



**ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**And**  
**Early Childhood Campus**

Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.  
Bible Class 8:15 a.m.

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**May 2018**

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

Circle the Date!

How many times have you heard that? An important event is coming up...so circle the date! And there are some very important dates coming up! For example, Mother's Day is coming up on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May. Circle the date and say, "Thank you, mom!" Memorial Day is coming up on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May. Circle the date and honor those who gave their lives for the cause of freedom! Now, these are just a couple of important dates to circle and remember. In fact, you may have many other important events coming up in your own personal lives including weddings to attend, baptisms, anniversaries, graduations, etc. So, circle the date!

Here is another date to circle. Jesus says that He is going to return again to take His sheep home. Circle the date! "But," you say, "He has not said just what day it is going to be, so how can I circle the date on my calendar?" Well, that is quite correct, for Jesus Himself says in Matthew 24:36 that "only the Father knows." Yet, our Lord also says in Revelation 22:20, "Surely I am coming soon." And our reply? "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" If the statement "I am coming quickly" weren't enough, Jesus puts emphasis on both sides with "surely" before and "amen" after, indicating the desire for us to be ready.

Yes, we do not know the date... "only the Father knows." Yet as for me...I do have the date circled on my calendar. I have all the days circled all the way to the age of 101 (assuming I live that long). However, if I live beyond 101, I'll circle the days of the next ten

years or so that follows afterward. The important thing is to be ready! For the exact day is on HIS calendar and the time is short. It's minute to minute, second to second, yoctosecond to yoctosecond.

Are you ready? Let's continue to come together as a family faith around God's Word and sacraments...and encourage one another. Let us follow the example of the early Christians who would greet one another with the Aramaic expression: "Maranatha! (which means, "the Lord is coming"). For as He has said, "Surely I am coming soon."

Brothers and sisters, please be aware of all the happeningS 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 Brothers in Christ,

Pr. Jonathan Vierkant

**BOARD OF ELDERS**

Confirmation class is quickly coming to an end. Examination for the Confirmands will be Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The Confirmation ceremony will be Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 am service. All congregation members are invited to both Examination and Confirmation. The youth that will be Confirmed this year are Joshua Hua, Logan Schmitt, and Matthew Neumann so please congratulate them when you see them.

As the weather gets warmer the Elders begin to think about summer, and with summer comes the St. Andrew summer worship times. It was decided at the last Elders' meeting to again have one service on Sunday morning

starting at 9:00, with Bible class starting at 8:00, and then our Wednesday night service at 7:00. If you missed the Sunday service please remember that the following Wednesday sermon is the same so come and worship the Lord with your church family. Our summer hours start on Sunday, May 28 and end on Wednesday, September 6.

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)*  
*Joseph Gutshmidt (Sick/Shut-Ins)*  
*Paul Heinz (Fundraiser & Personnel)*  
*Rick Bruss (Inactives)*  
*Curt Gnatzig (Youth & Confirmation)*  
*Ken Betz (Music/Readers)*  
*Craig Falk (Ushers)*

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Our new board is up and running. Currently on the board is Michele Buehler, Kris Sheffield, Patty Jantz, Kathy Rochon, and Debbie Yenter. We have discussed a number of items that maybe of interest to the congregation.

One item we have been discussing the Library. Do you even know we have one? It is outside the office area and shares space with the Sunday School office. Please feel free to look at different items and check out those of interest. We do ask that you sign them out but there is no definite due date.

With the closing of Ries' Meat market, we are looking into doing a different type of fundraiser for the Scholarship Assistance fund. Once we get things finalized, you will be

informed of what we are proposing. We promise it will be a good time for all.

Besides Pastor Jon's Sunday and Wednesday morning bible studies, Michele Buehler is hosting one called "I have to". A brief description and sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. All books must be paid for in advance by May 6<sup>th</sup>. Please join us Sunday evenings starting at 6:30pm.

Is there any topic you would like to learn more about? Let us know and we will look into it for you.

If anyone has suggestions or questions please feel free to contact any of the board members.

In Christ's Service,  
Michele Buehler-Chairperson  
[mickifrog@yahoo.com](mailto:mickifrog@yahoo.com) or 262-334-4013

## **EVANGELISM/STEWARDSHIP**

"He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." Mark 16:15

"Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done." Psalms 105:1

We know what we should do by reading God's words in the Bible, but this can be very difficult with today's secular society and immoral values that are common. All the immoral TV shows and movies commonly using God's name in vain etc. It takes courage to take a stand. Sharing God's truth and the knowledge of salvation for those who accept Jesus as their savior may come easier to some more than to others.

Our committee is ordering Every One His Witness. Concordia Publishing describes it as a Lutheran evangelism program that teaches you to witness to your friends, coworkers, and any other nonchurched people you may know. Using the LASSIE approach to witnessing (listen, ask, seek, share, invite, and encourage), you will learn how to naturally share the Good News of Jesus Christ through relational, contextual witnessing. The training comes with 12 workbooks, but we can order

more if there is enough interest. Look for a sign-up sheet after Memorial Day.

“Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ.” – *Colossians 3:23-24*

We could use more committee members or even offers of help in upcoming events. There are several projects on our list currently.

Rory Hetzel

## **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

On Mother’s Day, May 13<sup>th</sup>, Lutherans for Life will make available red roses – a symbol of life. A donation of your choice is requested. Profits will be used to continue the important work of Ozaukee County Lutherans for Life.

The next Lutherans for Life meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on May 15<sup>th</sup> at River of Life Church in Saukville. Future events will be discussed and your participation would be appreciated.

