. It will be an amazing event. Save the date!

Thank you from Pastor Mark

On Sunday morning, October 16, the congregation surprised me with a huge birthday card signed by many of you, along with a generous monetary gift and two tickets to see the musical group, the Monkeys, at the Genesee Theater. (How did you know I like the Monkeys?) This was after recognizing me the week before on the occasion of Pastor Appreciation Sunday.

Thank you so very much! I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity (and also how well you are able to keep a secret – on both Sundays I was completely surprised!). I appreciate even more the privilege of being the pastor of such a supportive and faithful congregation. The partnership we share is a gift for which I continually give thanks to God.

God's blessings to all of you,
Pastor Mark

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