

Encounter

The Pastor's Pen

“Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” – Matthew 5:16



The above Bible verse is spoken each time a person is baptized. It's a verse that is good for us to keep in mind now that we have entered the season of Epiphany.

One of the major symbols of the Epiphany season is light. During Epiphany, we are reminded of the light of the star that led the wise men to Bethlehem. We are reminded that Jesus is the light of the world. And we are reminded that you and I, as Jesus' followers, are called to let our light shine before others.

Epiphany comes from a Greek word, *epiphaneia*, that means “appearing” or “being revealed.” The season of Epiphany is about God appearing and revealing himself to the world.

God appearing and revealing himself to the world

The New Testament tells us that God has revealed himself “in many and various ways” (Hebrews 1:1). God has revealed himself through the commandments given to Moses, through the messages of the prophets, through the beauty and wonder of creation, and through the voice of conscience that helps guide our actions. But most of all, God has revealed himself through Jesus. As Jesus himself says, “Whoever has seen me, has seen the Father” (John 14:9). It is in Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection, that we see most clearly who God is and what God is like.

And now that Jesus is no longer physically on the earth, it is through Jesus' body, the church, that God continues to reveal himself. It is through you and me and all believers that God is revealed to the world.

Does that sound too incredible to be true, that God would reveal himself through us? Incredible or not, it *is* true! Jesus says to us, “You are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14). It is through us – or, more accurately, it is through Jesus living in us – that the people around us are able to see God. The light of Jesus is shining today through you and me.

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Sunday Morning Adult Forum

During the month of February, as we continue watching and discussing the Bible overview course, “Reading Biblical Literature – Genesis to Revelation,” we will be exploring the book of Acts and the letters of the Apostle Paul.

After taking a break from the series during Lent, we will conclude by considering some of the other New Testament letters and, finally, the book of Revelation.

Led by Pastor Selbo, each of the sessions in the study includes an engaging DVD presentation by Dr. Craig Koester, professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary. Each session is self-contained, so even if you haven't seen any of the sessions we have covered so far, you are welcome to join us.

The Adult Forum meets upstairs in Nelson Hall each Sunday morning from 9:45 to 10:30.



Quilters' Crossing

In the month of February we think about love. We need to remember the love freely given to us as children of God. In response we need to share that love with others. The quilters do that with the quilts that are made and sent to Lutheran World Relief. And, of course, quilters are provided with many gifts of sharing from the congregation! We could not do it on our own! We especially appreciated being included as part of the KFC Giving Tree. Those sleepers will allow us to get a good start on the baby care kits. We also need men's large and extra large t-shirts which will be made into diapers and 3-or 4-ply yarn to make sweaters. Other items needed are sheets, blankets and mattress pads for quilt fillers. The congregation's efforts make all our gifts of love "warm and true" as in the hymn Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace:



Lord of all nations, grant me grace to love all people, every race; and in each person may I see my kindred, loved, redeemed by thee. Break down the wall that would divide thy children, Lord, on every side. My neighbor's good let me pursue; let Christian love bind warm and true.

Please consider joining us on Thursdays from 9 - 12 and on the fourth Saturday (February 23). We can teach you! (And not much needs to be learned!) All are welcome! We also need those who can sew quilt tops at home.

Any questions: call Judy at 847-986-4465 or Diane at 847-370-1356.

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That's our purpose. That's the reason we are here, both as individuals and as a congregation – to reveal God to others by letting our light shine. Through our words, our actions, and our attitude, people ought to be able to see the light of Jesus. They ought to be able to see the love that he has for them and for all the world.

During this season of Epiphany, we are reminded that our God-given calling is to let our light shine. And we are reminded that it is because Jesus is living in us that we are able to fulfill that calling.

