

# Encounter

## The Pastor's Pen



We are currently in the season of the church year known as Epiphany. The focus of Epiphany could perhaps best be described as "Making Jesus Known." Through the star in the east, God made Jesus known to the wise men. Through the voice at his baptism, Jesus was made known to John the Baptist and the other people who were there at the Jordan River. Through his teaching and miracles, Jesus was made known to his disciples and the crowds. The season of Epiphany is a time when we are reminded that God desires to make Jesus known to all the people of the world.

As people who are part of the Christian church, you and I are privileged to have had Jesus made known to us through the witness of others. Our parents, our pastors, our Sunday school teachers, our friends – there have probably been many people who have played a role in making Jesus known to us. These people, in a very real

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sense, are the "stars" who have led us to Jesus. Without their passion for both us and the gospel, we might never have come to know the love of our Savior. Epiphany is a time to remember and give thanks for the witness of these individuals.

Epiphany is also a time to recommit ourselves to our calling to now be "stars" to others. As parents and grandparents, what are we doing to introduce our

children and grandchildren to Jesus? Through our interaction with the people around us – in our communities, at our jobs, in our schools – what are we doing to make Jesus known? Are we looking for opportunities to invite friends to worship, or to invite neighborhood children to Sunday school? Do we say to people who are going through struggles, "I'm praying for you," both as a way of supporting them and as a way of giving witness to our faith? Are we letting our light shine, not only with our words, but with our actions?

One of the reasons God has brought us together as a congregation is so that we can support one another in our calling to make Jesus known. As we worship together, as we pray and study together, as

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## Sunday Morning Adult Forum

This year marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. It was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses (statements for discussion and debate) to the door of the castle church in Wittenberg, Germany.

As part of our observance of this anniversary here at St. Andrew, Carol Bertrand will be speaking about the following topics in the Adult Forum during the month of February:

**Feb 5:** - Martin Luther, the man of the 16<sup>th</sup> century

**Feb 12:** - Other important people of the Reformation: Katie Luther, Philip Melancthon, Lucas Cranach, Johannes Bugenhagen, and Johann Tetzel

**Feb. 19:** - The 95 Theses and other important writings: The Augsburg Confession, The Book of Concord, and Luther's Table Talks

**Feb. 26:** - The Reformation, Vatican II Council, and Lutheran/Roman Catholic dialogue today

Carol joined St. Andrew last November. She is the mother of Mary Garbrecht, and has a deep knowledge of the Reformation and Lutheran history. We look forward to receiving what she has to share!

The Adult Forum meets upstairs in Nelson Hall each Sunday morning from 9:45 to 10:30. Talk to Pastor Selbo if you have questions or would like more information.

# Quilters' Crossing

Well, January has been January - Cold, blustery, icy and some snow.



Also had some warmer days. Many quilters braved the wintery weather continuing to do their ministry of quilting on Thursday mornings from 9 A.M. to noon. Some of us who were unable to come to the church on Thursday mornings did quilt tops at home. We resumed our 4th Saturday of the month in January. We welcome new people to join our quilters Thursdays and/or the 4th Saturday A.M. of the month.

Once again thanks to everyone who have contributed to this worthy ministry. We can always make use of contributions of batting for fillers, large pieces of fabric - cotton or cotton blends, mattress pads and washable blankets - no knits or stretchy fabrics.

Come join us. We can and will teach you the steps in putting together a quilt.

Questions? Call Judy @ 847-566-5398 or Shirley @ 847-548-5540

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we work together and play together, we are able to build each other up. We are able to encourage and strengthen each other. Coming together with sisters and brothers in Christ helps us to be stars who shine just a little bit brighter.

The season of Epiphany reminds us of our mission, both as individuals and as a congregation, to be making Jesus known. We give thanks for those individuals who have made Jesus known to us. And we give thanks for fellow believers who support and encourage us as we seek to make Jesus known to others.

May each of us let our light shine during the season of Epiphany and beyond!

Pastor Selbo

## Mount St. Joseph Home is in Need

**Mount St. Joseph** is in need of gently used wheelchairs in good condition for Developmentally Disabled Adult Women in Lake Zurich, IL

Please contact Chuck Fitz-Hugh at 847-708-1800 if you are able to donate.

