

# Encounter

## A Message from Pastor Mark Sundberg

*... remember that it is not you  
who support the root, but the  
root that supports you.  
(Romans 11:18b)*



Dear Friends in Christ,

Soon the season of Lent is upon us! Lent is the time that begins with Ash Wednesday and concludes with the joyful celebration of Easter. For ancient Christians, this was the holiest time of the year. It was also a time when those who were being baptized learned about the faith into which they were going to be initiated, usually done at the Easter vigil. So, Lent is a special time for Christians.

The context of the biblical quote above is Paul talking to the Christian Gentiles in Rome, that they have been grafted onto the promise God made to Abraham, to the Jewish people. Without that covenant, they have no standing before God. Lent is a time to remember that it is God through Jesus who saves us, who makes us right in God's eyes, who gives us eternal life. It's not us, it's God. So, Lent should be a time to take the focus off of ourselves and put the focus on God.

Perhaps you have given up something for Lent. That is a good practice – although sometimes it can turn out to be self-serving rather than God-serving. Sometimes giving up something does not achieve the purpose of getting us untracked on our own world and grounded in Jesus Christ. It is good to add something, giving, praying, serving, things like that, but sometimes adding a discipline that can be a burden which does not help us focus on God.

During Lent, you will notice a change in worship – something we will be doing only during Lent. Changing things up can get us to think and experience

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## St. Andrew Annual Meeting Recap

Thank you to all that were able to attend the Annual Meeting on January 26th. Your contributions, suggestions and support are the essence of our church family.

Much was shared including reports by different ministries. Old Business included the adoption of the minutes from the Annual Meeting from a year ago as well as a review of the progress of our search for a new pastor. Jeff Hayes spoke of the focus and commitment to finding the best new pastor for St. Andrew and that we may need to expand our search outside of the Chicagoland area

New Business included the passing (after a lengthy discussion) of the budget for 2020. The passed budget was not balanced due to several uncertainties including the call of a new pastor. Other highlights were the need to be looking at up-dating the emergency defibrillator and the complete up-date to the heating/boiler control system (the boiler was new six years ago but the controls are from the original installation.)

Many thank-yous for the on-going support staff, retiring council members and the newly elected council members.

## Sermon Titles for February

*From Pastor Mark Sundberg*

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| <b>Feb 2</b>                                    | <b>Blessed</b>               |
| <b>Feb 9</b>                                    | <b>Share the Good Stuff!</b> |
| <b>Feb 16</b>                                   | <b>Aim for Excellence!</b>   |
| <b>Feb 23</b>                                   | <b>Divine Inspiration</b>    |
| <b><i>Feb. 23 is Transfiguration Sunday</i></b> |                              |

# Quilters' Crossing

As the quilters continue their ministry here at St Andrew, we thought you may want to know that the quilts that were made last year – 304 to be exact- went to comfort people in Tanzania. The Baby Care Kits were divided between the Republic of Georgia and Iraq. I am sure these were received with thankful hearts and open arms! We are hoping to surpass our goals of last year. As of January 1, 220 quilts were already completed!

The group will continue to sew the quilts and make the baby care kits. It is never too late to consider joining this group and becoming a part of this wonderful ministry! Even if you feel you cannot sew, there will be a job for you to do! It is a great time of fellowship and just a wonderful time of working together. If you cannot join the group, you can still support the ministry by continuing to donate items needed for the completion of the quilts and the baby care kits. We are still in need of sheets, blankets and mattress pads, ESPECIALLY SHEETS. Also, men's large and XL t-shirts, sleepers and baby t-shirts (size 6 mo – 24 mo). Thank you for all the recent donations!

The quilters meet EVERY THURSDAY AND THE FOURTH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 9 AM TO NOON. Even if you cannot come every week, please feel free to come when you can. There are also those who cannot get out but help by sewing quilt tops at home or you can be out scouting out garage sales for usable items as soon as the weather warms!