Blessings during this season of light!
Pastor Selbo



Readings for February

February 3 –

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

February 10 –

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

February 17 –

6th Sunday after Epiphany

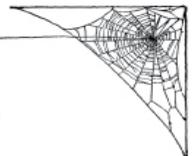
Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

February 24 –

7th Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15:35-38,
42-50
Luke 6:27-38

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Hear the sermons and more!

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(www.standrewmundelein.com)
and keep in touch!

Pastoral Transition Prayer Group

As the congregation prepares for Pastor Selbo's retirement and the calling of a new pastor, the Evangelism Team is organizing a prayer group that will meet weekly to pray for everyone who is involved in this important process: the call committee; the candidates whom the committee will be interviewing; the church council; the finance team as they prepare a budget and salary package; the synod representative who will be working with us throughout the process; Pastor Selbo and the St. Andrew staff; and the members and ministries of the congregation itself.

If you are interested in participating in this prayer group, please talk to Pastor Selbo or to Danny or Cindy Mivelaz. Watch the Sunday morning bulletin for information on the day, time, and location that the group will be meeting.

Whether or not you are able to be part of the group, please pray for God's guidance during this time of transition and opportunity in the life of our church.

Worship Attendance for December

Date	8:30	10:45	Total
12/2	84	85	169
12/9	107	105	212
12/16	80	110	190
12/23	89	100	189
12/30	75	75	150

Mid-Week Advent Services

12/5 - 19, 12/12 - 21, 12/19 - 20

Christmas Eve Total: 329

5:00 pm - 152, 7:30 pm - 75

10:00 pm - 102

Christmas Day Total: 34

12/9 8:30 a.m. Baptism

10:45 a.m. First Communion

12/16 8:30 a.m. Lessons & Carols Service

10:45 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Pageant

Who Cares Anyway?

St. Andrew Cares Fund
is in Need!



St. Andrew Cares is a special assistance fund administered by Pastor Selbo 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 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 a grocery store is also a great way to help meet the needs of those who come to the church seeking help.

Thank you for your generosity!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

From now until the end of May we will be studying selected chapters from the book of Psalms.

Part of the value of the psalms lies in the wide variety of human experience and emotion that they express. There are psalms of joy, thanksgiving, trust, anger and lament.

Whatever you and I might be feeling or experiencing today, it has probably been given expression in one or more of the psalms.

Led by Pastor Selbo, the Bible study meets upstairs in Nelson Hall each Wednesday morning from 10:00 to 11:00.

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 Friday, February 15th*

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.*

Memorial Gifts Given IN MEMORY OF POLLY KRUEGER

Bob & Bonnie Brehmer
JoAnn Gentilini
Judy & Gordon Parriott
Harold & Loretta Zoellick
MPM Food Equipment Group
David Shea

Memorial Gifts Given IN MEMORY OF HAROLD HANSON

Gary & Ann Burchardt
Jess & Linda Porres
Robert Hereth
Don & Shirley Lueck

Your Help Is Needed!!

As I write this, some of our church volunteer activities are at a critical deficiency. Altar Guild has lost two members due to illness and other time commitments. There is still a request for Kitchen Helpers, once a month to keep our beautiful kitchen clean. The plants in the Narthex need to be watered bi-monthly and the persons who have been making coffee every Saturday (Donn and I) would be glad to share the job! If you have any time to be involved in anything, please consider volunteering for one of these jobs.

Altar Guild is not difficult! It involves setting up for communion on Saturday and a quick clean up after service on Sunday. (Sharing this responsibility among two people works great!)

Sanitizing the kitchen once a month - you pick the day - is another small time commitment that keeps our church running smoothly.

If you have a little bit of a green thumb watering the plants every couple of weeks is, again, a commitment on your time schedule!

Please consider these opportunities. I know God has blessed me through the ministry of Altar Guild. I've met new friends and spent quiet time in prayer on Saturday mornings while preparing the Altar for Sunday. Please consider joining one of these activities.

Email (anitapahlmanstanzdrew@gmail.com) and call Anita (566-8081) and she will send you on to the right contact.

