

Encounter

A Message from Pastor Mark Sundberg

*So it is with those who store up
treasures for themselves but are not rich
toward God.*

(Luke 12:21)



Dear Friends in Christ,

You have probably heard me speak a lot about stewardship lately. (Don't tune out; I'm not asking you to give.) Stewardship is a word that speaks of managing all that we have. Stewardship is an attitude – an attitude of faith – that all we have, and all we receive is a gift from God. This attitude implies that we only steward (manage) everything God has given us – ourselves, our time, and all we possess.

We need to acknowledge that 100% of what we have belongs to God. We are about managing that 100% while we live on this earth. Jesus tells many parables (stories) about stewardship in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. One of the most famous is the parable of the vineyard. It goes like this: an owner of the vineyard leaves the vineyard in the control of tenants, to water and tend it, and the owner will come back to get the produce of the vineyard. The whole idea is that the tenants do not own the produce of the vineyard; they only take care of it for the owner. Of course, this implies that the owner takes care of the needs of the vineyard workers. In Jesus' parable, the vineyard workers forget who owns the vineyard, and trouble ensues.

Faithful Christians look at their lives as belonging to God, and that we are stewards (caretakers) of what God has so graciously offered us. This means everything we have we dedicate to God, knowing that after our lives on earth, everything goes back to God. (There's an old saying out of the African American tradition: "I've never seen a hearse with a U-Haul behind!")

Yes, friends, everything belongs to God. How are we going to manage it? How much are we going to hoard of God's good gifts, and how much are we going to share generously for God's purposes?

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

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. Please contact Anita in the church office at 847-566-8081.

Myrna Wells and
Carol Clouser

Sermon Titles for March

From Pastor Mark Sundberg

March 1

Tested for Us

March 8

Born from Above

March 15

Living Water

March 22

From Blindness to Sight

March 29

Resurrection Life

Quilters' Crossing

Your busy St. Andrew quilters continue their mission to complete more than 304 quilts to be given to someone who needs a warm "hug"! They continue to sew and put together those quilts and baby care kits EACH THURSDAY MORNING AND THE FOURTH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 9AM TO NOON. Please remember all are welcome to come and check out this lively ministry group! The beautiful quilts will again be displayed on Mother's Day for all to see.



If you feel this may not be where you "fit in" but would still like to help, you can show your support by donating the needed items to complete the quilts and baby kits. We are still in need of sheets, blankets and mattress pads. If you want to donate sheets, which are used for the quilt backings, the "best bet" are twin or full size FLAT SHEETS (any color). Flat sheets can be bought at Walmart for five dollars. You can scout out garage sales as the weather now warms for clean usable items. The sheets do not have to be new but do need to be clean and stain free. Also needed are men's large and x-large t-shirts and sleepers and t-shirts for babies (size 6 mo – 24 mos). Thank you all for the recent donations!

Our mission at St. Andrew is to Share Christ. This ministry is a very fulfilling way to witness in Christ's name and be a part of making someone's life just a little warmer and more comfortable. These gifts are given with love to some of the least of our brothers and sisters. What a wonderful (and fun) way to show God's love! Please join us as you are able.

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

Thank you,
Lyn Hayes and the Quilters



Men's fellowship breakfast held once a month. See anyone pictured, for details!

*Names Left to Right:
Eric Rehberger
Otis Hedlund
Pastor Bob Hereth
Ron Schultz
Dave Bender
Pastor Mark Sundberg
Merv Beyersdorf*



March 01 --

1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

March 8 --

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

March 15 --

3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

March 22 --

4th Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

March 29 --

5th Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

Worship Attendance for January

Date	8:30	10:45	Total
1/05	72	43	115
1/12	59	55	114
1/19	62	52	114
1/26	70	65	117
1/26	Annual Meeting		

STEWARDSHIP – OUR WAY OF LIFE AT ST. ANDREW

We are now in the season of Lent, a time for self-reflection to consider who we are and to consider what our faith really means to us – “are we the person we would like to be”? I have a story I would like to share with you.....

THE WISE WOMAN – Author Unknown

A wise woman who was traveling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she met another traveler who was hungry, and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food. The hungry traveler saw the precious stone and asked the woman to give it to him. She did so without hesitation.

The traveler left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime.