Our mission at St. Andrew is so Share Christ. This ministry could be a very fulfilling way for us to witness in Christ's name and be a part of making someone's life just a little warmer and more comfortable. They will know that it is with open hearts and helpful hands that these gifts are being given to them, the least of our brothers and sisters! They will feel the love! -Amen

If you have questions, please call Judy Parriott (847-986-4465).



**February 2 –**  
**4th Sunday after Epiphany**  
 Micah 6:1-8  
 Psalm 15  
 1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
 Matthew 5:1-12

**February 9 –**  
**5th Sunday after Epiphany**  
 Isaiah 58:1-9  
 Psalm 112:1-9  
 1 Corinthians 2:1-12  
 Matthew 5:13-20

**February 16 –**  
**6th Sunday after Epiphany**  
 Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
 Psalm 119:1-8  
 1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
 Matthew 5:21-37

**February 23 –**  
**Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
 Exodus 24:12-18  
 Psalm 2 or Psalm 99  
 2 Peter 1:16-21  
 Matthew 17:1-9

## Worship Attendance for December

Date	8:30	10:45	Total
12/1	74	77	151
12/8	77	73	150
12/15	62	100	162
12/22			175
12/29	59	56	115

### Mid-Week Advent Services

12/4	17
12/11	21
12/18	15

### Christmas Eve Total: 264

5:00 pm	113
7:30 pm	61
10:00 pm	90

12/15 10:45 *Kids for Christ Christmas Pageant*

12/22 10 AM *Lessons & Carols Service -- Only one service*

**Total for December: 1,070**

## Attention Lay Readers

It is time to have a training session to brush up on reading skills. Reading the Word of God in worship is an awesome responsibility. Everyone who reads in worship needs to have expressive and interpretive skills. We need all our Lay Readers, and everyone who would like to consider becoming a lay reader, to come to a workshop for Lay Readers on Saturday, February 22 at 10:00 a.m. Please put it in your calendar.

## STEWARDSHIP – OUR WAY OF LIFE AT ST. ANDREW

The Stewardship Team would like to thank whole-heartedly all who have turned in your Pledges for 2020 to support St. Andrew and our ministries. If you have not yet turned in your commitment to your church family, please continue to pray what your support can be and turn it in as soon as possible. Even though our Finance Team has already prepared the budget for 2020, **PLEDGES (OR REVISED PLEDGES) WILL STILL BE GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED!**

If you have turned in a **TIME AND TALENT COMMITMENT** as well, the Stewardship team and the other ministry teams at St Andrew, will make a pledge to you to reach out and acknowledge your willingness to support the work of our church family!

With the transition that is happening at St. Andrew, we are staying strong but we need the support of everyone so that we can continue our ministries inside and outside our church building!

Our leadership is strong, our faith is leading us forward but we need the commitment of **EVERYONE TO KEEP STRONG AND KEEP MOVING FORWARD!**

At times, it can seem to be a real struggle and we do understand that we all have things going on and happening in our personal lives but we have to believe that by sharing whatever little we can with our fellow believers, God will provide for us.

*Dear Lord,*

*Please give each of us the courage and strength to put our beliefs and our faith into action. Please show us the way to be open and visible to those around us. Help us continue to trust and believe that you will provide what we need.*

*– Amen.*

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## In Remembrance of Telford Wollan

We extend our sympathy to the family and loved ones of Telford Wollan. Our beloved Telford Wollan was called to his heavenly home on Christmas Day. The funeral was held December 28 at Kristan Funeral Home.

Telford was a member of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mundelein for many years. He was an avid golfer, reader and enjoyed traveling.

He is survived by his wife Lenore Swanick, his children Betsey (William) Masters, Thomas (Patricia) Wollan, Ruth (Arnie Feddor) Wollan, his sister Lorraine Evans, Jill Flynn, Mary O'Driscoll and many grandchildren, great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his first wife Joanne.