## Scripture Readings for FEBRUARY

### February 05 --

#### 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]  
Psalm 112:1-9 [10]  
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]  
Matthew 5:13-20

### February 12 --

#### 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 119:1-8  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
Matthew 5:21-37

### February 19 --

#### 7th Sunday after Epiphany

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18  
Psalm 119:33-40  
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23  
Matthew 5:38-48

### February 26 --

#### Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm 2  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9

## Worship Attendance for December

Date	8:30	10:45	Total
<i>and Mid-Week Advent Services</i>			
12/4	99	65	164
12/7	23		
12/11	62	68	130
12/14	31		
12/18	67	76	143

### Christmas Eve Total: 354

5:00 pm	175
7:30 pm	84
10:00 pm	95

### Christmas Day Total: 46

**Total for 8:30: 228**

**Total for 10:45: 209**

**Total for 7 PM: 54**

12/18 8:30 a.m.  
Readings & Carols Service

# Evangelism Monthly News

Well, as one month has passed, I pray the New Year is starting out good for everyone.



This New Year we need to let the light of Jesus shine thru us to others as there is a lot of division of family, friends and church members. As The Evangelism Team seeks ways to reach out to our members to help them grow in their intimacy with Jesus and to enable them to be equipped to Share The Gospel with others, we need more volunteers to join us. Our first Evangelism meeting of the year was very positive. We want to reach out to our young adults who are in or going away to college, to reach out to our homebound members so they know we care about them and to be quick to reach out to visitors so they know we are here to help them grow in Christ. Our small team needs your support. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. We thank John Bestler for hanging up the Prayer Wall which Luke Colon-Groves painted. Also, listed below is the upcoming Movie Night.

God Bless,

The Evangelism Team

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## St. Andrew Fellowship/Movie Night

*Saturday, Feb. 18th*

*Food will be served from 5:00 to 6:15,  
with movie starting at 6:30 p.m.*

*This month's movie will be*

***Wildflower***

**Wildflower** is a gripping and intense movie that features a 12-year-old mystery surrounding a girl's death. Chloe (Nathalia Ramos) is an art student in college who begins suffering flashbacks from something that happened when she was a girl. These flashbacks include Chloe being chased by a truck and the remembrance of a man with a tattoo. She also sees someone attacked on a bridge. Her friend, Josh (Cody Longo), supports her and seeks out the truth of what happened so many years ago.



This film has a satisfying conclusion and incorporates wholesome storytelling. Chloe and Josh go into a church to seek God, and Chloe is a help to Josh, just as he is to her. Josh's brother is a pastor. Josh once went on a missions trip and has had a hard time letting go of a tragic occurrence involving a friend, but Chloe gives him the support he needs.

This well-acted movie features themes of friendship, commitment to finding the truth, and compassion. Even in your Darkest Times you are Never Alone. Hope you can make it.

Danny Cindy & Tim Mivelaz

# Living Lutheran Magazine

The Living Lutheran magazine is a subscription that St. Andrew feels is valuable enough to have one sent to each household in the congregation.



**We are asking for you to help offset the subscription costs.**

The subscription is just under \$10 each or \$1500 for the whole congregation. If you would donate \$10 or even \$20, the \$1500 for the annual subscription would not need to come out of the church general fund and that \$1500 could be used in other ministries.

Thank you,  
Gary Burchardt

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## Check Us Out on the Web



St. Andrew Web site,  
anywhere, any place. -  
*Hear the sermons and more!*

Look at the St. Andrew web-site  
([www.standrewmundelein.com](http://www.standrewmundelein.com)) and keep in touch!

# Prayer Board

One of the most precious gifts we can give to others, and that others can give to us, is the gift of prayer. When we pray for one another we are bringing our joys and sorrows, our struggles and concerns, into the very presence of God. To pray for another person is to support that person in one of the most caring and beautiful ways there is.

You have perhaps noticed that in the church narthex, on the wall above the welcome table by the entry way, there is now a prayer board. It was designed and put together by Luke Colon, one of our high school youth. The prayer board provides a way for us to post prayer requests, both for ourselves and for others. And it gives us the opportunity to include in our prayers the requests that others have posted. We trust that as the prayer board is used it will be a blessing, both to those who are being prayed for and to those who are doing the praying.

Thank you, Luke, for giving us one more way in which we here at St. Andrew can be supporting one another through the gift of prayer!



Prayer Board on the wall above the welcome table by the entry way

# PADS News:

**“Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the one nearest you.” ~ Mother Teresa**

St. Andrew’s PADS ministry serves every 4th Saturday and Sunday of the month.