But, a few days later, he came back to return the stone to the wise woman. “I’ve been thinking,” he said. “I know how valuable this stone is, but I give it back in the hope that you can give me something even more precious. Give me what you have within you that enabled you to give me this stone.”

Are you like the “Wise Woman”? What is inside of you?

“Bless the Lord.....do not forget all his benefits”. Psalm 103:2

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 so we can share what you have so graciously given to us. Amen.

Gifts and Memorial Fund

Gift/Memorial Fund

The church gift/memorial fund is established for the purpose of receiving and holding money given to the church in memory or honor of someone or to honor a special occasion.

*GIFTS CAN BE GIVEN IN MEMORY, IN HONOR, AND WITH THANKS
TO, GOD FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED.*

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 or look to the church directory for phone number. You can also contact Tom Girmscheid at 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:

- 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!*

March 12 **"In the Footsteps of St. Paul"**
DVD - David Suchet (Star of Agatha Christie's Poirot) explores Christianity's early years and retraces the steps of a man believed to have traveled 10,000 miles across the lands of the Roman Empire. Everyone welcome. Snacks will be provided.

April 16 **Karina's Bakery** - we will visit this family operated local - (3rd Thursday) bakery to view preparations for baking and decorate our own small personalized cake to bring home Cost of \$5.00 per person We will meet at the bakery located at: 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



February 13 Women and Home Safety program provided by Mundelein police officers

St. Andrew Fellowship/ Movie Night

Movie Night:

Saturday, March 21

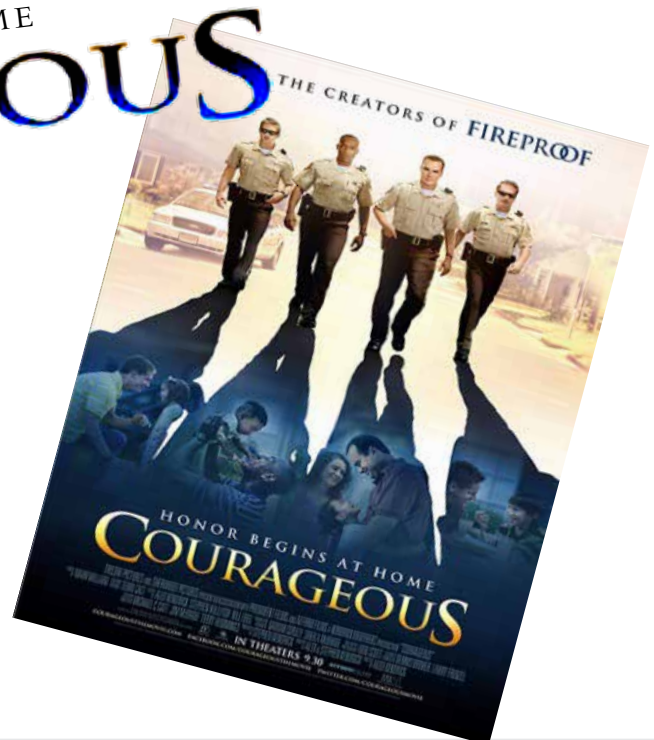
Food served from: 5:00 – 6:15

Movie at 6:30

HONOR BEGINS AT HOME COURAGEOUS

Where are the men of Courage ?

Four men, one calling: To serve and protect. As law enforcement officers, they face danger every day. Yet when tragedy strikes close to home, these fathers are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, and their faith. From this struggle will come a decision that changes all of their lives. With action, drama, and humor, the fourth film from Sherwood Pictures embraces God's promise to "turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers." Souls will be stirred, and hearts will be challenged to be ... courageous!



March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:30 Traditional 9:30 Coffee Hour 9:40 Sunday School 9:45 Adult Educ. 10:45 Contemporary	9:30 am H.O.U.S.E. 6:30 pm Early Bird AA 7 pm Kirk Players	4 pm Daisies #46021 7 pm Evangelism Ministry Team mtg 7:30 Troop #198 8:30 pm Mund. AA	10 Bible Study 6 Soup Supper 6:45 Hymn-Sing 7 Worship 7 pm Kirk Players 7:30 Choir Reh.	9 am Quilters 6 Tiger Cub Scouts 7 Scout BOR 7 pm Prayer Meeting 7 pm Kirk Players	5:30 pm Early Bird AA	9 am Bible Study 10 am Power of Praise Rehearsal (POP)
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Church Council Highlights

The Church Council met on Tuesday, February 11th. Highlights of the meeting include:

Council Officers were elected:

President:..... Teresa Maki
Vice President: Lisa Green
Secretary: Steve Jacobson

Ministry Team Liaisons were selected:

Christian Education.....Jackie Schmidt
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Deb Slaughter was elected Treasurer. She will continue to be part of the Treasury Special Team (TST), along with Bob Hernquist and Peter Schoenfield. Samantha Martinez continues to serve as the Financial Recording Secretary.

