

# Encounter

## A Message from Pastor Mark Sundberg

... *hope does not disappoint us.*  
(Romans 5:5)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Spring is here! Easter is coming soon! Summer is coming soon! We rejoice at this time of year for all the longed-for times that are arriving. At this time of year we have hope for what is to come!



Easter is the centerpiece of the Christian year and the Christian life. Only by Jesus defeating the power of sin and death are we worthy of God's victory of love at Easter. It is a wonderful time of year, both for its powerful significance for Christians – as well as the rebirth of nature here in the northern hemisphere. I get so excited when I think of seeds being planted, seedlings being transplanted into the garden, and everything sprouting, greening, and growing. It's been a long winter (albeit a mild one,) and I'm ready for the fullness of the warm season.

People of faith long for Easter, the joyous celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. Perhaps we have been depriving ourselves during Lent, or miss singing "Alleluia" joyfully, or we look forward to the family celebration of Easter. Easter is a time when many who have been missing from worship come back to reconnect. The church is full; we wonder if the crowds who worship with us will come back to join us on Sunday mornings in the future, or if they are only making their once or twice-a-year appearance.

Christians participate in the hope for Easter, and hope for the everlasting Easter when God claims the whole universe in love at the end of time. We welcome all those who join us for Easter worship. We know, however, that the celebration of Easter without the darkness of Good Friday sometimes seems hollow. The Christian faithful enjoy the amazing high of Easter because we know the low of our brokenness. In order to really enjoy the celebration of Easter, we need to understand the love shown by God in Jesus Christ on the cross. Without the observing of Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) when Jesus teaches his disciples to love one another – by washing their feet, and Good Friday when we participate in the telling of Jesus' suffering, the celebration of Easter can be deprived of its deep, true meaning.

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## We still need your offering!

Going forward, there are 3 ways to ensure your Giving reaches the church.

- 1) **"Drop-Off"** - days will be Tuesday & Wednesday between 10 am & 3 pm.
- 2) **Mailing** it in is still always an option.
- 3) **On-Line**, if you don't want to leave your home & have internet access, you can make one-time contributions using the on-line giving offered on the St. Andrew website. This can be done weekly, monthly or however you wish to do.

Please see the Treasury Team's article on page three.

## Sermon Titles for April

*From Pastor Mark Sundberg*

**April 5**

*Stay Awake with Me*

**April 12**

*Faith Against All Odds*

**April 19**

*Blessed Are You Who Believe*

**April 26**

*Burning Hearts and Open Eyes*

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*April 5 is Passion/Palm Sunday*

*April 12 is Easter Sunday*

# Quilters' Crossing

As you are reading this, it is my hope and prayer that soon we will be able after a few weeks of having to suspend our weekly gatherings at church to be able again to meet to continue our Quilting Ministry EACH THURSDAY FROM 9AM – NOON and THE FOURTH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH and I will be able to be a part of the group! PLEASE WATCH AND LISTEN FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES.



I am sure that many of you have been sewing diligently at home while you can and preparing materials to be put together as a beautiful quilt – a warm “hug” to someone in need. We still plan to display our quilts on Mother’s Day for all to see and shortly after they will be packed up and shipped out to their destination to make someone’s life just a bit more warm and comfortable. We will also continue to put together our Baby Care Kits.

Thank you all who continue to support this ministry as a way to witness in Christ’s name. While you are spring cleaning, put aside those sheets and men’s large & x large t-shirts that can be used for the quilts and the baby diapers. If you donate fitted sheets, please make sure they are at least “queen size” since the corners need to be cut off to make them usable.

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

Lyn Hayes and the Quilters

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## A Message from Pastor Mark Sundberg

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I hope you will worship at St. Andrew (or elsewhere if you cannot make it here) on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at 7:00 p.m., so you can celebrate deeply the joy of Easter Sunday.

Have you ever seen a flower stalk stripped of its foliage? It’s not as beautiful without the green leaves surrounding it. That is how the joy of Easter is without remembering the story of the loving God who suffers for us, that we observe during Holy Week. Make your Easter complete this year. Join us for Holy Thursday and Good Friday at St. Andrew Lutheran.