A great way to serve is to help with the laundry. This consists of washing, drying, and folding sheets, slipcovers, and pillow cases. Our team will deliver the laundry to you, pick it up and deliver it back to Messiah. In the past, some have chosen to do it at home and others have gone to the laundromat. The PADS ministry supplies the detergent and will reimburse the cost of the laundromat. This can be a great family or group service project and is a much needed service.

Please contact Laurie Turner for more information about volunteering opportunities. You can also contact Vern Potillo about supply donations and contact Tom Girmscheid about other ways to be involved with this fine ministry. Look to the Social Ministry table for a wish list of needed items and more information.

Thank you for all you do.

- Food and Supply coordinator: Vern Potillo at [salrman@hotmail.com](mailto:salrman@hotmail.com)
- Volunteer Coordinator: Laurie Turner at [turnerlaurie24@gmail.com](mailto:turnerlaurie24@gmail.com)
- Site Manager: Tom Girmscheid at [tgirm58@gmail.com](mailto:tgirm58@gmail.com)
- PADS Lake County: [www.padslakecounty.org](http://www.padslakecounty.org)

### ***Upcoming PADS service dates:***

- January 28th & 29th
- February 24th & 25<sup>th</sup>
- March 25th & 26th
- April 22nd & 23rd



## **Editor’s Notes:**

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

**[dehamm@comcast.net](mailto:dehamm@comcast.net)**

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

***Next Due Date will Be  
Wednesday, February 15th***

*Thank you again, Donn Hamm*

# February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 Scout Sunday 6 am 1 <sup>st</sup> Responder Breakfast 8:30 Traditional 9:40 KFC 9:45 Adult Forum 10:45 Contemporary	6 9 am H.O.U.S.E. 6 pm Girl Scout Jrs. #40310 6:30 pm Webelos 2 6:30 pm Early Bird AA 7 pm Kirk Rehearsal 7 Cub Pack Parents 7:30 pm Bells	7 6:30 pm Webelos 1 7pm Evangelism 7:30 pm Troop 198 8:30 pm Mund. AA	8 10 am Bible Study 1 pm HOUSE 6 pm Brownies #43079 6 pm Girl Scouts 45453 6 pm Cub Wolves Den 6:30 Lucky Ducks 4-H 7 pm Kirk Players 7 pm Choir Reh.	9 9 am Quilters 7 pm Women's Fellowship (game night) 7 pm Kirk Rehearsal	10 5:30 pm Early Bird AA	11 8:30 am Women's Breakfast Bible Study 9 am Bible Study - Romans 10 am POP Rehearsal
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# Women's Fellowship 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](mailto:barbarabinversie@gmail.com)

## 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!

# Lutheran College Website

One of the gifts of the Lutheran church is a strong emphasis on education. There are 39 Lutheran colleges in the United States, many of them affiliated with the ELCA. If you are involved in the college search process or just curious about our schools of higher learning, check out the Lutheran college website at [www.lutherancolleges.org](http://www.lutherancolleges.org).

## Our Colleges & Universities

Augsburg College	Grand View University
Augustana College, Rock Island	Gustavus Adolphus College
Augustana University, Sioux Falls	Lenoir-Rhyne University
Bethany College	Luther College
California Lutheran University	Luther College, University of Regina
Capital University	Midland University
Carthage College	Muhlenberg College
Concordia College, Moorhead (ELCA)	Newberry College
Concordia College, Alabama	Pacific Lutheran University
Concordia College, New York	Roanoke College
Concordia University, Ann Arbor	St. Olaf College
Concordia University, Chicago	Susquehanna University
Concordia University, Irvine	Texas Lutheran University
Concordia University, Nebraska	Thiel College
Concordia University, Portland	Valparaiso University
Concordia University, St. Paul	Wagner College
Concordia University, Texas	Wartburg College
Concordia University, Wisconsin	Wisconsin Lutheran College
Finlandia University	Wittenberg University
Gettysburg College	



A Lutheran College  
Experience

## PEOPLE POWER – 8:30 A.M. – FEBRUARY

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### **Sunday, February 5**

**8:30 a.m.**

Assisting Minister: Stan Sanderson  
 Lay Reader: Kris Bacci  
 Acolytes: Tyler Mann & Karly Richlinski  
 Welcomers: Laurel Caldara  
 Greeters: Tom Girmscheid & Family  
 Ushers: Roger Bacci, Lew Boyd, Steve Jacobson, Bob Burchard  
 Sound Tech: Tom Girmscheid  
 Phone Receptionist: Anita Pahlman  
 Altar Guild: Teresa Maki  
 Counters: Andrea Ammons & Carol Clark