Yours in Christ,
Tana Hamm

PADS NEWS

PADS Ministry News:
"God's Work Our Hands"

Hi everyone,

Below is the report we share with the rest of the church teams at Messiah. We are seeing the highest numbers of people seeking shelter since St. Andrew began serving this mission. Please pray for our homeless neighbors.

St. Andrew's team hosted 42 guests on the bus with one walk-in. We were fortunate to have 4 very helpful Navy personnel. There were no incidents except a little shuffling around with the sleeping arrangements. There was plenty of food for all of them and the guests were very grateful for the food and fellowship.

We did get a donation of new



white wash cloths for guests to use. They are on the cart in a plastic wrap.

One supply item we need would be aluminum foil. We usually bring a roll or two every once in a while but there is none left. There is plenty of plastic wrap and wax paper.

We are very grateful to all the volunteers and to Messiah for hosting this mission.

Blessings, stay warm.

Thank you
"God's work, our hands"

Our upcoming service dates:

- February 23rd
- March 23rd
- April 27th

PEOPLE POWER – 8:30 – FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday, February 3	8:30 a.m.	Souper Bowl of Caring
Assisting Minister:	Stan Sanderson	
Lay Reader:	Carol Bertrand	
Acolytes:	Sean Burchard & Bradley Belletynee	
Welcomer:	Laurel Caldara	
Greeter:	Tom Girmscheid	
Ushers:	Roger Bacci, Steve Jacobson, Neal Metts,	
Sound Tech:	Tom Girmscheid	
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman	
Altar Guild:	Jackie Schmidt	
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Carol Bertrand	
Sunday, February 10	8:30 a.m.	
Assisting Minister:	Dave Bender	
Lay Reader:	Mary Hanson	
Acolytes:	Emma Kalmus & Hannah Willems	
Greeters:	Garbrecht Family	
Ushers:	Jean Fagerstrom, Marion Collins, Gary Schuessler, Lew Boyd	
Sound Tech:	Sean Burchard	
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman	
Altar Guild:	Jackie Schmidt	
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Bob Hernquist	
Sunday, February 17	8:30 a.m.	Bring a Friend Sunday
Assisting Minister:	Judy Boyd	
Lay Reader:	Jeff Hayes	
Acolytes:	Riley Routledge & Naomi Routledge	
Welcomer:	Laurel Caldara	
Greeters:	Bill & Laurie Turner	
Ushers:	Dave Bender, Tom Girmscheid, Donn Hamm, Vern Potillo	
Sound Tech:	John Bestler	
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman	
Altar Guild:	Jackie Schmidt	
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Karen Jarrett	
Sunday, February 24	8:30 a.m.	
Assisting Minister:	Leslie Parriott	
Lay Reader:	Debbie Jacobson	
Acolytes:	Sadie Zimmerman & Isabella Rizzo	
Greeters:	Diane Sanderson & Marion Collins	
Ushers:	Laurel Caldara, Lois Laedtke, Debbie Jacobson	
Sound Tech:	Tom Girmscheid	
Altar Guild:	Jackie Schmidt	
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman	
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Kathi MacDougall	
If you have a schedule problem, or can volunteer, please contact the following:		
Acolytes:	Tina Routledge	847-561-5340
Assisting Ministers/Lay Reader/Greeters/Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman	847-566-8081
Nursery Attendants (Both Services)	Anita Pahlman	847-566-8081
Ushers:	Lois Laedtke	847-336-0505
Sound Tech:	Tom Girmscheid	847-814-5401
Counters:	Andrea Ammons	224-214-6723

PEOPLE POWER – 10:45 – FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday, February 3	10:45 a.m.	Souper Bowl of Caring
Worship Leader:	Jenny Prescia	
Welcome Team:	Mivelaz Family	
Greeter:	Jackie Schmidt	
Ushers:	Tom Beyer, Tim Mivelaz	
Nursery Attendant:	Wyatt Milne	
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman	
Altar Guild:	Jackie Schmidt	
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Carol Bertrand	