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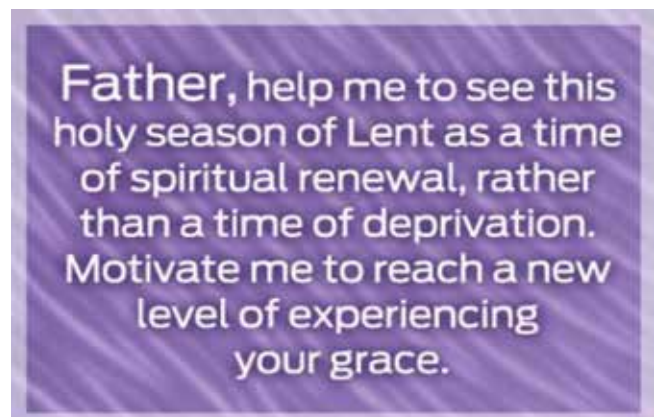
Early Christians observed "a season of penitence and fasting" in preparation for the Paschal feast, or Pascha. *Pascha comes from both the Greek and Latin words for "Easter," the holiday that celebrates the day Jesus Christ rose from the dead.*

The season now known as Lent (from an Old English word meaning "spring," the time of lengthening days) has a long history. Originally, in places where Pascha was celebrated on a Sunday, the Paschal feast followed a fast of up to two days. In the third century, this fast was lengthened to six days. Eventually, this fast became attached to, or overlapped, another fast of forty days, in imitation of Christ's fasting in the wilderness.

The forty-day fast was especially important for converts to the faith who were preparing for baptism, and for those guilty of notorious sins who were being restored to the Christian assembly. In the western church the forty days of Lent extend from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, omitting Sundays.

The last three days of Lent are the sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Today, Lent has reacquired its significance as the final preparation of adult candidates for baptism. Joining with them, all Christians are invited "to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word"

BCP, p. 265.



PEOPLE POWER – 8:30 a.m. – MARCH 2020

Sunday, March 1	8:30 a.m.		
Assisting Minister:	Anita Pahlman	Lay Reader:	Judy Boyd
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:	Mary Grandt & Tana Hamm		
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Bob Hernquist		
Sunday, March 8	10:00 a.m.		
Assisting Ministers:	Dave Bender	Lay Reader:	Teresa Maki
Acolyte:	Logan Garbrecht		
Greeters:	Bill & Laurie Turner		
Ushers:	Jean Fagerstrom, Marion Collins, Gary Schuessler, Lew Boyd		
Sound Tech:	Tom Girmscheid		
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman		
Altar Guild:	Mary Grandt & Tana Hamm		
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Carol Bertrand		
Sunday, March 15	8:30 a.m.		
Assisting Minister:	Judy Boyd	Lay Reader:	Barb Binversie
Acolyte:	Thomas Schoo		
Greeter:	Laurel Caldara		
Ushers:	Dave Bender, Tom Girmscheid, Jose & Jason Carmona, Sean Burchard		
Sound Tech:	John Bestler		
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman		
Altar Guild:	Mary Grandt & Tana Hamm		
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Karen Jarrett		
Sunday, March 22	8:30 a.m.		
Assisting Minister:	Leslie Parriott	Lay Reader:	Debbie Jacobson
Acolyte:	Colin Schoo		
Greeter:	Marion Collins		
Ushers:	Laural Caldara, Lois Laedtke, Debbie Jacobson, Chris Binversie		
Sound Tech:	Tom Girmscheid		
Altar Guild:	Mary Grandt & Tana Hamm		
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman		
Counters:	Bob Hernquist & Carol Bertrand		
Sunday, March 29	8:30 a.m.		
Assisting Minister:	Teresa Maki	Lay Reader:	Lyn Hayes
Acolyte:	Ian Grandt		
Weclomer:	Laurel Caldara		
Greeter:	Diane Sanderson		
Ushers:	Samantha Martinez, Ellen Van Zeeland, Carolyn Vucitech, Myrna Wells		
Sound Tech:	Tom Girmscheid		
Altar Guild:	Mary Grandt & Tana Hamm		
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman		
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Karen Jarrett		
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 a.m. – MARCH 2020