In Christian service,  
Pastor Mark Sundberg (transitional pastor)



## Scriptures for April

**April 5 –**  
**Sunday of the Passion /**  
**Palm Sunday**  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 26:14--27:66

**April 12 –**  
**Resurrection of**  
**Our Lord: Easter Day**  
Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Colossians 3:1-4  
Matthew 28:1-10

**April 19 –**  
**2nd Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
Psalm 16  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

**April 26 –**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Peter 1:17-23  
Luke 24:13-35

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## Worship Attendance for February

Date	8:30	10:45	Total
2/2	68	70	150
2/9	80	67	134
2/16	72	60	132
2/23	65	63	128
2/26 Ash Wed 7 pm			64

# STEWARDSHIP – OUR WAY OF LIFE HERE AT ST. ANDREW (is it Yours?)

PSALM 23 with thoughts -*Author Unknown*

We probably never thought nor looked at the 23 Psalm in this way, even though we say it over and over again.

The Lord is my Shepherd - **That's Relationship!**  
I shall not want - **That's Supply!**  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures - **That's Rest!**  
He leadeth me beside the still waters - **That's Refreshment!**  
He restoreth my soul - **That's Healing!**  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness - **That's Guidance!**  
For His name sake - **That's Purpose!**  
Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death - **That's Testing!**  
I will fear no evil - **That's Protection!**  
For Thou art with me - **That's Faithfulness!**  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me - **That's Discipline!**  
Thou prepares a table before me in the presence  
of mine enemies - **That's Hope!**  
Thou annointest my head with oil - **That's Consecration!**  
My cup runneth over - **That's Abundance!**  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life - **That's Blessing!**  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord - **That's Security!**  
Forever - **That's Eternity!**

What is most valuable is not what we have in our lives,  
but WHO we have in our lives.

With all that is going on around us at this time - people are afraid, people are scared. But we must keep our faith and be safe and strong! Faith is not always comfortable. Faith is an exercise of the heart and mind. Faith is an exercise of trust that God is working for you which we cannot always understand. We must continue to believe and take care of each other and all that God has given to us!

*-Dear Lord, help us to believe that you are in control and you are to be trusted. Let us all have the strength to put our lives in your hands. Amen.*

## We still need your offering!

Are you holding off coming to Church during this Covid-19 coronavirus national emergency? Please remember that our payroll and utilities don't stop, so we still need your offering.

So, what can you do when you don't go out in public? Well, there is a way to give without coming to Church. It is called online giving and it will still allow you to make your offering. It is safe and secure with special protection so your identity cannot be stolen.

**How do you do this?** First, go to your computer and enter '[www.standrewmundelein.com](http://www.standrewmundelein.com)'. It will open the Church's website and on the middle right-hand side is a section called 'Online Giving'.

The second step, if you have never done this before, is to create a 'profile'. You will enter your email address, twice to make sure you did it the same, then First Name, Last Name, Address, City, State, Zip code and then a Password twice. This will be your Profile and you will use your email address and password to get in in the future.

To make a single donation, click on the [Add Transaction button](#). Now you can enter the amount for Regular, Building, Benevolence, Youth, World Hunger or Chris Ed. Next enter a credit card, savings account or checking account and finish the transaction.

You can make it a one-time or recurring giving, and print a copy for your own records. That's how it is done. And don't forget to Log Off in the upper right corner.

This site is secure and works through Vanco Payment Solutions (cs@vancopayments.com) theirs to do it and you don't have to share your login email address and password with them.

# Women's Fellowship - 2020

Listed below is our upcoming Women's Fellowship schedule, however, more than likely we will need to postpone and alter our activities. If we need to continue to honor our "Stay at Home" order, **we will change our Karina's Bakery to Thursday, May 14 and our Gale Street Inn Dinner to Thursday, June 11.**

April 16 **Karina's Bakery** - we will visit this family operated local (3rd Thursday) bakery to view preparations for baking and decorate your own small personalized cake to bring home. There will be a cost of \$5.00 per person. Please let Barb Binversie know if you are planning to join us. We will meet at the bakery located at 401 North Seymour Street, Mundelein (*This may be changed to May 14.*)



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 (*This may be changed to June 11.*)

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## 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. Unfortunately the Messiah PADS shelter site needed to be closed and PADS Lake County is scrambling to accommodate homeless in face of coronavirus-related issues.

