



# ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

And

## Early Childhood Campus

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Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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### February 2017

#### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

##### God and a Cup of Coffee

Do you remember the Folgers commercial from the 1980s where that college student named Peter sneaks into the house at Christmas and starts making coffee? Everyone in the house suddenly wakes up to the rich aroma. Now, I don't know about you... but I have a hard time getting started in the morning without a cup of coffee. In fact, I've been known to say to a person (or at least think to myself), "First we have coffee and then we talk!" We have our morning rituals, and we just can't get started without them.

Unfortunately, our actions are often mindless. We find ourselves set on "autopilot," by simply getting through the day, moving from one task to another. The same is true with our spiritual act of worship and devotional life. For example, as the children of Israel would find themselves set on "autopilot" offering up countless ritual sacrifices to the Lord (yet none were pleasing to Him because they did not come from the heart - Psalm 51:16-17), likewise, we find ourselves set on "autopilot" offering up to God our sacrifice of time, talent, treasure and works. Yet, what interests God the most is your heart. He wants you to be honest about the junk in your lives, and with the help of the Spirit have a broken and a contrite heart. He wants honest confession and Spirit filled change!

In Psalm 89:30-37, God warns that if His commands were not kept, a penalty would be required. Well, God came in the person of Jesus Christ to take that penalty by offering Himself as the sacrifice for sin. No other

sacrifice is required! The sincere heart trusts in the blood and sacrifice of the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29). Yet, in response to Jesus sacrifice for us, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we offer up sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name (Hebrews 13:15). Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we present out bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God (Romans 12:1). We share what we have...for such sacrifices are pleasing to God (Hebrew 13:16), and we love one another (Romans 12:10).

In Revelation 2 and 3, the churches listed in those chapters are told to remember, repent, be faithful, hold fast, and even wake up. Brothers and sisters, in a time when there are many who seem to be on "autopilot" and going through the motions, we need to wake up as the Lord continues to speak to us through His Word day by day bringing us to faith and repentance, challenging us, and forming us. We need only to give Jesus our hand and say, "Lord, take my hand and lead me."

Brothers and sisters, please be aware of all the happening taking place at St. Andrew. Your participation, suggestions, and ideas are encouraged! And as always...please contact me if you or a loved one is in the hospital, celebration a milestone, or would just like a visit! I would love to get to know YOU better.

Let's stay connected!

Your Brother in Christ,  
Pr. Jonathan Vierkant

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please have **all** newsletter articles in by **Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** to Cathy Grande at **standrewchurchwb@gmail.com**.

**Confirmations** will be sent for articles sent via e-mail. Thanks.

## **BOARD OF ELDERS**

Our Lenten services start on Wednesday February 14th, Ash Wednesday, and continue every Wednesday night through March 21st with soup supper at 6:00 and the worship service starting at 7:00. Maundy Thursday (March 29th) & Good Friday (March 30th) services will also be held at 7:00 but we will not have soup supper before those two services.

Your Elders will supply the soup for the Ash Wednesday Soup Supper so please join us in fellowship and a good meal before the Lenten services. Please also consider to volunteer, as a group, or individuals, to bring the main dishes/soups for the rest of the Soup Suppers. We have sign-up sheets on the bulletin board and would appreciate having our members sign up so we know how many soups, or hot dishes, we will have.

We also have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone that would like to volunteer to make coffee and clean up after the Sunday morning Bible classes. Please sign up for dates you would like to take care of. You can sign up as a family or a group of friends to take care of the coffee fellowship.

The Elders would like to let the people worshipping at St. Andrew know that we have large size services available for anyone who may have trouble reading the hymnal or if the hymnal is starting to get a bit heavy to hold for the service. The larger format services can be found in the yellow folders under the mail boxes and they contain the service along with the hymns that will be used. We want to make sure that we have enough copies each week so if

you are interested in using one of these folders, please let one of the Elders or Cathy Grande know.

This is your church home and we are your church family so we are very interested in what you think. Please contact one of the elders and let us know if you have any concerns, questions, need help or just want to talk. We are here to help you in any way we can. Below is the list of Elders and which area of responsibilities they are heading. You can talk to any Elder about any concerns or questions and we will bring it up to the full board.

*In God's service,*  
*Rick Bruss (Chairman & Inactives)*  
*Randy Sheffield (Secretary & Youth/Confirmation)*  
*Elmer Frey (Sick/Shut-Ins)*  
*Curt Gnatzig (Inactives)*  
*Paul Heinz (Personnel & Fundraisers)*  
*Craig Falk (Lay Readers & Ushers)*  
*Joseph Gutschmidt*

## **STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELISM**

### Learning From Geese

Every year with the changing of the seasons, geese migrate hundreds of miles. You may have noticed that migrating geese always form a V shape. That V is essential for survival. Each goose in the V reduces air resistance and produces lift for the bird following behind. Scientists estimate that a V of geese can fly about 70% farther than a single bird flying alone with the same amount of energy. Geese would not be able to migrate if they didn't travel together and didn't fly in their trusty V shape. Furthermore, the goose at the head of the V is taking all the drag for the whole flock. The other geese honk encouragement to keep up the pace, but at regular intervals, one of the other geese will take the lead and the head goose will drop to the back where the flying is easiest. They all stay together and rotate through so no goose becomes too exhausted to make the trip.

In our church flock, we have leaders that take up a position to help the whole congregation get where it is going. However, those positions are tiring, and the leaders need rest. We as a church flock need to remember not only to honk our encouragement, but also to rotate through to take the lead. Every single goose makes it easier for the ones behind, and each member of our congregation is needed to help keep our V on track. Without the work of every member, we can't reach our destinations of spreading God's word, serving one another, and serving our community. As we contemplate our stewardship focus this year, think of the ways you can work to keep our flock on track. St. Andrew needs every single person's help to succeed. Not every job is the same, but every job is essential to our success. Find one that uses your special skills, and take the lead of that V!