## PADS NEWS

This is the 10th year St. Andrew is serving at the Messiah Lutheran PADS shelter site which operates weekly from October through April. Our service dates are every 4th Saturday/Sunday of the month (see dates below) beginning around 4pm Saturday through 6 am Sunday morning. With the help of volunteers, the PADS team sets up sleeping and dining arrangements, prepares a home cooked dinner, makes a sack lunch for the next day and prepares a fresh breakfast in the morning. The team also offers our guests hospitality and fellowship during their stay along with movies, games or other things to help them feel at home.

**If you would like to volunteer please contact Laurie Turner at [turnerlaurie24@gmail.com](mailto:turnerlaurie24@gmail.com) or look to the church directory for phone number. You can also contact Tom Girmscheid at [tgirm58@gmail.com](mailto:tgirm58@gmail.com) or 847-814-5401 for other info about this ministry.**

Also, please look to the Social Ministry table in the narthex for donation info and volunteer sign-up sheets. Thank you for your support!

### Service Dates:

- February 22nd
- March 28th
- April 25th



# Women's Fellowship - 2020

**Women's Fellowship:** Most meetings will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 pm in Nelson Hall. We do have a few special events, so please note the Thursday dates and times. Mark your calendars for an excellent line up. *Hope to see you at all the upcoming events!*



**February 13 Women and Home Safety** - please join us for an informative and important program about local safety issues. How do we stay safe? How do we keep our homes safe? A Mundelein police officer will present information for us and answer our questions at church at 7 PM. Refreshments will be served.

**March 12 New Pastor Introduction** - if we have selected our new pastor by this time, we will have the opportunity to meet him/her and introduce ourselves with a meet/greet evening. Refreshments will be served.

**April 16 Karina's Bakery** - we will visit this family operated local (3rd Thursday) bakery to view preparations for baking and enjoy some tasty baked goods. 401 North Seymour Street, Mundelein

**May 14 Gale Street Inn Dinner** - our annual Mundelein local dinner to review our year and discuss future plans. We will meet for dinner at Gale Street at 6:00 PM. 935 North Diamond Lake Road, Mundelein

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## St. Andrew Fellowship/ Movie Night

### Movie Night:

Saturday, February 15

Food served from: 5:00 – 6:15

Movie at 6:30

# OVERCOMER

### Who Are You?

Life changes overnight for coach John Harrison when his high school basketball team and state championship dreams are crushed under the weight of unexpected news. When the largest manufacturing plant shuts down and hundreds of families leave their town, John questions how he and his family will face an uncertain future. After reluctantly agreeing to coach cross-country, John and his wife, Amy, meet an aspiring athlete who's pushing her limits on a journey toward discovery. Inspired by the words and prayers of a new-found friend, John becomes the least likely coach helping the least likely runner attempt the impossible in the biggest race of the year.

*Due to bad weather  
this movie was  
rescheduled from  
last month*



## 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**

#### **In Memory of Telford Wollan**

Judy & Gordon Parriott  
Thomas & Patricia Wollan  
Ann & Gary Burchardt  
Merv & Bonnie Beyersdorf  
Donn & Tana Hamm  
Virginia Zimmerman

## Caring in Action (CIA)

If you are homebound, or know of anyone who is , or would just like a visit for companionship or perhaps to play a game of scrabble or cards .....

**contact your Caring In Action Team –**

We are available to visit, pray, chat, read scriptures, offer communion or help with your needs of picking up some groceries or medications and other errands. We could arrange some help with rides to Dr. appointments or perhaps Church. Call Anita to get in touch with our team: Pastor Mark, Myrna Wells, Carol Clouser, Tana Hamm, Paulette Metts, Ellen Van Zealand and Carol Clark. A warm welcome to Judy Rehberger who has volunteered to join our team. We extend an invitation to others who can find time to also add their name to this important mission of serving others. Please contact Anita in the church office at 847-566-8081.

