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Early Childhood Campus

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Running on Empty

Just a few weeks ago, my family and I took a trip down to Cincinnati, Ohio. We were all packed and ready to go, with our itinerary all set. Yet as we drove, we could see that the gas gage was close to empty. Nevertheless, we kept on driving, thinking that we could go on for another few miles before we had to stop to put gas in the tank. We passed up gas station after gas station looking to find gas that was perhaps 20 or 30 cents cheaper. But then it happened! The warning light came on...TWICE! Our car was now running on its final drops, and we were nearly ten miles out from the nearest gas station!

The fear was that the car would begin to sputter, and we would have to pull over to the side of the road – out of gas. However, thankfully, with hands-a-trembling, we made it to the gas station just in the nick of time.

In a very real sense, we can do the very same thing spiritually – go along, that is, and pass up one station after another, as it were, and never stop to get our spiritual tanks full. We try to survive on the spiritual gas from a few weeks back, and then find ourselves sputtering and pulling over to the side of the road, discouraged and disheartened, simply because we never bother to fill up.

My encouragement for you today is to not run on spiritual gas from a few weeks back. Instead, fill up every day by grabbing your Bible, opening it, and by saying to the Lord, “Speak, O Lord, for

your servant is listening.” Fill up by coming to worship and receiving God’s gifts in Word and sacrament. And take a hold of the Lord’s hand daily in prayer. For daily we find ourselves loaded down with a load of care. Take it to the Lord in prayer! And He will fill you up with His love and forgiveness for you in Christ.

As always, dear brothers and sisters, please contact me if you or a loved one is in the hospital, celebrating a milestone, or would just like a visit. Please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Let’s Connect!
Pastor Jon

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all newsletter articles in by **Tuesday, September 24** to Ginger Carerros at standrewchurchwb@gmail.com.

BOARD OF ELDERS

Silence!

When was the last time that you sat in silence? Real silence without any distractions. If you’re anything like me, it’s been a long time, maybe never for some people.

In today’s society there’s so much noise around us that the modern definition for silence seems to be less loud. We’re surrounded with noises from our technology all of the time. Our phones, tablets, television, radio, Alexa, Hey Google, all sending noise into our ears every moment that we’re awake. Our kiddos even sleep with sound machines that make noise when they sleep.

I challenge you to find a quiet spot in your house where you can sit in silence. Or talk a walk outside and find a secluded place that has calming sounds, like near a lake with the gentle, rhythmic sounds of the waves meeting the shore. Near a river with the water gently flowing over the rocks. Or near an area where the only things you hear are the calls and song of birds.

If you can find a place with silence or soothing sounds, put your technology away and sit and listen. Read your devotions and pray everything that you can think of. After a while when your prayer time ends, just sit, listen, and open up your mind. You may find that a thought pops into your mind about a person and how you treat them, and maybe how you should treat them. Maybe something that you did comes into your mind and you think about a better way to handle the situation next time. I believe that this is a time that God speaks to us.

It's my prayer that you find your silent place, read God's word, pray, and listen for Him to talk to you.

There are quite a few options to study the Bible at St. Andrew.

- Sunday morning after church (10:15am). Currently studying the book of Romans.
- Tuesday morning (9:30am) Women's Group @ Sandy Berres' house.
- Week night (various nights depending on schedules) Women's Group. Meets at homes and church- Currently studying the book, Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World by Joanna Weaver.
- Saturday morning (8:30am) Men's Group led by Dan Berres meets at church- Currently studying the book of Revelation.
- Monday evening (6:00pm) Men's Group led by Bob Buehler – This study is taking the summer off and will restart in the fall.

Talk to Pastor Vierkant or one of the elders and we will help get you plugged into God's word at St. Andrew.