Sunday, March 1	10:45 a.m.
Worship Leader:	Jenny Prescia
Welcomer Team:	Danny, Cindy & Tim Mivelaz
Greeter:	
Ushers:	Tom Beyer, Tim Mivelaz
Nursery Attendant:	
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman
Altar Guild:	Mary Grandt & Tana Hamm
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Bob Hernquist
Sunday, March 8	10:45 a.m.
Worship Leader:	Jenny Prescia
Welcome Team:	Mivelaz Family
Greeter:	Kari Payne
Ushers:	Tom Beyer, Tim Mivelaz, Kari Payne
Nursery Attendant:	
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman
Altar Guild:	Mary Grandt & Tana Hamm
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Carol Bertrand
Sunday, March 15	10:45 a.m.
Worship Leader:	Jenny Prescia
Welcome Team:	Danny, Cindy & Tim Mivelaz
Greeter:	Lisa Green
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman
Nursery Attendant:	
Ushers:	Tom Beyer, Tim Mivelaz
Altar Guild:	Mary Grandt & Tana Hamm
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Karen Jarrett
Sunday, March 22	10:45 a.m.
Worship Leader:	Bill List
Welcome Team:	Danny, Cindy & Tim Mivelaz
Greeter:	
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman
Nursery Attendant:	
Ushers:	Tom Beyer, Tim Mivelaz
Altar Guild:	Mary Grandt & Tana Hamm
Counters:	Bob Hernquist & Carol Bertrand
Sunday, March 29	10:45 a.m.
Worship Leader:	Bill List
Welcome Team:	Danny, Cindy & Tim Mivelaz
Greeter:	Chris Ihlenburg
Nursery Attendant:	
Ushers:	Tom Beyer, Tim Mivelaz
Altar Guild:	Mary Grandt & Tana Hamm
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Karen Jarrett

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Ushers:	Tom Beyer	847-566-0474
Counters:	Andrea Ammons	224-214-6723

PRAYER VENTURES

March 2020

- 1** *First Sunday in Lent* During the 40 days of Lent we recall how Jesus, the Son of God, withstood temptations even in a weakened state. Pray that we will find confidence and courage through faith in Jesus and will draw on the strength of God to endure the temptations and distractions of daily life.
- 2** Give thanks for the contributions and impact of women of all ages and abilities who shape our society and communities, share their faith and wisdom, serve our neighbors in need and respond to God's call to serve as lay and rostered leaders in our congregations and church.
- 3** Give thanks for the witness and work of the Rev. Lancelot Themba Mkhabela and Kwena Mkhabela, regional representatives for Madagascar, West Africa and Central Africa; the Rev. Kirsten Laderach, YAGM country coordinator for Madagascar; and the seven volunteers serving alongside our companions in that country as part of the Young Adults in Global Mission program.
- 4** Be glad and shout for joy! Trust in God's love and mercy, which strengthen and preserve us in our every need and circumstance.
- 5** Pray that during Lent we will carve out time in our busy lives to pause and reflect on our faith, our baptismal journeys and the life and suffering of Christ, who sacrificed himself for us that we might enjoy a new life, reconciled to God and full of love, mercy, hope and a spirit of service.
- 6** Give thanks for the gift of grace we have in Jesus Christ, which sets us free to live our faith with boldness and to serve our neighbor.
- 7** Pray for peace, reconciliation and healing in the world wherever there is conflict or war, especially in Iran, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan and parts of Africa. Ask that the Spirit of God will guide and inspire political leaders, diplomats and mediators, soldiers and peacekeeping forces to be persistent and unified in seeking peaceful, just and compassionate solutions and treaties.
- 8** Talk with God. Ask your questions even though some feel deep and perplexing, and trust that God will listen and respond as a loving, concerned parent.
- 9** Thank God for our special relationship with the United Church of Christ, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997; pray for the church, its diverse ministries and its members and leaders; and pray that together we will find mutual support, new partnerships and new resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.
- 10** Harriet Tubman (1822-1913) and Sojourner Truth (1797-1883) were born into slavery but emboldened by their convictions of justice, equality, faith and concern for others to fight against slavery and to advocate for women's rights. Ask God to grant us a similar boldness to live our faith and serve our neighbors who suffer injustice, poverty, oppression and hunger.
- 11** Throughout Lent, remember and give thanks that God is our ready source of help, protection, strength and life.
- 12** Ask for God's wisdom and creativity in developing our congregations as communities of faith where people discover a sense of belonging, feel grounded in the word of God and the sacraments, find opportunities for faith-centered learning and service, and know they are connected to the greater body of Christ.
- 13** Praise God for the undeserved and unearned gifts of mercy and grace given to us and our ancestors of faith. Pray that the Spirit will fill us with the words, thoughts and images needed to tell others about God's promises and activity throughout history and especially today.
- 14** Lift up prayers of concern and support for people and communities affected by the widespread destruction caused by wildfires in Australia. Pray for the thousands of people displaced from their homes, for volunteer firefighters and relief workers, for the healing of nature and for the response efforts of the Lutheran Church of Australia, local congregations and Lutheran Disaster Response.
- 15** Pray that we will be inspired by the story of the Samaritan woman talking with Jesus at the well and will share with others – without bias or judgment – the good news of Jesus Christ, Savior of the world.
- 16** Give thanks for the service and witness of the Rev. Zachary Courter and Rev. Rachel Eskesen, YAGM country coordinators for Hungary, and the eight volunteers serving alongside our com-