Myrna Wells and Carol Clouser

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life in a different way. We can get stuck in our daily or weekly routines, and not notice that God is in the center of our lives.

Here are a few suggestions to “change things up” in your daily life during Lent. Are you always a latecomer? During Lent, try to be everywhere 5 minutes early. Enjoy those 5 minutes. Use them to pray, to breathe, or just to relax. See how it feels! Do you watch TV or your phone during meals? Try going without – maybe just one meal a day during Lent. What does that feel like? Try to encourage three people a day; plan each morning where you might encounter the person you hope to encourage. How does that feel?

Think of your own way to change things up during Lent, with the hope that your practice opens yourself up to remember God in your life. By the way, please take part in Ash Wednesday worship on Feb. 26 at 7:00 p.m., in Lenten services on Wednesdays at 7:00 with soup suppers before (Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25; Apr. 1), and in Holy Week services Thursday, Apr. 8 and Friday, Apr. 9, both at 7:00 p.m., and of course, Easter Day services.

*In Christian service,  
Pastor Mark Sundberg (transitional pastor)*

### **Editor's Notes:**

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

**dehamm@comcast.net.**

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

***Next Due Date will Be  
Wednesday, Jan. 15th***

## PEOPLE POWER – 8:30 – FEBRUARY 2020

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**Sunday, February 2****8:30 a.m.**

Assisting Minister: Anita Pahlman  
 Lay Reader: Carol Bertrand  
 Acolyte: Addison Kalmus  
 Welcomer: Laurel Caldara  
 Greeter: Tom Girmscheid  
 Ushers: Roger Bacci, Steve Jacobson, Neal Metts, Peter Schoenfield  
 Sound Tech: Sean Burchard  
 Phone Receptionist: Anita Pahlman  
 Altar Guild: Jackie Schmidt & Carolyn Vucitech  
 Counters: Andrea Ammons & Carol Bertrand

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**Sunday, February 9****8:30 a.m.**

Assisting Ministers: Dave Bender  
 Lay Reader: Barb Binversie  
 Acolyte: Naomi Routledge  
 Greeters: Bill & Laurie Turner  
 Ushers: Jean Fagerstrom, Marion Collins, Gary Schuessler, Lew Boyd  
 Sound Tech: Tom Girmscheid  
 Phone Receptionist: Anita Pahlman  
 Altar Guild: Jackie Schmidt & Carolyn Vucitech  
 Counters: Andrea Ammons & Bob Hernquist

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**Sunday, February 16****8:30 a.m.**

Assisting Minister: Judy Boyd  
 Lay Reader: Jeff Hayes  
 Acolyte: Norah Emso  
 Greeter: Laurel Caldara  
 Ushers: Dave Bender, Tom Girmscheid, Jose & Jason Carmona, Sean Burchard  
 Sound Tech: Tom Girmscheid  
 Phone Receptionist: Anita Pahlman  
 Altar Guild: Jackie Schmidt & Carolyn Vucitech  
 Counters: Andrea Ammons & Karen Jarrett

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**Sunday, February 23****8:30 a.m.**

Assisting Minister: Leslie Parriott  
 Lay Reader: Debbie Jacobson  
 Acolyte: Isabella Rizzo  
 Greeter: Marion Collins  
 Ushers: Laurel Caldara, Lois Laedtke, Debbie Jacobson, Chris Binversie  
 Sound Tech: Tom Girmscheid  
 Altar Guild: Jackie Schmidt & Carolyn Vucitech  
 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:**

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<b>Nursery Attendants (Both Services)</b>	Anita Pahlman	847-566-8081
<b>Ushers:</b>	Lois Laedtke	847-336-0505
<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Tom Girmscheid	847-814-5401
<b>Counters:</b>	Andrea Ammons	224-214-6723

