



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

Flying Colors

"How did the surgery go?" That is the question you ask the doctor as he arrives into the waiting room to report on the surgery that he/she had just performed on your loved one. And the doctor responds by saying, "He/she came through with flying colors!" How does that make you feel? Unquestionably, you would rejoice in the good news!

Well, that's the kind of report we get from the angel on Easter Sunday morning. "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you." (Mark 16:6-7)

"He has risen; He is not here." Jesus came through with flying colors! And in the process of dying on the cross and rising again, He destroyed death's hold on you and me. Brothers and sisters, as those who confess Christ Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we too have the promise that we will come out of our graves with flying colors! "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13)

This is certainly Good News that we seek to share! And we don't wait until folks come to St. Andrew to share this Good News. Instead, we take this Good News with us out into the mission field!

Think of Paul Revere's midnight ride...how he would go throughout Boston warning the people: "The British are coming! The British are coming!" What if Paul Revere had not delivered this message that fateful

night? How many people would have been caught completely unguarded and unprepared? Well, brothers and sisters, Jesus is coming again and soon! And in Christ Jesus, we pass out of death into life (John 5:24; 1 John 3:14) with flying colors!

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, celebrating 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

MEN'S SOFTBALL

Men ages 16 and up, would you like to join the St Andrew men's softball team?

Games are played on Thursday nights at 6, 7, 8, or 9 p.m. with make-up games on Tuesday nights starting early in May. Practices are in April. Contact Jeff Schmidt at 305-3359 for more information and to sign-up.

BOARD OF ELDERS

It has been a fun filled year working with the Confirmation students and we are getting very close to the end of the year. Examination for the Confirmands will be Tuesday, May 15th at 7 pm. The Confirmation ceremony will be Sunday, May 20th during the 10:30 am service.

I would like to thank Randy Sheffield and Elmer Frey for their four years of faithful

service to the Lord while being on the Board of Elders. We will miss them during our meetings but we know that we will continue to see them giving of their time and talents at St. Andrew and that they will continue to help the Elders as needed.

It has been brought to the attention of the Elders that some of our members would like to have us look into the possibility of going to one service on Sundays year round. We are taking a survey to see what our members would like to do so please make sure you fill in the survey and put it in the box under the mailboxes. Surveys will be handed out after each service and you can also find one in this newsletter. The last day the surveys can be turned in is April 15 and we want to remind our members that each voting member has a vote on this important decision.

At our last Elders' meeting the Elders have been assigned to family groups and we will be contacting you to let you know who your Elder is. If you have any questions or concerns you can still talk to any of the Elders and we will bring it to the Board but we wanted to make sure the Elders have more contact with our members.

Your Elders remind you that 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,

Mike Mallmann (Chairman)
Ken Betz (Secretary & Readers)
Joseph Gutschmidt (Sick/Shut-Ins)
Paul Heinz (Fundraisers & Personnel)
Rick Bruss (Inactives)
Curt Gnatzig (Youth)
Craig Falk (Ushers)

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN QUILTING

Dear Christian Family,

Thank you for the donations to Orphan Grain Train quilting. After 13 years, we are pleased that we have been able to continue in service as the Lord continues to bless this effort.

Please add your prayers to ours to continue in this calling of blessing the world with our hands and pray that God brings us the helpers we need.

God's blessings upon all of you in Jesus' name.

The Quilters

Sharon Oelke, Shirley Reuter, Karen Gnatzig

Call if you need a ride

(262) 338-1064

EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS

Easter Joy!

Our church choir this Easter sang a song with beautiful lyrics, "I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace. I come to the cross where you died in my place. Out of my weakness and into your strength, Jesus I come to the cross." This song tells us the reason why Jesus did what He did for us. Salvation has been won! Alleluia! Now go and tell others!

32 precious children were given the chance to learn about Easter this year, and our teaching staff was blessed by being able to tell them about the joy of Easter. Oh they knew all about the Easter Bunny and the basket of goodies he brings. They knew all about Easter Egg Hunts but not all of them knew that Jesus was the reason we have Easter. I am always surprised how many of the children attending our campus don't know what happened on Easter so long ago. Once the children began their walk with Jesus to the cross, and were taught what and why Jesus did what He did for us, we saw their faith continue to grow. Children are curious about God and eager to learn more. That is the true joy of being a Christian teacher, no matter what the age of our students are. One little boy in my class

comes from a loving family where the parents are not married but live together. They told me during our tour last summer neither of them have any religious training as both their families growing up were not religious. They told me they are not opposed to their son learning about God, they just don't know much themselves. Well thanks be to God, this little boy knows who God is, how much God loves him and now he knows the Easter story! That is why St. Andrew has an ECC campus!