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### **Sunday, February 12**

**8:30 a.m.**

Assisting Minister: Dave Bender  
 Lay Reader: Barb Binversie  
 Acolytes: Jasper Winter & Evan Brydon  
 Welcome Team: John & Rose Felde  
 Greeters: Donn & Tana Hamm  
 Ushers: Jean Fagerstrom, Marion Collins, Gary Schuessler, Lew Boyd  
 Sound Tech: Carl Schoenfield  
 Phone Receptionist: Anita Pahlman  
 Altar Guild: Tana Hamm  
 Counters: Andrea Ammons & Bob Hernquist

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### **Sunday, February 19**

**8:30 a.m.**

Assisting Minister: Judy Boyd  
 Lay Reader: Carol Bertrand  
 Acolytes: Nadia Emso & Emma Dziekanski  
 Welcomer: Laurel Caldara  
 Greeters: Bacci Family  
 Ushers: Dave Bender, Tom Girmscheid, Donn Hamm, Vern Potillo  
 Sound Tech: John Bestler  
 Nursery:  
 Phone Receptionist: Anita Pahlman  
 Altar Guild: Teresa Maki  
 Counters: Laurie Nielsen & Julie Kangas

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### **Sunday, February 26**

**8:30 a.m. Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Assisting Minister: Stan Sanderson  
 Lay Reader: Debbie Jacobson  
 Acolytes:  
 Welcome Team: John & Rose Felde  
 Greeters: Diane Sanderson & Marion Collins  
 Ushers: Laurel Caldara, Lois Laedtke, Debbie Jacobson  
 Sound Tech: Ray Potillo  
 Nursery:  
 Altar Guild: Teresa Maki  
 Phone Receptionist: Anita Pahlman  
 Counters: Andrea Ammons & Kathi MacDougall

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

<b>Acolytes:</b>	Nancee Erickson	847-533-0965
<b>Assisting Ministers/Lay Reader/Greeters/Phone Receptionist:</b>	Anita Pahlman	847-566-8081
<b>Nursery Attendants (Both Services)</b>	Jessica Beyer	847-566-0474
<b>Ushers:</b>	Lois Laedtke	847-336-0505
<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Tom Girmscheid	847-814-5401
<b>Counters:</b>	Andrea Ammons	847-548-8092

## PEOPLE POWER – 10:45 A.M. – FEBRUARY

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<b>Sunday, February 5</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
Worship Leader:	Jenny Prescia
Welcome Team:	Mivelaz Family
Greeters:	Jackie Schmidt and Elissa Towle & Family
Ushers:	Tom Beyer, Bob Adams, Elissa Towle
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman
Altar Guild:	Teresa Maki
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Carol Clark
<b>Sunday, February 12</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
Worship Leader:	Bill List
Welcome Team:	Mivelaz Family
Greeter:	Chris Ihlenburg
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman
Nursery Attendants:	
Ushers:	Tom Beyer, Kari Payne, Tim Mivelaz
Altar Guild:	Tana Hamm
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Bob Hernquist
<b>Sunday, February 19</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>
Worship Leader:	Jenny Prescia
Welcome Team:	Mivelaz Family
Greeters:	God Squad
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman
Nursery Attendants:	
Ushers:	Tom Beyer, Tim Willems
Altar Guild:	Teresa Maki
Counters:	Laurie Nielsen & Julie Kangas
<b>Sunday, February 26</b>	<b>10:45 a.m. Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>
Worship Leader:	Jenny Prescia
Lay Reader:	Tim Willems
Welcome Team:	Mivelaz Family
Greeters:	Green Family
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman
Nursery Attendants:	
Ushers:	Tom Beyer, Tyler Green, Jacob Green
Altar Guild:	Teresa Maki
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Kathi MacDougall

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

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

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### Communications Committee Looking for New Webmaster

The Communications committee is now accepting applications for a new volunteer webmaster for our church website. **StAndrewMundelein.com**

Call or talk to Donn Hamm, Bruce Dir or Anita Pahlman if interested in this rewarding experience of working on the web! Computer and web experience necessary.