**Sunday, February 2**                    **10:45 a.m.**  
 Worship Leader:                    Jenny Prescia  
 Welcomers:                            Danny, Cindy & Tim Mivelaz  
 Greeter:                                Jackie Schmidt  
 Ushers:                                 Tom Beyer, Tim Mivelaz  
 Nursery Attendant:  
 Phone Receptionist:                Anita Pahlman  
 Altar Guild:                            Jackie Schmidt & Carolyn Vucitech  
 Counters:                             Andrea Ammons & Carol Bertrand

**Sunday, February 9**                   **10:45 a.m.**  
 Worship Leader:                    Jenny Prescia  
 Welcome Team:                    Mivelaz Family  
 Greeter:                                Kari Payne  
 Ushers:                                 Tom Beyer, Kari Payne, Tim Mivelaz  
 Nursery Attendant:  
 Altar Guild:                            Jackie Schmidt & Carolyn Vucitech  
 Phone Receptionist:                Anita Pahlman  
 Counters:                             Andrea Ammons & Bob Hernquist

**Sunday, February 16**                **10:45 a.m.**  
 Worship Leader:                    Bill List  
 Greeters:                                Mivelaz Family  
 Ushers:                                 Tom Beyer, Tim Mivelaz  
 Nursery Attendant:  
 Altar Guild:                            Jackie Schmidt & Carolyn Vucitech  
 Phone Receptionist:                Anita Pahlman  
 Counters:                             Andrea Ammons & Karen Jarrett

**Sunday, February 21**                **10:45 a.m.**  
 Worship Leader:                    Bill List  
 Welcome Team:                    Mivelaz Family  
 Greeter:                                Chris Ihlenburg  
 Ushers:                                 Tom Beyer, Tim Mivelaz  
 Nursery Attendant:  
 Altar Guild:                            Jackie Schmidt & Carolyn Vucitech  
 Phone Receptionist:                Anita Pahlman  
 Counters:                             Andrea Ammons & Kathi MacDougall

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<b>Ushers:</b>	Tom Beyer	847-566-0474
<b>Counters:</b>	Andrea Ammons	224-214-6723

## February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9 am Bible Study 10 am Power of Praise Rehearsal (POP)
2 8:30 Traditional 9:30 Coffee Hour 9:40 Sunday School 9:45 Adult Forum 10:45 Contemporary	3 9:30 am H.O.U.S.E.  6:30 pm Early Bird AA 7 pm Kirk Players 7:30 Bells Rehearse	4 7 pm Daisies #46021  7 pm Evangelism Ministry Team mtg  7:30 Troop #198 8:30 pm Mund. AA	5 10 Bible Study  5 Tiger Cub Scouts 6:30 Webelos 1 7:00 Choir Reh.	6 9 am Quilters  6 pm Brownies #45730 7:00 Kirk Players  7 pm Prayer Meeting	7 5:30 pm Early Bird AA 7 Council Social 7:30 Kirk Meeting	8 8 am Council Retreat 8:30 am Women's Breakfast Bible Study 9 am Bible Study 10 am POP Rehearsal
9 SCOUT SUNDAY 6-9 AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Responder Breakfast 8:30 Traditional 9:30 BP Screening 9:30 Coffee Hour 9:40 Sunday School 9:45 Adult Forum 10:45 Contemporary	10 9:30 am H.O.U.S.E.  6:30 pm Early Bird AA 7 pm Kirk Players 7:30 Bells Rehearse	11 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Hillside)  7 pm Council  7:30 Troop #198 8:30 pm Mund. AA	12 10 Bible Study 5 Tiger Cub Scouts 5:30 pm Lucky Ducks 4-H Club 6:30 Webelos 1 7 pm Kirk Players 7:00 Choir Reh.	13 9 am Quilters  6:30 Webelos 2  7:00 Kirk Players  7 Women's Fellowship 7 pm Prayer Meeting	14 ENCOUNTER ARTICLES DUE  5:30 pm Early Bird AA 6 pm Wolf Scouts	15 9 am Bible Study 10 am POP Rehearsal  MOVIE NIGHT 5 pm Dinner 6:30 Movie – "Overcomer"
16 8:30 Traditional 9:30 Coffee Hour 9:40 Sunday School 5 <sup>th</sup> gr 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion classes begin 9:45 Adult Forum 10:45 Contemporary 2 Junior Scouts #45193 6 pm H2H Lesson	17 President's Day  6:30 pm Early Bird AA 7 pm Kirk Players 7:30 Mund. Coin Club 7:30 Bells Rehearse	18 7 pm Daisies #46021  7 Worship & Music Ministry Team mtg.  7:30 Troop #198 8:30 pm Mund. AA	19 10 Bible Study  12 LWV - LC  6:30 Webelos 1 7 pm Kirk Players 7:00 Choir Reh.	20 9 am Quilters - Brown Bag Lunch – all are welcome!  6 pm Brownies #45730 6:30 Webelos 2 7:00 Kirk Players 7 pm Prayer Meeting	21 5 H2H departs for Lutherdale  5:30 pm Early Bird AA 7 Cub Pack Mtg	22 9 am Quilters 9 am Bible Study 10 am POP Rehearsal 10 am Lay Reader Class  PADS
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# PRAYER VENTURES