panions in Hungary and Serbia as part of the Young Adults in Global Mission program.

- 17** As Moses and the Israelites called out in the wilderness for the reassurance of God's presence and attention, we, too, long for reminders and signs of God's activity, love and mercy in our daily lives. Pray that the Spirit will open our hearts and minds to God's presence and that we will be eager partners in God's work in the world – wherever it leads us.
- 18** Pray for people who are grieving the loss of a loved one or a member of their community. Ask God to help us be present with them through our empathy, care, support and faith; ask the Holy Spirit to help us kindle comfort, hope and peace when the fragility and brevity of life feel overwhelming.
- 19** Give thanks for the ELCA Lay Schools for Ministry network and the Select Learning program, partner ministries that equip us for our baptismal vocations and create opportunities for life-long learning, sharing multigenerational stories of faith and nurturing biblical and theological literacy.
- 20** God is good and great and the creator of all that exists. Sing praises to the Lord and make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
- 21** Praise God that we will be changed inside and out by God's love "poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit." Pray that the love and reconciliation we have received from God through Jesus Christ will transform us to be passionate witnesses, disciples and bearers of the gospel for all who long for good news and hope.
- 22** Give thanks that God equips us and uses our unique abilities and gifts to care for the physical and spiritual needs of our neighbor. Ask God to grant us courage, patience and confidence in the gospel when we experience resistance, anger or condemnation in response to our advocacy and acts of compassion and justice.
- 23** Pray that our church's understanding of the theology and practice of accompaniment will deepen as we walk together with Lutheran, ecumenical and interfaith sisters and brothers around the world.
- 24** *Óscar Arnulfo Romero (1917-1980), bishop of El Salvador* Bishop Romero was assassinated for his courageous, gospel-driven work and his advocacy for human dignity, social justice and the rights of the poor and marginalized. Give thanks for his witness and impact and for those in the church and society who continue to fight for justice and the interests of people in Central America.
- 25** In Jesus Christ we have a loving shepherd and a guiding light who walks with us in the dark moments and places of our lives. Give praise and thanks to God!
- 26** Remember in prayer congregations and communities that are preparing for spring and summer storms and living with the uncertainty of what this year will bring. Pray that God will protect them, equip them to respond and calm their anxiety.
- 27** Praise God for spring and its abundant signs of new life, which prompt us to remember the good things God has given us to tend, share and use.
- 28** Pray that, as "children of light," we will grow in our understanding of what pleases God – lives full of light and shining with everything that is good, right and true.
- 29** Ask God to help us trust that our actions, words, witness, relationships and service can and will accomplish wonderful and sometimes miraculous things in the world. Pray that, in all we do, we will act with humility so that our lives point not to our own abilities and accomplishments but to the power and love of God.
- 30** Ask God's forgiveness for the times when, turning our attention to the breaking news of the day, we forget the masses of refugees in the world. Pray that, through our prayers, generosity, compassion and advocacy, we will be inseparably bound to those refugees who, displaced from their homes and communities, yearn to be welcome, respected, safe and settled.
- 31** Remember in prayer those congregations, synods, leaders and churchwide staff preparing for synod assemblies this year. Pray that the Spirit will guide and inspire their plans for the sake of doing God's work in the world, spreading the good news of Christ and growing the church.