Lake County's largest provider of homeless services has lost three of its 15 overnight shelters, and is on the brink of losing three more, as the organization struggles to follow government guidelines to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus yet maintain its vital support for one of the county's most vulnerable populations.

The restrictions handed down by Gov. J.B. Pritzker have intensified since Lake County reported its first case on March 11, and the numbers locally and statewide have climbed. Homeless shelters have been among the locations specifically identified as being exempted from the closures that Pritzker has ordered. "As long as the word 'homeless' came out of his mouth, I am happy," said Meghan Powell-Filler, PADS Lake County's executive director.

Still, PADS Lake County, with 28 employees and more than 3,000 volunteers throughout the year, is a case study of the difficulties faced during the viral pandemic by organizations giving support to persons experiencing homelessness, who are at high risk of COVID-19's effects due to a variety of factors

including unresolved health problems.

Powell-Filler's organization is facing the challenging reality that its clients have no home to stay at, and must find a way to work social distancing and restrictions on mass gathering into a system that relies on the community of its clients and close-knit work of volunteers.

"I feel a little like we're on an island by ourselves," Powell-Filler said. "We're following the recommendations as much as we can, but our [volunteers] are also trying to follow the recommendations."

Recently, Warren Township Supervisor Suzanne Simpson allowed use of one of the township's gymnasiums, which PADS has started staffing around the clock as a way to make up for the churches that are dropping their overnight sheltering services.

"Most of the places that our clients usually go to during the day - the libraries, the restaurants - they're closed now," Powell-Filler said. "That's why, if we close, they will have nowhere to go." Powell-Filler said the group could use more volunteers, as many current volunteers are in a higher-risk age group to COVID-19.

"We just need them -- College kids who are home now, who might not be an at-risk group, maybe people who didn't think that they could volunteer before," she said.



# April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			10 Bible Study 6 Soup Supper 6:45 Hymn-Sing 7 Worship 7 Kirk Players <i>Auditions</i> 7:30 Choir Reh.	9 am Quilters  7:00 Kirk Players <i>Auditions</i>  7 pm Prayer Meeting	5:30 pm Early Bird AA	9 am Bible Study 10 am Power of Praise Rehearsal (POP) 11 Bridal Shower set-up 1 Beyer Bridal Shower
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 8:30 Traditional 9:30 Coffee Hour 9:40 Sunday School 9:45 Adult Forum 10:45 Contemporary 6 pm H2H Parents Mtg	9:30 am H.O.U.S.E.  6:30 pm Early Bird AA 7 pm Kirk Players  7:30 Bells Rehearse	7 pm Evangelism Ministry Team mtg  7:30 Troop #198 8:30 pm Mund. AA	5:30 pm Lucky Ducks 4-H Club 6 Girl Scouts #45453 7 pm Kirk Players 7:00 Choir Reh.	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 9 am Quilters  6 pm Brownies #45730  7 pm Worship	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>  5:30 pm Early Bird AA 6 pm Wolf Scouts 7 pm Worship	8:30 am Women's Breakfast Bible Study 9 am Bible Study 10 am POP Rehearsal
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 7:30 Easter Breakfast 8:30 Traditional 9:30 Coffee Hour 10:45 Contemporary	6:30 pm Early Bird AA 7 pm Kirk Players	8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Hillside)  4 pm Daisies #46021 5 Lions Cub Scouts 7 pm Council  7:30 Troop #198 8:30 pm Mund. AA	<b>ENCOUNTER</b> <b>ARTICLES DUE</b>  10 Bible Study  7 pm Kirk Players  7:00 Choir Reh.	9 am Quilters – Brown Bag Lunch – all are welcome!  7:00 Kirk Players 7 pm Prayer Meeting 7 Women's Fellowship @ Karina's Bakery	5:30 pm Early Bird AA 7 Cub Scouts Pack Meeting	9 am Bible Study 10 am POP Rehearsal  <b>MOVIE NIGHT</b> 5 pm Dinner 6:30 Movie
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:30 Traditional 9:30 Coffee Hour 9:40 Sunday School 9:45 Adult Forum 10:45 Contemporary  2 Junior Scouts #45193 6 pm H2H Lesson	6:30 Girl Scouts #40310 6:30 pm Early Bird AA 7 pm Kirk Players 7:30 Mund Coin Club 7:30 Bells Rehearse	7 Worship & Music Ministry Team mtg.  7:30 Troop #198 8:30 pm Mund. AA	10 Bible Study  6 Girl Scouts #45453 7 pm Kirk Players  7:00 Choir Reh.	9 am Quilters  6 pm Brownies #45730 7:00 Kirk Players  7 pm Prayer Meeting	5:30 pm Early Bird AA 6 pm Wolf Scouts	9 am Quilters 9 am Bible Study 10 am POP Rehearsal
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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  
224-622-8079 / jackieschmidt1952@yahoo.com  
Communication..... Teresa Maki  
847-687-8422 / teresamaki2019@gmail.com  
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Memorial..... Steve Jacobson  
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847-566-2537 / linda.hayes.ili4@statefarm.com  
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Youth ..... Erika List  
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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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# Letter from Pastor Sunburg