Sunday, February 10	10:45 a.m.	
Worship Leader:	Bill List	
Welcome Team:	Mivelaz Family	
Greeters:	Lisa Green & Family	
Ushers:	Tom Beyer, Kari Payne, Tyler Green, Jacob Green	
Nursery Attendant:	Wyatt Milne	
Altar Guild:	Jackie Schmidt	
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman	
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Bob Hernquist	

Sunday, February 17	10:45 a.m.	Bring a Friend Sunday
Worship Leader:	Bill List	
Welcome Team:	Mivelaz Family	
Greeters:	God Squad	
Ushers:	Tom Beyer, Tim Mivelaz	
Nursery Attendant:	Wyatt Milne	
Altar Guild:	Jackie Schmidt	
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman	
Counters:	Andrea Ammon & Karen Jarrett	

Sunday, February 24	10:45 a.m.	
Worship Leader:	Bill List	
Welcome Team:	Mivelaz Family	
Greeter:	Chris Ihlenburg	
Ushers:	Tom Beyer, Tim Mivelaz	
Nursery Attendant:	Wyatt Milne	
Altar Guild:	Jackie Schmidt	
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman	
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Kathi MacDougall	

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Nursery Attendants:	Anita Pahlman	847-566-8081
Ushers:	Tom Beyer	847-566-0474
Counters:	Andrea Ammons	224-214-6723

Communications Committee Looking for Webmasters

The Communications committee is asking for volunteer webmasters 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! Some computer and web experience would be helpful.

KFC News:

Sunday School resumed on Jan 6th. Thank you to all the families that came out to serve at PADS on January 26th.

Bring a A Friend Sunday (Feb 17) - We will have a group lesson and celebrate God's love for all of us. Kids are encouraged to bring a friend this Sunday.

5th Grade Families - Mark your calendars. First Communion classes begin on Feb 24th. The First Communion Retreat is on Saturday, April 6th from 9-12pm. An adult should accompany your 5th grader. Breakfast and lunch will be served. First Communion will be during 1st service on April 7th.

VBS (Save The Date!) - VBS will be June 17-21 from 9-12pm. We are looking for volunteers to help lead bible study, snacks, games, crafts and music. If you have a flexible schedule and are available, please contact Tina Routledge at kmroutle@yahoo.com.



H2H News:

Thank you to all the families that came out to serve at PADS on January 26th. February lessons are on Sunday, Feb 10th and Sunday, Feb 24th.

Souper Bowl Sunday (Feb 3) - St. Andrew's middle-schoolers are participating in a service ministry. They will be collecting contributions that will be divided between COOL and the Lake County PADS homeless ministries. Thank you in advance for supporting this worthwhile effort to serve our neighbors in need and feed the hungry!

8th Grade Families (QUAKE Retreat) - Don't forget to RSVP by Feb 3rd whether or not your 8th grader will be attending the QUAKE retreat March 15-17th. We are also in need of one male and one female chaperone for this trip.



God Squad News:

Work Camp 2019: We have had 3 planning meetings (Sept. 16, Oct. 28 & Nov. 11). Deposits were due at the end of Dec, but we can still accept and are looking for more HS youth to attend. Please contact Tina Routledge if your son or daughter is interested in Work Camp this summer so we can make sure to reserve a spot! We need to confirm interest and reserve our spots for this location.

Our target destination is Troy, MO July 14-21. I am also looking for a female adult chaperone. If there are adults interested in chaperoning on this trip, please contact Tina Routledge at kmroutle@yahoo.com.



Kitchen Keepers! Need Your Help

Volunteers are needed to help keep the church kitchen clean and sanitized once a month! Training and all supplies are provided! (It's really easy!)