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS**

3K & 4K Registration packets for the 2018-2019 school year are now available in the narthex. Spread the word about our Christian Education program to your neighbors and friends. See Sandy Ruback if you would be willing to put a sign for the ECC in your yard.

## **SISTERS IN CHRIST**

The Sisters in Christ breakfast meeting will be on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at church. Please see the sign-up sheet on our bulletin board. All women are welcomed!

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is planned for Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Donations of wrapped Easter candy and small trinkets are needed to fill the eggs. Please place them in the marked basket in the narthex. Thank you for your kind help!

## **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**

We would like to get more people involved at St. Andrew so we are starting a new program where individuals, families or groups of friends can sign up to take care of the coffee fellowship between services during Bible class. The people who sign up will be responsible to make the coffee, set out snacks and clean up for each weeks coffee fellowship. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board so please sign up if you are willing to volunteer for which ever weeks you would like to take. Ask your friends and other church family members to join in with you to have fun serving St. Andrew members.

**CLEANING CREWS NEED HELP:** Two of our cleaning crews are lacking in members. We currently have 12 members on 5 crews that work on a rotating schedule. Ideally, we would like to have 3 people or more per crew. Cleaning is typically done once a week between Thursday and Saturday, but you can discuss with your crew to determine the best time and day for your schedule. If you can help out, please let Cathy Grande or Myron Kraft know. We would appreciate even a short term commitment.

## **Reader Schedule**

**February 4**

**Old Testament: Isaiah 40:21-31**

**Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27**

**8:00 Randy Sheffield**

**10:30 Elmer Frey**

**February 11**

**Old Testament: 2 Kings 2:1-12**

**Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6**

**8:00 Michele Buehler**

**10:30 Brad Becker**

**February 18**

**Old Testament: Genesis 22:1-18**

**Epistle Reading: James 1:12-18**

**8:00 Debbie Yenter**

**10:30 Jennifer Becker**

**February 25**

**First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

**Epistle Reading: Romans 5:1-11**

8:00 Carla Peterson  
10:30 Mike Mallmann

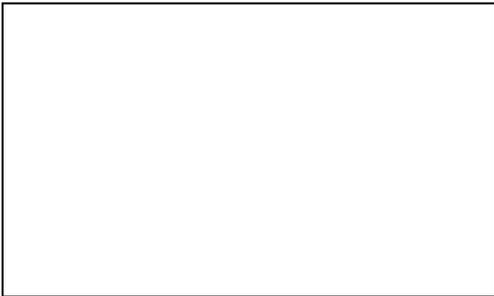
## **SUPPLIES NEEDED**

In order to keep church costs down, occasionally we need to ask for donations. At the moment, we are running low on:

- kitchen paper towels

## **CARD RACK**

Valentine and Easter cards are now available on the card rack in the fellowship hall. Check out the many options of cards for birthdays, get wells, thank yous, sympathies, and ministry. There are also a couple of options for adult coloring books.



**WISH LIST**

Approved by Church Council 10/26/2017

**Organ**

**Parking Lot Final Layer**

**(Summer 2018)**

(approx. \$25,000)

**Chimes for the Organ**

(approx. \$7,200)

**White tables**

(type that we have in the fellowship hall)

**Replacement chairs for the fellowship hall**

**Carpet cleaner**

(contact a Trustee for specifications)

**HandBell Maintenance**

(approx.. \$2,000)

*\*\*\*If you wish to purchase one of the above items be aware that St. Andrew is a tax-exempt organization. That means we do not have to pay tax on such purchases. Please ask us for a tax-exempt form so tax does not have to be paid.*

*We would also be glad to give you a 'donation statement' for your tax purposes.*

**February 2018 Usher Schedule**

**8 AM Team #5**

Paul Heinz

Pete Hesprich

Mark Janz

Ted Wuebben

**10:30 AM Team #2**

Ken Betz

Rick Bruss

Blake Sommer

Ron Nuoffer

**February 4**

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**8 AM Team #7**

Bob Buehler

**10:30 AM Team #4**

Josh Miller

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Kristi Leipold  
1 Claire Schilling  
4 Lauraine Bruss  
4 Peggy Kriefall  
5 Jeff Grande  
7 Evan Schmitz  
13 Beverly Struebing  
14 Jerry McWilliams  
14 Kathy Muth  
14 Grant Schellinger  
15 Dan Woods  
17 Debbie Yenter  
20 Nathan Eichhorn  
21 Jean Keaton  
21 Paige Ruback  
23 Sharon Oelke  
24 Melissa Knox  
25 Myron Kraft  
25 Olive Woods  
27 Jennifer Schmitz  
28 Larry Hammen  
28 Harper Kirchner  
29 Thai Hua



## FEBRUARY BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

1 Brad Becker  
1 Abby Knox  
1 Molly Knox  
1 Bill Schellinger  
4 Janet Kraft  
6 Sue Butenhoff  
7 Lauraine Bruss  
7 Josie Pfeiffer  
10 Esther Oehme  
12 Julian Becker  
13 Todd Jantz  
15 Paul Buth  
16 Sara Schilling  
22 Raelynn Dennis  
25 Beryl Mauritz  
27 Tonia Keaton  
28 Kathy Muth



## FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2 Larry & Karen Hammen  
12 Jim & Joyce Schmoltd  
23 Nick & Allison Thill  
26 Todd & Nancy Waechter