*Esther Oehme*

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The kids did a great job singing on Palm Sunday. Thank you to the teachers for doing a great job organizing and practicing with the kids. We also handed award bibles to one child during Palm Sunday Service.

This year’s Sunday School session is coming to an end. The final day will be a picnic on May 20<sup>th</sup> and there will be fun activities and snacks for the kids to enjoy.

I’d like to thank all the teachers and other volunteers from this school year. Because of them, the kids had a great place to learn God’s word.

*Yours in Christ  
Jeff Grande*

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please have **all** newsletter articles in by **Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** to Cathy Grande at **standrewchurchwb@gmail.com**.

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

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS**

“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” Romans 12:9-12

As we close the 2017-2018 school year this month, our entire teaching staff can reflect on the above words from Romans. It has been a year of trials and tribulations for each of our ECC staff. The blessings of being a Christian and teaching in a Christian school is the support, love, prayers, and devotion we are able to give each other. Praise be to God for He is good and His love endures forever. My prayer for my staff is that we continue to do the will of God, that we continue to bring the little ones to know and love Jesus, and that even when tribulations come to us, we may continue to shine like a beacon of God’s love for all our campus families and our world to see.

Registration for the 2018-2019 is going pretty well. As always, pray for our campus and the children that need to hear about our awesome and loving God. Pray God leads families to us so that we can continue the work we started many years ago.

Our 4K graduation program and picnic will be on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 10:30 am. Our congregation is always invited! Our 3K end of the year program and picnic will be on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:30 am. Come and enjoy lunch with us!

In Service to God and His precious ones,  
Sandy Ruback

## VBS

Whitewater rafting and outdoor adventures await! The week of July 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 11 am, Splash Canyon will be an awesome experience for all volunteers and kids. This year, I'll be asking to borrow some larger items so I will be putting the sign up sheet out June 1 to give ample time for scrounging.

Please consider being a shepherd and participate in strengthening the faith of our youth. Many areas need supervision and we will use whatever time you can give.

Spread the word in the community that registration is open May 1<sup>st</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup> on the St. Andrew's website under VBS Registration. Contact Cathy Grande (262) 470-4386 or [cgrande07@gmail.com](mailto:cgrande07@gmail.com) if you can help out or have any questions.

## ARE YOU GRADUATING?

If you (or one of your children) will be graduating from either high school or college this year we would like to know the following:

- the name of the school you will be graduating from,
- the date of the graduation,
- your plans for the future,
- the correct spelling of your (your child's) name.

We would like this information for our Sunday bulletin and monthly newsletter. We also would like to let the graduate 'say a few words' after a Sunday service about their plans for the future. Please give this information to the church office. Thank you.

## SISTERS IN CHRIST

As I write this, our Sisters are busy preparing for our Ladies Salad Luncheon on Sunday, April 29th. We have almost 30 ladies joining us for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and even some learning fun. Our guest speaker, Kim Peplinski, will talk to us about essential oils and we will be given the chance

to create some products of our own. Thank you to all our Sisters who helped make this luncheon possible!

A new Bible study will be offered to our Sisters in Christ this summer. Our Starting day will be June 13th at 10:00 am. We are still working on the subject matter and the location will be in our homes. More details will be shared with you as they develop. Mark your calendars now and save Wednesdays mornings!

Any summer activities will be announced in the church bulletin and displayed on our Sisters in Christ bulletin board by the kitchen. Got a fun idea, please share it with us!

Blessings Dear Sisters,  
Sandy and Judi

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for the 2<sup>nd</sup> layer of parking lot asphalt is coming up really quick. The projected cost for this has gone up and is \$36,500. Currently, we are \$14,500 short. If we don't put on the 2<sup>nd</sup> layer, the 1<sup>st</sup> layer will not hold up to weather and wear-and-tear and we will have to replace it sooner.

**CLEANING CREWS NEED HELP:** 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.

**WISH LIST**

Approved by Church Council 10/26/2017

**Organ**

**Parking Lot Final Layer  
(Summer 2018)**  
(approx. \$36,500)

**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.*

**May 2018 Usher Schedule**

<sup>5</sup>  
**8 AM Team #1**

Dan Fischer

Don Yonten

**10:30 AM Team #4**

Josh Miller

Dave Bachman

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Dorene Betz  
1 Henry Dummann  
2 Melissa Arps  
5 Austin Legate  
6 Dave Kelln  
6 Connie Mallmann  
6 Angela Sommer  
7 Faith Sommerfeld  
9 Peter Dummann  
11 Chad Bruss  
11 Brady Falk  
12 John Unruh  
13 Owen Hua  
16 Samuel Kelln  
19 Zach Kiehnau  
21 Kailyn Arps  
23 Josh Miller  
24 Amy Justman  
24 Joyce Schmoltd  
25 Mark Ruback  
31 Peter Muth



## MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1 Roger & Sheriane Sauter  
5 Bob & Sue Butenhoff  
12 Brad & Jennifer Becker  
21 Jennifer & Gary Kohler  
27 Adam & Alison Ruback  
29 Craig & Jodie Falk  
30 Gary & Lisa Baertlein



## MAY BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

1 Paul Heinz  
1 Deb Puestow  
4 Caleb Falk  
4 Jeff Grande  
5 Grant Schellinger  
6 Pat Nysse  
7 Larry Schilling  
9 Ken Betz  
11 Rick Bruss  
11 Aaron Heinz  
12 Al Taft  
13 Miles Yenter  
16 Lois Priegel  
20 Lee Sommerfeld  
22 Brooke Dieringer  
22 Tom Schilling  
24 Henry Dummann  
24 Joyce Schmoltd  
27 Melissa Arps  
30 Jodie Falk