Dear Friends in Christ,

What stressful times we are living through! We pray that all of you will be well. I want you to know that St. Andrew Lutheran is here for you and is praying for you.

I think the words of the Apostle Paul in Romans 8 is most helpful:

What are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We need to listen to the words of Paul. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus!

We are making decisions about our worship and use of the building here at St. Andrew. We need your prayers and your support. I especially, your pastor, need your prayers. If we are divided in any way, our future is perilous. So let's strive together, and God in Christ will not let go of us!

In Christian service,  
Pastor Mark Sundberg

## 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  
Friday, April. 17th*

## PEOPLE POWER – 8:30 a.m. – APRIL 2020

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<b>Sunday, April 5</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday</b>
Assisting Minister:	Anita Pahlman	
Lay Reader:	Carol Bertrand	
Acolyte:	Naomi Routledge	
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 & Carol Bertrand	

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<b>Sunday, April 12</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day</b>
Assisting Ministers:	Dave Bender	
Lay Reader:	Barb Binversie	
Acolyte:	Norah Emso	
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 & Bob Hernquist	

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<b>Sunday, April 19</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	
Assisting Minister:	Judy Boyd	
Lay Reader:	Jeff Hayes	
Acolyte:	Isabella Rizzo	
Greeter:	Laurel Caldara	
Ushers:	Dave Bender, Tom Girmscheid, Jose & Jason Carmona, Sean Burchard	
Sound Tech:	Tom Girmscheid	
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman	
Altar Guild:	Mary Grandt & Tana Hamm	
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Deb Slaughter	

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<b>Sunday, April 26</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	
Assisting Minister:	Leslie Parriott	
Lay Reader:	Debbie Jacobson	
Acolyte:	Addison Kalmus	
Greeter:	Marion Collins	
Ushers:	Laurel Caldara, Lois Laedtke, Debbie Jacobson, Chris Binversie	
Sound Tech:	Tom Girmscheid	
Altar Guild:	Mary Grandt & Tana Hamm	
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman	
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Karen Jarrett	

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

<b>Acolytes:</b>	Teresa Maki	847-687-8422
<b>Assisting Ministers/Lay Reader/Greeters/Phone Receptionist:</b>	Anita Pahlman	847-566-8081
<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

## PEOPLE POWER – 10:45 a.m. – APRIL 2020

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<b>Sunday, April 5</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday</b>
Worship Leader:	Jenny Prescia	
Welcomers:	Danny, Cindy & Tim Mivelaz	
Greeter:	Lisa Green	
Ushers:	Tom Beyer, Tim Mivelaz	
Nursery Attendant:		
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman	
Altar Guild:	Mary Grandt & Tana Hamm	
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Carol Bertrand	

