



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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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

**The Gospel Message in
 Seven Words or Less**

Imagine that a friend or family member who is unfamiliar with your Christian faith asks you to summarize the gospel. She isn't looking for a laundry list of doctrines. She has no interest in hearing you recite the Apostles' Creed. She wants to get to the heart of the matter. "In seven words or less," she says, "tell me what you believe as a Christian." In the world of business, that is known as an "elevator speech"...the idea that you should be able to explain your product or idea in the short amount of time it takes to ride an elevator. Well, as Christians, we do not really have an "elevator speech," but we have a confession (a confession of faith). We have something to say.

So, what would you say? How would you put it? Are you be prepared to confess your faith in Jesus?

To be a Christian is to "believe with your heart" and "confess with your mouth" the good news of God's love for us in Christ (Romans 10:9-10). Peter calls us to be prepared always to give a reason for the hope we have as Christians (1 Peter 3:15). Christians have the best news in the world to share! But are we prepared to share it?

During this season of Lent, we are preparing to celebrate Holy Week by sharing why Holy Week is so important. Our Sunday morning worship services in the season of Lent serve as opportunities to consider the many ways in which the Scriptures proclaim Jesus. During the week, each of you will be working on your own summary, with the hope that all of us are more prepared to share the good news

of Jesus. Come and join us during the remaining Sundays in Lent...and begin crafting your own confession of the Gospel!

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 Brothers in Christ,

Pr. Jonathan Vierkant

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all newsletter articles in by **Tuesday, March 20th** to Cathy Grande at **standrewchurchwb@gmail.com**. **Confirmations** will be sent for articles sent via e-mail. Thanks.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuition Assistance

This year we are having a brat fry again. Save the date for July 7th and 8th. Sign-up sheets will again be up on the bulletin board. We are looking forward to another great weekend this year with the help of the congregation.

EVANGELISM

"My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never

be shaken...Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.”
Psalm 62: 1-2, 5-8

This time of year is overwhelming and I often feel like I am a spectator at a NASCAR race. Zoom here, zoom there. Do this, do that. Just remember, brothers and sisters in Christ, God is in control and we need to trust Him. Praise God that He is working all things together for the good of those who love Him, even when we can't see it. He is in complete control- we just need to trust Him. Don't worry, Trust God and remember to continue to pray.

Annie Kiehnau

BOARD OF ELDERS

Please remember that we have Wednesday night Lenten services starting at 7:00 p.m. through March 21 and you are invited attend. You can also join us for Soup Supper which starts at 6:00 in the kitchen area.

You are also invited to attend the following church services:

- 3/29—Maundy Thursday starting at 7:00 with Holy Communion
- 3/30—Good Friday starting at 7:00 p.m.
- 4/1—Easter Sunday we have a 6:00 a.m. sunrise service and then a 9:00 a.m. service with breakfast being served between the two services.

If you enjoy the Wednesday night Soup/Suppers please sign up on the Soup/Supper sign-up sheets located on the bulletin board to bring main dishes, crackers, drinks or desserts. If you are a member of one of the St. Andrew boards or committees, you can also sign up to take care of the main dish. If you want to do something different, you can have hot dishes or have a sandwich bar where members can put together their favorite sandwich.

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 Board of Elders will be trying something new to help with the communication between St. Andrew and its members. The congregation will be split into 7 groups and each group will be assigned to an Elder who will call/email/ or talk to their members at least once a quarter to find out how everything is going and if there is anything we should know about. I know some people like phone calls while others would rather be contacted by emails so if you receive a voice message, please let your Elder know how you would like to be contacted. Please also check your information in the Church Directory to make sure we have the correct contact information.

It has been several years since we looked at the number of weekly services being offered at St. Andrew and several members have asked if we should go to 1 Sunday service because of the decrease in our membership rolls & weekly attendance. The Elders will be conducting a survey in April to find out if our members would prefer to stay with two services or if they would like to go back to one service until our attendance numbers increase. Please pray about it and let us know your opinion when we conduct the survey.

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 Grandee 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)
Paul Heinz (Fundraiser & Personnel)
Curt Gnatzig (Inactives)
Joseph Gutschmidt
Craig Falk (Ushers, Music/Readers)

EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS

Registration is now open for our 3K and 4K programs!

Our 3K program has added some choices for the 2018-2019 school year. We will be offering both a 2 day and a 3 day 3K program.