Evangelism

Where are the Fathers of Courage ?

As we continue on a new journey here at St. Andrew, we need to let the Holy Spirit lead us and to deny our flesh. Part of the Evangelism Ministry is to help the congregation, from time to time, to reawaken its spiritual walk and to deepen the spiritual life of the congregation.

I want to talk to the Fathers. First I'm not judging anyone. This is from my experience and may this message touch your Spirit.

I was a good Father, but not a Godly Father. I loved my family but until I gave my life to Jesus I really didn't truly know how to love them or anybody else. So, Fathers, my Brothers in Christ, Deuteronomy 6:6-7 says, "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you lie down and when you rise." The Bible tells us what we, as Fathers, should do! We need to understand that our wives and children are gifts from God and He expects us to be Godly stewards of what He's given us! I didn't do that until about 7 years ago -- I hate to admit. We, as Fathers, have a huge responsibility to raise our family in the way God has shown us.

Unfortunately, some of us have neglected to do that and because of that, a lot of the trouble families are going thru and the trouble in the world today are because we, as parents, (talking to Fathers right now) have failed to be Godly stewards over what God has given us. We are Blessed to have a family. Some can't have one. Since I accepted God and put Him First in my life, my family and I have been totally changed. Yes, we still make mistakes. But, we are quick to repent. I see a broken world because of broken families. We as Fathers have a huge responsibility but nothing is Impossible if you put God First. We need to submit everything to God and let Him guide us to become the men of God we are called to be. I understand we work hard to support our families and we can get really busy. That's exactly what the enemy wants. When we work too much, we get worn out and lose focus on God. (I'm guilty of that.) We are supposed to lead our Family in the way God has told us in His Word. When we don't, we are disobedient and that is a sin in God's eyes and there are issues when we do that. I found that out the hard way. Proverbs 22:6- says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." A Father, likewise, provides discipline to children (Proverbs 3:12) Children, however, are not

only a Father's responsibility: they are also a Father's privilege. Psalm 127:3-5 declares, "behold children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb of reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!" Children are a gift from God to be cherished and nurtured by Fathers. Joshua 24:15- "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." I don't know how anyone of you have raised your family, but I didn't do a good job at first. Fathers, please take time to get quiet with God and allow Him to guide you by the Holy Spirit that is within you. I pray that the Holy Spirit will Guide us to be that Father, that Husband, that Grandpa, that Brother or that Son. To be who God Calls us to be. May we be that light to our Family, May the Love of God show through us to our Family and wherever we go, may Christ in us -- The Hope of Glory -- manifest through us always. May we be the Men of God so filled with the Holy Spirit that when we wake up, we put on The Full Armor of God ready to stand against the enemy! That we Let Go and Let God guide us in all we do. Lord we will praise You in the good times and bad times no matter what. We will feed ourselves and our Families with the Word of God and raise up a generation that will put God first in all things. We will seek You and we will find You because Your Word promises so. We thank you Father God for Your Son Jesus Christ that we may walk in the way He taught us. We thank You that in Jesus we are overcomers! May God get all the Glory as Your Spirit guides us to be the Men of God we are called to be.

We ask this in the Mighty and Holy Name of Jesus.

Amen & may God Bless You and yours!