Please pick a month or more and sign-up to clean/sanitize our wonderful kitchen -- counters, cabinets, stove, etc. *No lifting or heavy work... just a sanitizing wipe down!*

Kitchen is sanitized once a month between the 1st and the 10th. Takes less than 90 minutes for one person. Get a team of 2 -- 40 minutes!

Please sign-up in the narthex or call Anita in the office (847-566-8081). **Questions:** please call or email Charlene Bestler at: charmbest@aol.com / 847-757-0961.

Thank you!!
Kitchen Keepers



February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9 am Bible Study 10 am Power of Praise Rehearsal (POP)
3 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 8:30 Traditional 9:30 Coffee Hour 9:40 Sunday School 9:45 Adult Forum 10:45 Contemporary 12 pm Work Camp Mtg 5:15 pm H2H M-Up #3 6 pm H2H Lesson #4	4 9 am H.O.U.S.E. 6:30 pm <i>Early Bird AA</i> 7 <i>Kirk Rehearsal</i> 7:30 pm Bells Reh.	5 7 Evangelism mtg 7:30 <i>Kirk Board Mtg</i> 7:30 pm <i>Troop 198</i> 8:30 pm <i>Mund. AA</i>	6 10 am Bible Study 7 Choir Rehearsal 7 <i>Kirk Rehearsal</i>	7 9 am Quilters 6 <i>Daisies #45730</i> 7 <i>Kirk Rehearsal</i>	8 5:30 pm <i>Early Bird AA</i>	9 8:30 Women's Breakfast Bible Study 9 am Bible Study 10 am POP Rehearsal
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PRAYER VENTURES

February 2019

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

- 1** Black History Month Give thanks for our sisters and brothers of African descent, who have both suffered much and contributed much to our nation and the ongoing work of building a multicultural church and restoring and reconciling communities in the name of Jesus Christ throughout the world.
- 2** Give thanks for children and youth in our lives and congregations, for the gifts they bring to the body of Christ and for the leaders, teachers and members who nurture and encourage them.
- 3** The good news of Jesus Christ, God's love and the promise of eternal life bring us joy, but we sometimes find ourselves troubled and irritated by God's desire for us to exercise justice and peace and immerse ourselves in serving our neighbors in need – without hesitation or prejudice. Pray the Holy Spirit will work in our hearts to change our attitudes, bias and self-centeredness, setting us free to be willing, committed disciples and servants in the world.
- 4** Remember in prayer regions of the world embroiled in conflict and turmoil, that leaders of nations and people involved and impacted will work together for peaceful, just and lasting resolution and reconciliation; pray especially for the safety and well-being of people who have and continue to suffer loss, disrupted lives and displacement from their homes, communities or nations as a result of violence, persecution or economic collapse in these areas.
- 5** Remember in prayer ELCA missionaries serving in collaboration with the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church, especially in ministries of evangelism and education. Give thanks and pray for the 18 international leaders who have received ELCA educational scholarships to further develop their skills for service in the church in Japan.
- 6** What is love? Where is it scarce or misguided in our relationships and how we live out our faith? Ask God to deepen and mature our understanding of love and center us in the love we, as baptized children of God, are called to share generously with others.
- 7** Thank God for the special relationship we have with the Episcopal Church, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1999; pray for the church, its members and leaders, and that together we find strength and new resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.
- 8** The Lord is our refuge, rock, protection, hope and trust throughout life. Give thanks and praise!
- 9** Give thanks for the work and impact of ELCA World Hunger. Pray we all seek ways of being working, generous partners in breaking the cycle of hunger and poverty, providing immediate and long-term assistance, and bringing hope to individuals, communities and regions of the world that suffer from hunger and poverty.
- 10** Consider what stirred you to follow Jesus and grow in faith. Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill you with courage and confidence to invite others to believe and follow.
- 11** Pray for our seven ELCA seminaries, that their faculty and staff are strengthened, inspired and sustained in their work of preparing men and women for public ministry in a multitude of contexts and communities here and around the world.
- 12** Give thanks for entrepreneurs of all ages in our congregations, and pray we value their energy, ideas, skills, curiosity and creative perspectives as assets that can be used for ministry and serving our neighbor.
- 13** Called by God to serve as a prophet, Isaiah felt ill-equipped, reluctant and that he was a poor choice for the task – until God's spirit moved him to reply, "Here I am; send me!" Pray we are open to the work God is calling us to do in our congregations, communities and the world, and, in spite of our hesitations and insecurities, are able to trust God's forgiveness and empowering love by responding, "Here I am; send me!"