# PRAYER VENTURES

## February 2017

*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** Give thanks for all people – and during Black History Month especially for those of African descent – who are participating in God’s work of building a multicultural church and restoring and reconciling communities in the name of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

**2** Finding affordable housing is a challenge for many people in both urban and rural areas. Thank God for the ways in which congregations and communities work together to help people find places to live and pray that we not lose our vision of a world where all people live in safe, affordable and decent housing.

**3** Shout out words of praise and thanksgiving to God for the certain gift of salvation and true hope given to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**4** This year as we observe the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation give thanks to God for the work and voice of Martin Luther and other reformers—men and women alike—who were compelled to both challenge and encourage the church, that its traditions, doctrines and accepted practices be grounded in and true to God’s word and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**5** Pray that our lives and the work of our church be bright, clear witnesses of faith that all may know the good news of Jesus Christ and give glory to God.

**6** Remember in prayer the seven young adults and the country coordinators serving in the Young Adults in Global Mission program in Argentina and Uruguay. Pray for their well-being, that their service and witness touch many lives and their partnerships help strengthen God’s mission in the world.

**7** Pray the Holy Spirit will turn our trust to God’s wisdom and truth when we are tempted to rely on human teachings, wisdom, opinions or ways of thinking.

**8** We praise the Lord, our source of joy and happiness, and steady light of hope and reassurance where there is darkness.

**9** Pray those who continue to wage war and commit human atrocities in Syria will lay down their weapons and self-interests and redirect their energy and resources to establishing peace, reconciliation, creating a just and compassionate government, and rebuilding safe, prosperous communities for millions of refugees and internally displaced Syrians to return home to.

**10** The Presbyterian Church (USA) has been a full communion partner of the ELCA since 1997. Thank God for our deepening, maturing relationship and the work we do together in the world sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

**11** Laughter and humor are gifts from God. Smile and give thanks to God for people who help us laugh and see joy in life and for those whose humor helps break through our uneasiness with difficult issues, opening us to self-reflection and different perspectives on life.

**12** We ask God to remove any hesitations, stubbornness or pride we may have that prevent us from approaching people with whom we have conflict, differences or grudges, or who have wounded us and that we will take initiative to seek reconciliation, forgiveness and healing.

**13** In a world of conflict and division, even among people of faith, we ask God to strengthen our commitment to ecumenical and inter-faith relationships and conversations that lead to reconciliation and unity for the sake of the world and in the name of Jesus Christ.

**14** Reflecting on God’s unconditional love and forgiveness for all people, pray for a deepening and always maturing understanding of love and what contributes to healthy, growing relationships.

**15** We remember in our prayers people who are still grieving and recovering from loss of life, home or livelihood because of natural disasters and severe weather and pray they find comfort, strength and hope in God’s presence and the support of relief workers and volunteers who continue to accompany them.

**16** Give thanks for the joy that comes from studying God’s word, discerning God’s will for us and walking in God’s ways.

**17** Throughout the coldness of winter, we pray all those who are cold, without adequate income to pay for heat or who are homeless find warm shelter, assistance and the welcoming comfort of caring neighbors.

**18** *Death of Martin Luther (1546)* Give thanks for the life, bold faith, fervor for the gospel and teachings of Martin Luther, whose impact continues to influence and challenge the church and Christians today.

**19** Pray to have the boldness and courage of faith and compassion taught by Jesus, that we may live and act far beyond the constraints and expectations for justice, love and mercy taught by society.

**20** *Presidents Day* We give thanks for the peaceful transition of leadership our nation has known in its history, and pray our nation's leaders, and we as citizens and people of faith, work to ensure the voices of all people are heard and valued in the day-to-day deliberations and decisions made by our leaders and government.

**21** The Rev. Michael Fonner and Elizabeth Hendrickson are ELCA missionaries in Kenya, and the Rev. Linda Johnson Seyenkulo and the Rev. Brian Palmer serve in Liberia. Pray for their ministries, witness and the skills they bring to our partnerships with companion churches for sharing the gospel and serving neighbors in need.

**22** Nearing the mid-year for many teachers, teacher assistants, educators and professors, pray for their continued strength, creativity and enthusiasm as they teach and care for their students – children, youth and young adults of diverse needs, abilities and backgrounds.

**23** We lift up and give thanks to God for followers of Christ who have lost their lives for their faith and have inspired the church and other believers throughout history and pray we likewise will be self-sacrificing, fearless witnesses and servants of Jesus Christ in the world.

**24** Pray that God will teach us, help us understand and open our hearts and eyes to God's word and commandments that we may follow in God's ways.