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<b>Sunday, April 12</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day</b>
Worship Leader:	Jenny Prescia	
Welcome Team:	Mivelaz Family	
Greeter:	Kari Payne	
Ushers:	Tom Beyer, Kari Payne, Tim Mivelaz	
Nursery Attendant:		
Altar Guild:	Mary Grandt & Tana Hamm	
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman	
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Bob Hernquist	

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<b>Sunday, April 19</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	
Worship Leader:	Bill List	
Greeters:	Mivelaz Family	
Ushers:	Tom Beyer, Tim Mivelaz	
Nursery Attendant:		
Altar Guild:	Mary Grandt & Tana Hamm	
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman	
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Deb Slaughter	

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<b>Sunday, April 26</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	
Worship Leader:	Jenny Prescia	
Welcome Team:	Mivelaz Family	
Greeter:	Chris Ihlenburg	
Ushers:	Tom Beyer, Tim Mivelaz	
Nursery Attendant:		
Altar Guild:	Mary Grandt & Tana Hamm	
Phone Receptionist:	Anita Pahlman	
Counters:	Andrea Ammons & Karen Jarrett	

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<b>Worship Leaders/Lay Reader/Greeters/Phone Receptionist:</b>	Anita Pahlman	847-566-8081
<b>Nursery Attendants:</b>	Anita Pahlman	847-566-8081
<b>Ushers:</b>	Tom Beyer	847-566-0474
<b>Counters:</b>	Andrea Ammons	224-214-6723



## How Can You Help

From Diana O'Kelly,  
Fremont Township Supervisor

Many of you are calling asking how you can help. If you are able to help your neighbors in need, we appreciate donations to our food pantry. Currently our greatest needs are rice, instant potatoes, sides, peanut butter and jelly and mac and cheese, but we appreciate any donations. There is a box at the front of Jewel on Midlothian or donations may be left on our front porch at 22385 Route 60, Mundelein. For the first time, we have received some donations through Amazon delivery.

If you are aware of Fremont Township neighbors in need, please have them call us at 847 223-2847.

My sincere thank you!

## Interested In Helping With the St. Andrew Newsletter?

The St. Andrew newsletter, the Encounter, is published once a month with past, current and future information about the many St. Andrew activities in church and the community.

If you would be interested in helping with this monthly communication for St. Andrew, or even becoming the new editor, please prayerfully consider this opportunity.

We are grateful for the many contributors to the newsletter with your articles and pictures and we are blessed with your leadership and communication contributions to the Encounter.

If you are interested in finding out more about the newsletter preparation and publishing, email Donn at: [dehamm@comcast.net](mailto:dehamm@comcast.net)

## Another Milestone, Graduation ---

We would like to rejoice with those members of the congregation who are completing a course of study at the Jr. High, High School, College or Graduate School level in 2019. In order to have accurate information about your achievements we would appreciate parents or students filling out the information below and returning it to the church office so that we might publish it in future newsletters.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School graduating from \_\_\_\_\_

Degree \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Future Plans: \_\_\_\_\_

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## SAVE the DATE

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

**VBS 2020**

**Vacation Bible School**

**JUNE 15 - 19**

Our theme this year is  
**Rocky Railroad**

Key Bible Verse

"For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."  
Philippians 4:13

Bible Story

Ananias helps Saul. Acts 9:1-19

It's FREE!! You will be able to register online soon.

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We are also looking for several volunteers to help lead Bible study, crafts, snacks, music and to assist at these stations, plus games!

# WORSHIP:



We will be video recording a worship service, again, for this Sunday.

Future, in person, worship opportunities will be shared as we continue to monitor the current social safety practices advised by the local and federal administrations. Praising & Thanking our Lord continues - just in a different setting!! We are so very grateful for Pastor Sundberg and his awesome gift of shepherding us.

If you need pastoral assistance or have any needs / concerns or questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Sundberg or me.

**Pastor:** cell: 224-659-0091 / email: [peacemark@sbcglobal.net](mailto:peacemark@sbcglobal.net)

**Anita:** cell: 847-849-9118 / email: [anitapahlmanstandrew@gmail.com](mailto:anitapahlmanstandrew@gmail.com)

Please identify yourself and, if necessary, leave a brief message and we will get back to you. You can also text us at the above numbers.