- 14** ELCA gifts and offerings support leadership development, education and collaboration in China. We partner with the local church and organizations to respond to health, hunger and leadership development needs; 10 international leaders have received scholarships to further develop their skills for service in the church in China. Give thanks to God for what we are able to accomplish through working together.
- 15** Give thanks for the good news of Jesus Christ that we have received through faith, and pray we eagerly and unashamedly work to proclaim the gospel in the world with all who will listen – with friends and strangers alike.
- 16** Continue to pray for and support parents, families, friends and communities that have suffered the tragic loss of loved ones as a result of gun violence. Pray we are filled with empathy and care for the long and difficult healing they may go through, and that the Holy Spirit will help us be bold, wise agents and advocates of change to prevent and end the violence across our nation.
- 17** Jesus compels us to serve our neighbor and be a blessing to others – friends, strangers, enemies, outcasts, hungry and poor alike. Thank God for inviting us to join in God’s work in the world and ask for the Holy Spirit’s guidance and help with the service and challenges to which we have been called.
- 18** Martin Luther, died 1546 Give thanks for the life, faith and teachings of Martin Luther, who worked with tenacity and courage to serve Christ while also confessing his personal struggles, questions and human weaknesses; pray we, too, are faithful in our baptismal journeys and not easily discouraged by the complexities of life, risks and our self-doubts.
- 19** Lift up thanks and praise for our life with God, a life filled with promise, hope and blessings that nourish us each and every day; a life and relationship that God desires for all people.
- 20** Pray members and leaders of our congregations are bold yet humble servants of Christ who embrace ongoing self-reflection, study of Scripture, evaluation, prayerful conversation and creative planning for the purpose of doing God’s work in the world and growing the church.
- 21** Pray we find joy, wisdom and nourishment in following the word and paths of God in the midst of everything else competing for attention and influence in our lives.
- 22** Praise God for revealing to the world the risen Christ who is not bound by the consequences of human sin and death, but instead gifts us – through faith – with the truth and certainty of God’s love, forgiveness and eternal life.
- 23** Give thanks for the energetic participation in “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday each fall and for the resulting partnerships and community service that stretch throughout the year.
- 24** Ask God to help us listen to and wrap our lives around the straightforward teachings of Jesus that implore us to be merciful, generous, love our enemies, do good to those who hate us and not judge others – attitudes and actions that may not come easily to us.
- 25** Give thanks for the Deaconess Community, a Christ-centered community of women who devote their lives to proclaiming the gospel through ministries of mercy and servant leadership in diverse community and ministry contexts.
- 26** Remember God’s love and forgiveness, and pray we are moved to demonstrate the same grace and forgiveness – as Joseph did with his brothers who sold him into slavery – with people with whom we have experienced offense, conflict or broken relationships.
- 27** Give thanks for the Research and Evaluation services of our church, which assist congregations and synods in exploring their communities, demographics and trends, ministry opportunities and challenges, and provide resources and insights for planning and renewing ministries.
- 28** What have you been worrying about lately? Share your concerns with God; trust in the Lord, be still, don’t fret and go about doing good in the world.

Women's Fellowship

Dates for Spring 2019

February 21 - Cannoli Making

(to celebrate after Valentine's Day) --

Learn the ins and outs of cannoli making from Tony Volpentesta from Tony Cannoli in Mundelein. \$10 fee. Will bring home three cannolis.