Danny Mivelaz

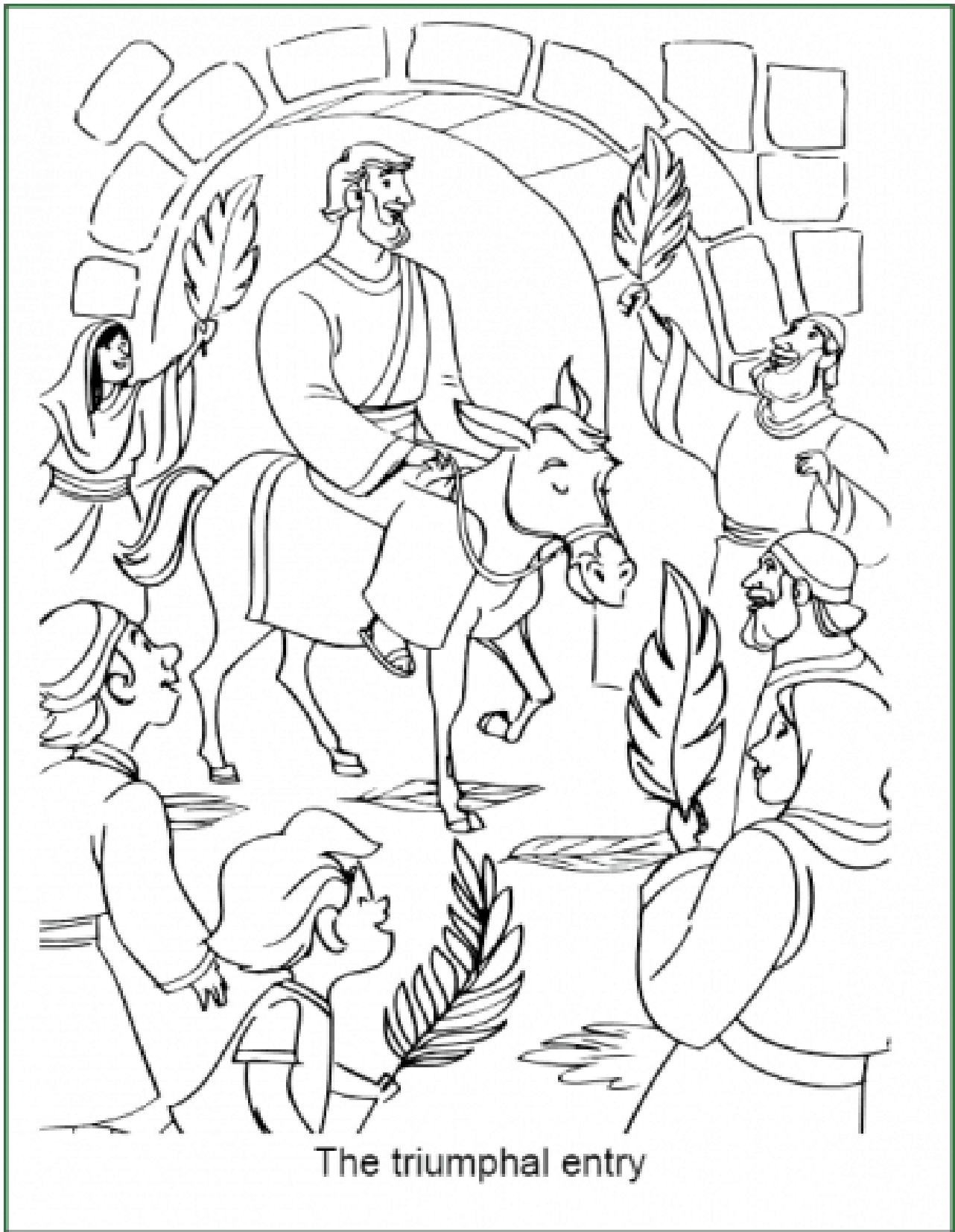
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The triumphal entry

Jesus entered Jerusalem in what we call “The Triumphal Entry.” The rest of the story is found in Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 1:1-10; Luke 19:28-40; and John 12:12-15.

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St. Andrew Youth Retreat, the last weekend in February, was well attended and went very well. This year's theme was about, "Bullying". I think the best part for the youth was the tobogganing. We had fun there! We met other youth groups and played many games along with our worship times. The food was good and friendships were made.

The youth attending the Lutherdale retreat were:

Gavin and Bradley Belletyne
 Thomas and Conner Schoo
 Ian Grandt
 Isabella Rizzo
 Norah Emso
 Naomi Routledge

The adult chaperones were:

Elizabeth Schoo
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*The
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Lent is traditionally described as lasting for 40 days, in commemoration of the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert before beginning his public ministry.

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.