Enrollment is now open for the 2018-2019 school year. Registrations are beginning to come in for fall. Now is the time to tell friends, family, neighbors, co-workers about our campus. Direct them to me, I am happy to answer their questions and give them a tour of our wonderful campus.
st.andrewecc@gmail.com

It is hard to believe that we have 8 more weeks of school. This year has just flown by! Please keep us in your prayers as we seek God's will for our campus. May God direct us to families in need of His love and grace. May our ECC staff continue to be a bright beacon of Light in this dark world.

Easter Blessings,

Sandy Ruback

SISTERS IN CHRIST

By now all the ladies of our congregation should have received an invitation to our Ladies Spring Salad Luncheon. Please join us on Sunday, April 29th following the 10:30 service (11:45) as we come together for food and fellowship. Kim Peplinski will teach us about essential oils. Come and Make and Take an oil roller and sugar scrub.

Please sign up for the luncheon on our church bulletin board. And sign up, if you are able, to help us out by bringing a food item for the luncheon. Be sure to invite your sister, mom, daughter and friends!

Sisters in Christ mission is to reach out to our congregation and community as we try to help those in need of a caring hand. Please let Judi or Sandy know if someone you know is having a hard time, is ill, has had surgery, needs a friend, is in financial need, or in need of food, clothing or a listening ear. With the help of God, we will be a witness of God's love and grace.

In service to God,
Sandy Ruback and Judi Bastian

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have **all** newsletter articles in by **Tuesday, April 24th** to Cathy Grande at **standrewchurchwb@gmail.com**. **Confirmations** will be sent for articles sent via e-mail. Thanks.

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.

PARKING LOT: The June 1st deadline for the 2nd layer of parking lot asphalt is coming up really quick. The projected cost for this is \$25,000. Currently, we are \$9,000 short. If we don't put on the 2nd layer, the 1st layer will not hold up to weather and wear-and-tear and we will have to replace it sooner.

CHOIR: We want to raise our heavenly voices during worship service, but the choir is lacking in numbers. Consider adding your voice to the group! Practices are on Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m.

KITE FLYING/YOUTH ACTIVITY- Let's go fly a kite at St. Andrew on Sunday, April 8th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. A time for devotion/snacks will follow afterward. Bring your own kite! If the weather is bad, we will have a planned indoor activity. Snack donations are appreciated.

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

April 1

Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6-9

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

6:00 Michele Buehler

9:00 Jodie Falk

April 8

Old Testament: Acts 4:32-35

Epistle Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

8:00 Debbie Yenter

10:30 Elmer Frey

April 15

Old Testament: Acts 3:11-21

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

8:00 Randy Sheffield

10:30 Mike Mallmann

April 22

First Reading: Acts 4:1-12

Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

8:00 Carla Peterson

10:30 Elmer Frey

April 29

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Epistle Reading: 1 John 4:1-11

8:00 Bob Buehler

10:30 Brad Becker



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.*

April 2018 Usher Schedule

6 AM Team #1

Dan Fischer
Dan Yenter
Carla Peterson
Greg Knox

9:00 AM Team #6

Linda Konzal
Carolyn Kreis
Sharon Oelke
Elmer Frey

April 1

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8 AM Team #3

Mark Ruback

10:30 AM Team #2

Ken Betz

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Caleb Falk
3 Cathy Grande
3 Pete Hesprich
4 Larry Schilling
5 Violet Justman
5 Lee Sommerfeld
6 Darryl Pree
6 Ardene Lettau
8 Kathy Jeske
9 Joshua Hua
11 Deanna Kiel
13 Bob Buehler
13 Nancy Waechter
15 Joseph Gutschmidt
16 Alexander Betz
17 Paul Heinz
17 Debbie Puestow
18 Nancy Kawczynski
21 Michelle Sommerfeld
22 Sue Hetzel
23 Ken Betz
24 Pat Nysse
24 Miles Yenter
27 Rick Bruss
28 Michaela Grande
28 Tom Schilling
29 Jodie Falk
30 Brooke Dieringer
30 Lani Niese



APRIL BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

1 Craig Falk
1 Cliff Hetzel
1 Peggy Kriefall
1 Lori Turenske
2 Larry Hammen
6 Garrett Buth
6 Nathan Eichhorn
8 Kathy Jeske
9 Evan Schmitz
10 Jennifer Schmitz
13 Sharon Oelke
13 Paige Ruback
14 Jacob Eichhorn
14 Harper Kirchner
14 Grace Thill
16 Alisa Eichhorn
17 Tracy Rochwite
17 Bryan Woods
21 Mary Bandler
22 Emma Betz
23 Linda Konzal
25 Joshua Hua
25 Sophia Justman
27 Emma Sommerfeld
28 Ardene Lettau
30 Nancy Waechter



APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5 Marty & Karen Gnatzig
10 Dan & Melissa Arps
10 Zach & Annie Kiehnau
16 Paul & Kathy Buth
16 Elmer & Marlene Frey