God is with you and so are we! Keep safe & well. Peace be with you. Love One Another. Keep the Faith!

Miss you!  
Anita

Worship with us  
by viewing  
our service on line at:  
[Standrewmundelein.com](http://Standrewmundelein.com)

## Keep in Your Thoughts and Prayers



Dear Members and Friends,

Greetings & Salutations in this time of "Stay-at-Home!" Praying that you are safe and well.

A couple of notes to share with you . . .

We are reminded that we have no eternal place here. We can give thanks to God for sending his only Son to us so that we may Trust in his eternal glory. Our Father has called three members to their heavenly home this week unrelated from the Covid-19:

**Harold Sandburg** of the quad cities area, **Bill Hamblin** of Mundelein (husband of Anne & father of Jane McQuinn) and **Ted Bellefeuille** of North Carolina (Judy Boyd's father).

We pray for all who grieve or are distressed at this time. May the Peace of Christ that surpasses all understanding guard their hearts.

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## Call Your Friends and Neighbors...

Neighbors, friends and particularly senior citizens, are not seeing much of each other since the coronavirus outbreak and the State of Illinois stay-at-home order. Think about calling your friends and neighbors on the phone for a "cheer up" call just to let your neighbors know w/you care about them, especially neighbors who live alone. We can find out if their needs are being met and just provide a friendly, "God loves you" hello.



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## Do Not Flush Wipes

**Save the Pipes - Don't Flush Wipes!**

With many stores selling out of toilet paper quickly, and residents turning to alternatives like wipes and paper towels, please refrain from disposing of certain products down your toilet. disinfecting wipes, 'flushable' wipes and paper towels cause clogs which can cause damage to the sewer pipes

# PRAYER VENTURES

## March 2020

- 1 Give thanks for laughter, smiles, joy and humor today! Praise God for humor that lifts our spirits and provides us an unexpected doorway to reflect on social issues that are difficult to ponder or discuss.
- 2 Pray for God's blessings upon the ELCA's Arab and Middle Eastern Ministries, which serve our neighbors and strengthen the church through evangelical outreach, advocacy, social ministry, ecumenical and interfaith relations, leadership development and affirming the dignity and worth of Arab and Middle Eastern people and their cultures.
- 3 The season of Lent can seem dark, muted and immersed in thoughts of our human weaknesses and failings. But along the way, remember to give thanks for the good news and hope found in our journey to the cross and in the life-giving miracle of Jesus' resurrection.
- 4 Give thanks for bishops, staff, volunteers and leaders who serve in our synods across the country. Pray that the Spirit will strengthen and encourage them for service in the diverse contexts to which God has called them.
- 5 Palm Sunday Some people describe our times as post-Christian, an era in which Christ has little meaning, influence or relevance. Pray for the Spirit to be present and diligent in our lives and in the world, rekindling faith in Jesus Christ, the son of God, our Savior, the light and hope for humankind that holds true throughout time and changing cultures.
- 6 "How precious is your steadfast love, O God!" Give thanks and praise for God's love and mercy washing over us and providing us refuge.
- 7 Pray that we will be guided by the spirit, manner and example of Jesus to be humble and gracious in our faith, service and lives.
- 8 *Total Inclusion!* Widening the Welcome at ELCA Outdoor Ministries is a collaboration between the ELCA churchwide organization and Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, the association of camps and retreat centers affiliated with the ELCA. Pray that this new program will equip and empower outdoor ministry organizations and leaders as they move toward more intentional welcome of people who historically have been marginalized in the church and society - especially people of color, people with disabilities and people who identify as LGBTQIA+.
- 9 Remember in prayer all who despair, suffer or long for liberation, love and redemption.
- 10 *Good Friday* As we tell and retell the story of Jesus' life, suffering, death and resurrection, pray that we will see the cross as a vivid symbol and reminder of God's amazing love for us, a life-giving gift given to us in Jesus Christ that is meant to be shared through words, actions and imagery that inspire faith today.
- 11 The living word of God in Jesus Christ breaks through every barrier and border, shines light wherever there is darkness and bridges every rift and difference in humankind - real or imagined. Give praise and thanks to God!
- 12 *Easter Sunday* This is the day we eagerly anticipated, a day of celebration and joyous mystery - the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Shout praise and glory to God for saving us and setting us free to live as children of God and share the good news with the world.
- 13 Give thanks for our church's long-standing commitment to global mission and faithful service alongside global companions, churches and organizations as they share the good news of Jesus Christ, care for neighbors in need, work for justice and grow the church.
- 14 Look up and all around today; notice what is good, life-giving and hope-inspiring. "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."
- 15 Give thanks for the volunteers of all ages who are vital to our mission and work in the world and who share their diverse gifts, interests and abilities in congregations, volunteer corps, camps and retreat centers, ELCA Global Mission, ELCA Mission Builders, Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran social ministry organizations and however else they feel called to serve.