## February 2020

- 1** **Black History Month** Give thanks for the gifts, accomplishments, influence and witness of our African descent neighbors and siblings in Christ — we stand together to glorify God as partners in the gospel, doing God’s work in the world together. Though we are unified as siblings in Christ, we ask God to guide and help our church as it recommits to the work of racial justice, socioeconomic equity, racial reconciliation and ending racism.
- 2** Pray that God will soften our hearts and focus our love on our neighbors in poverty and food insecurity, communities grieving for victims of violence, people in regions of conflict and war, refugees and immigrants, and people who are persecuted or disparaged.
- 3** Ask God to deepen our understanding of the peace that God desires for the world. Pray that the Spirit will inspire us to be bold peacemakers grounded in God’s vision of peace, the gospel and love for our neighbor.
- 4** Pray that when we are embarrassed or hesitant to speak of the crucified and risen Christ, our faith in God’s love and the gospel message will encourage and embolden us to be confident yet humble witnesses in the world.
- 5** We are scattered around the world as siblings in Christ, seeking and affirming our unity in the mystery of the Trinity and the good news of Jesus Christ. Explore the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, which enables us to journey in prayer throughout the world every week of the year, affirming our solidarity with Christians everywhere.
- 6** Pray for ELCA outdoor ministry leaders who are seeking young adults to serve in summer programs across the country. Ask that the Spirit be at work in young adults and move them to respond to God’s call to serve and share their faith, skills, gifts and enthusiasm with children, youth and adults.
- 7** Pray that our hearts will be open to doing what God asks of us: to hold to what is good, to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with God.
- 8** Give thanks for pastors and seminary students who respond to God’s call to serve as federal chaplains, ministering to inmates and staff at federal prisons and to staff, patients and their family members at Veterans Affairs medical centers.
- 9** As children of God, we are the salt of the earth and light of the world, bearing witness to God’s love and mercy. Pray that we will understand how our good works, words and faith — even when unseen or unappreciated in our lifetime — can have profound, far-reaching impact.
- 10** ELCA Young Adult Ministry offers inspiration, opportunities and resources to young people aged 18 to 30. Pray for churchwide staff and leaders across the church as they work with young adults to form faith, discover identity and gifts, discern vocation and develop servant leadership.
- 11** Pray for church leaders as they gather for the Ignite the Church Conference in Orlando, Fla., an annual event that fosters conversation among leaders and inspires the church to live out its tradition of renewal.
- 12** Give praise and thanks to God for being our light and strength throughout our baptismal journey of following God’s ways; for being generous, merciful and compassionate; and for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.
- 13** The light and warmth of God’s love is welcome nourishment for our faith and spirit. Pray that God’s love will move us to provide both spiritual and physical light, warmth and shelter for people who long for hope and relief during these dark, cold days of winter.
- 14** Amid our worries and turmoil, we ask for God’s help in seeking freedom for the oppressed, sharing our food resources with the hungry, sheltering the homeless and attending to the cries of people in poverty.