2 day program tuition: \$855 year=\$95/month
3 day program tuition:\$1278 year=\$142/ month

Choose a session:
Monday/Wednesday program
Tuesday/Thursday program
Friday is optional for either session

Our 4K will once again be offering a 3 day or 4 day program
3 day program: Monday/Wednesday/Friday
\$1278 year/\$142 per month
4 day program
Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday
\$1710 year/\$190 per month
* 4 day 4K Early Bird Discount- Register by May 1st receive \$310 off tuition \$1400 year/\$156 per month.

Contact Sandy Ruback by calling the church office or by email st.andrewecc@gmail.com. I would be happy to give you a tour or answer any questions you may have.

Please join our campus families and start cleaning out your closets! Our campus

Servant Event recipient is Blessed Again/A Place of Refuge. Many household items are needed, adult and child size clothing, books, toys, things for babies and for a household. Thank you!

Once again our teaching staff and our Sisters in Christ will host an Easter Egg Hunt. Save the date...Saturday, March 17th at 1:00 sharp! After the hunt, there will be crafts and cookie decorating inside the gym. Please sign up your children, grandchildren, and friends on the church bulletin board.

Easter candy and small trinkets are needed to fill the Easter Eggs for our hunt. Items can be placed in the basket in the narthex marked Easter Egg Hunt Donations. Thank You!

Praying you all have a very Blessed and Happy Easter!

Sandy Ruback

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.

CARD RACK

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.

MOVIE NIGHTS AT CHURCH

There is another movie night planned for March 10th. Please join us for an evening of Christian movies and fellowship. If you need child care at church, let Michele or Bob know and we will try to help you out with that. If you need a ride because you do not drive at night but would like to come, call us. If you would like to, bring a snack to share and also something to drink go ahead.

March 10th at 4:00 pm we will watch "The Case for Christ". Rated PG. It takes place in the 70s and is about a man(Lee Strobel) who works at the Chicago Tribune. His wife finds faith in Christ and it compels Lee to utilize his journalistic and legal training to try and disprove the claims of Christianity, pitting his resolute atheism against her growing faith. It's a great movie based on a true story.

*God's Blessing to you all
Bob and Michele Buehler*

Reader Schedule

March 4

Old Testament: Exodus 20:1-17
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
8:00 Bob Buehler
10:30 Brad Becker

March 11

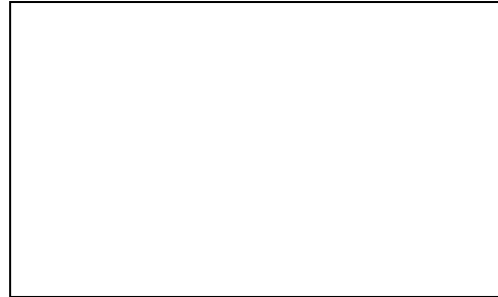
Old Testament: Numbers 21:4-9
Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10
8:00 Debbie Yenter
10:30 Elmer Frey

March 18

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Epistle Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10
8:00 Jodie Falk
10:30 Jennifer Becker

March 25

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12
Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:5-11
8:00 Carla Peterson
10:30 Mike Mallmann



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.*

March 2018 Usher Schedule

8 AM Team #3

Mark Ruback
Myron Kraft
Jeff Schmidt
Al Taft

10:30 AM Team #4

Josh Miller
Dave Brehmer
Sue Butenhoff
Mike Mallmann

March 4

8 AM Team #5

10:30 AM Team #6

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Patty Jantz
- 3 Joshua Schellinger
- 4 Craig Falk
- 4 Abigail Kelln
- 5 Sheriane Sauter
- 5 Joshua Vierkant
- 8 Bryan Woods
- 9 Deborah Osgood
- 11 Mary Bandler
- 12 Sue Johnson
- 15 Amy Brehmer
- 16 Jim Keaton
- 17 Lori Turenske
- 18 Aaron Heinz
- 21 Emma Sommerfeld
- 27 Kendrick Miller
- 29 Cliff Hetzel
- 31 Fred Legate



MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Jess & Nick Jug
- 11 Ken & Dolores Engel
- 12 Pamela & Gary Beaupre'
- 20 Ken & Dorene Betz



MARCH BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Dan Woods
- 6 Lois Dummann
- 9 Darren Keaton
- 10 Melissa Knox
- 11 Brittany Neumann
- 12 Debbie Yenter
- 14 Joshua Schellinger
- 15 Henry Grande
- 16 Myron Kraft
- 17 Brittany Osgood
- 17 Cheyenne Osgood
- 17 Kiara Osgood
- 19 Harper Ratzel
- 20 Beverly Struebing
- 22 Chris Struebing
- 23 Darrell Harrison
- 25 Claire Schilling
- 26 Sheriane Sauter
- 26 Joshua Vierkant
- 29 Annie Kiehnau