**25** We remember in our prayers the deaconess community and women who have been called to Word and Service ministry as deaconesses. We pray the Spirit will guide and sustain them in their commitment to justice and mercy, bridge-building with others in mission and public witness to the gospel.

**26** *Transfiguration of our Lord* Give thanks to God for revealing to us Jesus Christ as Son of God and Son of Man, our Lord and Savior, the promised Messiah, our salvation and light. Pray we not keep the good news to ourselves or become arrogant as Christians but willingly respond to God's sending us into the world to share the gospel.

**27** Turn to God in praise and thanks for the gifts of faith and clarity that enable us to recognize and embrace the good news of Jesus Christ amid false promises, prophecies and distractions that would lead us away from the truth.

**28** *Shrove Tuesday* On this day, we humble ourselves and pray for forgiveness and ask God to create in us generous hearts and caring spirits that we may attend to the needs of our neighbors who are hungry, living in poverty and long for hope.

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## The Church Gift/Memorial Fund

*A memorial gift is a way to let the bereaved family know that people care and wish to remember the deceased in a special way. An honorarium is a way to remember a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, wedding, graduation, baptism, etc.*

### **GIFTS CAN BE GIVEN...**

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

### **Thank you for the following gifts given:**

#### **In Memory of Janet Gerjol**

Laurie & Bill Turner  
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# STEWARDSHIP

## YOUR WAY OF LIFE AND YOUR LEGACY

The Stewardship Team would again like to sincerely thank everyone who prayed to consider what they could give of their treasure and to make “God’s Work” a part of their daily lives. Also, a huge “thank you” to everyone who gives of their time and energy to keep our church alive and well!

Our gifts of our time and our talents are gifts from God that cannot be saved; they must be used a little each day. They cannot be transferred – only we alone must use our gifts!

It is also easy to forget that giving in itself is an indescribable gift from God. It is the driving force that compels us to care for our families and help others. Through our offerings we show gratitude for our time and talent and all the blessings of life. Just as we show love by providing for our family, we show love by providing for Christ’s family – our Faith family – our Church family.

In your daily life and in your offering, pray that you use your time, talent and resources wisely so you can say, “I have been a faithful steward of God’s gifts” and that Stewardship is now, “Your Way of Life.”

Amen.

## Lake County Haven

The Lake County Haven is one of the organizations that St. Andrew supports with an annual contribution from our local benevolence fund. The Haven provides food, safety, shelter, counseling, and life-skills training to women and children who are trying to find a path out of homelessness. As an example of the valuable service that the Lake County Haven provides, we share the following story from the Haven’s fall newsletter:



*For more than half of her 32 years, Cheryl has struggled with alcoholism. For seventeen years, the only solace she could find came to her while drinking. She struggled to feel “normal” and to make good choices: “Each decision I made seemed to pull me down lower and lower to the point that I felt hopeless and alone.”*

*Earlier this year, Cheryl achieved sobriety with the help of 12-Step meetings. But it wasn’t until she was accepted at the Lake County Haven that she felt she had achieved recovery, sanity, and safety. At the Haven, Cheryl has realized that her recovery from addiction and homelessness is an on-going process of hard work and self-management. “The group atmosphere and camaraderie I experience at the Haven is like no other. The sessions provided in the house have impacted me in such positive ways that I am now able to hold a job that I enjoy, attend college part-time, and communicate effectively with my peers.”*

*Cheryl knows that she still has much work to do in order to become independent. But thanks to the skills she has been practicing in the Haven’s Day Program, for the first time in a long time, she has a bright outlook on her future. “I look forward to each and every day as an opportunity to share my experience, strength, and hope with others, that they might find the peace I have found through the Lake County Haven.”*

It is because of the money that is designated for benevolence in the congregation’s weekly offerings that we are able to support the Haven and other local charities. Thank you!

To learn more about the Lake County Haven, visit their website at [www.LakeCountyHaven.org](http://www.LakeCountyHaven.org).

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## All are Welcome...

*The Sunday Morning  
Worship Schedule is:*

**Traditional Service:**  
8:30 a.m.

**Contemporary Service:**  
10:45 a.m.

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**Our mission as a congregation is to *Share Christ*. More specifically, it is to help people come to *know* Christ, to *grow* in their relationship with Christ and his Church, and to be equipped to *serve* and *witness* in Christ's name. We would love to have you join us in this mission.**