7 PM Meet at Tony Cannoli.

460 North Lake Street, Mundelein

R.S.V.P. to Barb Binversie

March 14 - Wise Moves

"Mindful Movement with Allison"

Chair Yoga. Dream Big, Reach High. It's hard to reach for the stars when gravity pulls you down. Allison Wilmes loves helping people with low back and hip pain so that they jump back into life. "It's gratifying to know that my skills transform my clients."

7 PM at St. Andrew

April 1 - Spring Floral Design

Make and take spring and upcoming Easter floral arrangement with the assistance of Nell at



Debbie's Floral Shoppe (our church florist) small fee for design to be brought home.

7 PM Meet at Debbie's Floral Shoppe

421 North Lake Street, Mundelein

May 4 - Annual Ladies Tea

Collector's Favorites - Fashion Show provided by Ruth and Chloe. Our fashion show hosts are selecting their favorite vintage clothing from over 500 choices. Don't miss it!

2 PM at St. Andrew

June 6 - Annual Local Dinner

Planning event for the following year.

6 PM Meet at restaurant.

Luigi's Ristorante Italiano

1130 West Maple Avenue, Mundelein

in Long Meadow Common Plaza

St. Andrew Fellowship/Movie Night

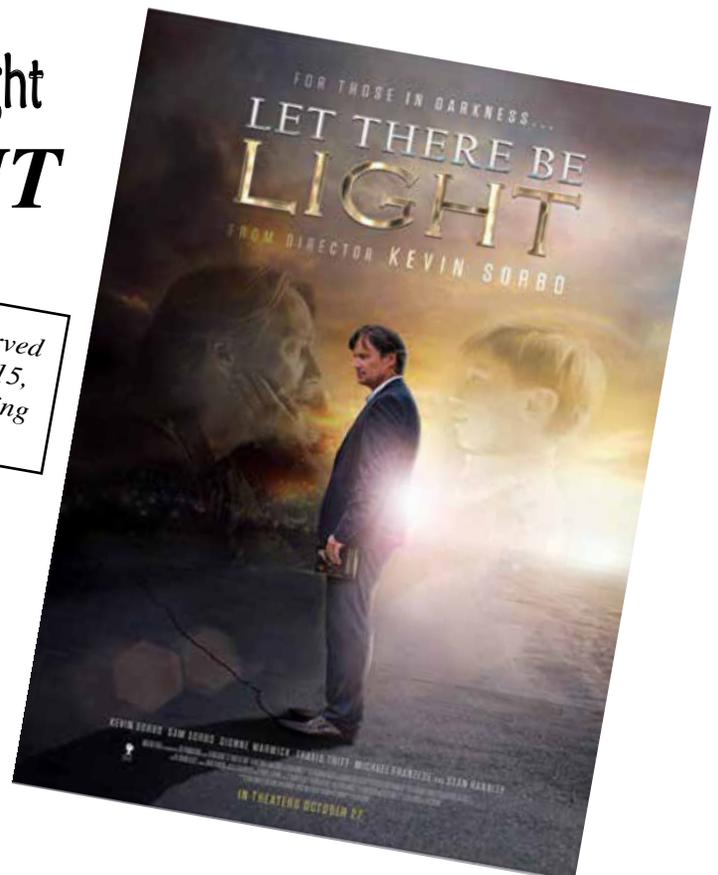
LET THERE BE LIGHT

Saturday, February 16th

Come join us for our monthly fellowship/movie night.

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

For all his far-reaching fame, Sol Harkens, the world's most famous atheist, is a lonely soul and a lousy part-time dad. After a near death experience challenges his simplest assumptions about this world, Sol finds his purpose and re-imagines his life, in a film that will make you laugh and cry and want to stand up and cheer.



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*The Sunday Morning
Worship Schedule is:*

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8:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service:
10:45 a.m.

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