- 16** Having received a new life and identity in Christ, we ask God to help us recognize and focus on what God considers to be important, good and true.
- 17** Remember in prayer ELCA missionaries serving alongside the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in the Slovak Republic in ministries of education, leadership development and parish life.
- 18** Give thanks for our church's history of hospitality and concern for refugees and immigrants. Pray for the 60 million displaced people in the world and ask God to equip and embolden us to advocate on their behalf and welcome them, in partnership with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, the Lutheran World Federation and companion churches in other countries.
- 19** Earth Day Sunday Praise God for this wondrous creation! Give thanks for how our church embraces our responsibility to care for God's creation through stewardship, education, advocacy and urging one another to take personal and institutional responsibility. Pray that the partnerships and collaborations of the ELCA will produce far-reaching results through ecoAmerica's Blessed Tomorrow program, Creation Justice Ministries, Lutherans Restoring Creation and other networks focused on engaging the church and society in the care and stewardship of creation.
- 20** Ask for God's grace and forgiveness when questions and doubts undermine our joy in the good news of Jesus Christ. Give thanks that God meets our uncertainty with the same patience and love shown to the disciple Thomas when he needed reassurance that Jesus was the Son of God, the true Messiah and Savior of the world.
- 21** Pray for worship leaders gathering in Valparaiso, Ind., for the Institute of Liturgical Studies seminar "Living Breath of God: How Word Through Music Forms Us." Ask that the Holy Spirit strengthen and stir their faith, wisdom and creativity as they reflect on questions around the theology and practice of music in our worshipping communities.
- 22** *Earth Day* Rejoice in God's astonishing handiwork of creation; praise God's life-giving power and might revealed in the smallest microbe and

the infinite mysteries of the universe. Pray that we will demonstrate wisdom, appreciation and respect for nature and all that God has entrusted to our care and use.

- 23** Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.
- 24** Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Alaska and Minneapolis Area synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.
- 25** Give thanks that God is our ever-present refuge, counsel, comfort and joy.
- 26** Pray that we will recognize the presence of Jesus in our daily lives - at home, at work, at church, in relationships, during leisure time and in our travels and encounters with strangers.
- 27** Give thanks for the witness and work of Alberto (Gustavo) Driau, regional representative for Argentina and Uruguay; Rachel Ringlaben, YAGM country coordinator; and the seven volunteers serving alongside our companions in Argentina and Uruguay as part of the Young Adults in Global Mission program.
- 28** Ask God to stir our generosity for supporting the ministries and witness of our congregations, synods and churchwide organization.
- 29** Pray that we will find words to share our faith in Jesus Christ and our understanding of Scripture with one another and the world, while also trusting that the Holy Spirit works to deepen our faith and enrich our knowledge of God's word and ways.
- 30** Ask God to help us see and attend to people who are unseen, forgotten, underserved or ignored in our congregations, communities and society - elders who are homebound; people who are quiet, incarcerated, homeless or mentally ill; and people living in shelters, care facilities and group homes.

*For our young readers*





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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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#### FOR MEDICAL STAFF & RESEARCHERS

Gracious God,  
give skill, sympathy and resilience  
to all who are caring for the sick,  
and your wisdom to those researching  
for a cure.

Strengthen them with your Spirit,  
that through their work many will be  
restored to health;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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.**