- 15** Pray that we will take to heart Jesus' teachings that love is not weakness and that power does not equal force or superiority. Pray that we will follow Jesus' example by being humble, loving servants in the world and will trust in the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us and through us.
- 16** Trusting in God's grace and forgiveness, pray that we will be repentant and humble when we consider our daily actions, words and thoughts, as well as what we fail to do. Ask God to redirect our lives so we might follow God's ways and commandments, resist comparing ourselves to others and avoid citing cultural norms to rationalize contrary behavior.
- 17** Pray for our president, legislators and other public servants, that their decisions and actions will be guided by a spirit of compassion and justice, a commitment to peacemaking and building relationships globally, and a determination to work across ideologies and political divisions for the well-being of our communities and of people in need.
- 18** Give thanks for ELCA Global Mission programs, relationships, opportunities and partnerships with global companions that bring us together as the body of Christ for doing God's work in the world.
- 19** Give thanks for the happiness we experience when we walk in the ways and wisdom of God.
- 20** Stewardship is more than annual pledge cards, balanced budgets and financial responses to God's love – it's a way of life. Pray that we will recognize and give thanks for the breadth of resources and assets – time, talents, possessions and money – God has entrusted to our care as individuals, families and congregations, and that we will discover ways of using everything we have to live out God's call to love God and our neighbors.
- 21** We are "God's servants, working together" for the sake of the world, sharing the gospel and growing the church. Pray that we will be of one mind and spirit as God's humble servants, and that we will see accomplishments, growth and change as the result of God's presence and power working through us.
- 22** Continue to pray for immigrants and refugees, who often experience daunting challenges and loneliness as they pursue sanctuary and a welcoming place to rebuild their lives in this country. Give thanks for the work of congregations, synods, individuals and agencies in welcoming and accompanying immigrants and refugees as part of the ELCA's AMMPARO strategy (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities).
- 23** Pray that the Spirit will sustain our awe, gratitude and reverence for our savior, Jesus Christ, the Son of God and our true source of hope and life.
- 24** Remember in prayer the thousands of people left homeless after Hurricane Dorian struck the Bahamas this past September. Pray for the long-term relief and recovery of people impacted, and for the extensive rebuilding of their communities and infrastructures by Lutheran Disaster Response in partnership with the Florida-Bahamas Synod, its congregations, and other agencies.
- 25** Give thanks for the Deaconess Community of the ELCA and for women who have responded to God's call in a variety of roles and settings in the church and world, proclaiming the gospel through ministries of mercy and servant leadership.
- 26** Pray that we will always be attentive to the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in the world and that we will be moved by the Holy Spirit to be bright, shining witnesses, bearing the hope and promises of God.
- 27** God is great and awesome, forgiving and a lover of justice. Give glory and praise to God!
- 28** Creation, humanity and nature are knitted together intricately by our Creator in ways that sustain all life and enable the earth to thrive. Pray that we will repent for what we have done to harm or unbalance creation, and that God will grant us wisdom and insight for restoring creation and treating it with care and respect.
- 29** Give thanks for ELCA missionaries and young people serving in the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission programs in Egypt, Israel, Jerusalem/West Bank and Palestine. Pray that God will bless and further their work with our companions in the Middle East and North Africa, especially in finding nonviolent paths to peace and justice.

What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

Luke 15:4



Building  
Faith  
In Our  
Future

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Sacrifice

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**“Sharing Christ”**

- In Faithful Worship
- Faithful Giving
- Ministry Participation
- Daily Living

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**Dated Material  
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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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1 JOHN 4:16  
GOD IS LOVE.  
LOVE IS GOD.

**GOD = LOVE**

**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.**