Please contact Pastor, an Elder, or the church office if you are going in for surgery, having

a hospital stay or have anything else you think we should know about. We are concerned for our members but if you do not tell us what is going on, we will not know to contact you to see if you would like a visit or would like to be included in our prayers. Our members but if you do not tell us what is going on, we will not know to contact you to see if you would like a visit or would like to be included in our prayers.

This is your church home and we are your church family so we are very interested in what your concerns are. 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 and most importantly, please keep us in your prayers.

In God's service,
Randy Sheffield—Chairman, Sick/Shut-Ins & Care Ministry
Thai Hua—Secretary, Ushers
Mark Oehme— In-Actives
Jeff Grande – Youth/Confirmation
Rory Hetzel—Lay Readers
George Muth—Fund Raisers/Personnel

BOARD OF MINISTRIES

How do you share God's love? Do you talk to the stranger next to you at the grocery store? Pray for others? Pray with others? Volunteer in the church and community? Give your time, talents or money to others, strangers or friends? There's many ways to share God's love, and I encourage you to look for opportunities to show that love. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35 Here's a few ways to show God's love this month at church:

VBS is coming up this soon! There is still time to sign up to volunteer, donate food, or get kids signed up to come and have a great few days learning about God! VBS is August 6-8.

Mission Giving – we will be collecting school supplies again this month as the school year is coming up! Collection includes but not limited to notebooks, glue, crayons, pencils, pens, backpackers, sanitary wipes, Kleenex, etc.

St. A's Weeders and Seeders will continue to meet the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. Learn and share how to be a good steward of this great land God has blessed us with.

Blessings,
Sandy Berres, Sue Hetzel, Joanne Miller, Sarah Peterson, Kris Sheffield

CARE MINISTRY

God's blessings to all of you! I wanted to remind you of our "Care Ministry" opportunity here at St. Andrew. This ministry can be use by any of you that may be going through a difficult time. It may be for only a short time like coming home from the hospital and would like someone to come and share a prayer or two and a brief devotional with you. Or something more long lasting like finding out you are not able to drive any more or health related trials perhaps dealing with the struggles with aging. Divorce or marriage difficulties.

There are many reasons to take advantage of this ministry. It may be a feeling of loneliness and just need to talk and need a listening ear to listen. You may be struggling with your faith, let us know! You may have received serious diagnoses from the doctors! Family difficulties! Life change decisions! Depression! Perhaps just asking "why am I always sad!" Do you have a family member in a nursing home? We will walk through the muck and brokenness of this world with you.

This ministry is for all of us from time to time, and no need to feel embarrassed or reluctant to ask. Please reach out to Pastor or myself, my number is 262-689-4584. Don't hesitate to let us

know. We are trained to be care ministries; all is kept private and is our privilege and blessing to serve God and His people in this way. You are a blessing to us and we don't want you to ever think you are alone because you are "never alone "Please, please, please," let us be a friend and have a meaningful relationship with you!

Dan Berres

DARTBALL

It's that time of year again, summer entering its last months and the Fall / Winter season approaching. St Andrew is once again looking to continue the Dartball Team.

The league play starts September and ends in early spring just before Lent. Exact dates will be determined in August (watch for more info in the September Newsletter and Bulletin). Games are played on Wednesday nights starting at 7:00 and completing around 9:00. This is a traveling league with half the games played at St Andrew and the other half at area churches.

We will be having a practice night in September before league play starts date and time to be determined and announced in the bulletin. The team is open to all confirmed members of St Andrew and if you are interested in playing there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board which asks if you wish to play full or part time as long as we have enough to roster a full team which is 9 players. For part time players a schedule will be set up outlining the nights you will be needed to play. If you are not quite sure of what Dartball is feel free to stop at the practice and check it out.

We have a great time playing and would enjoy having more involved for fun & fellowship one night a week during the winter months. If you have questions, please contact Dave Brehmer 414-870-2715 or Rick Bruss.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS

Dear St. Andrew Congregation,

I pray that July has been a wonderful month for you. It has been absolutely amazing for me. I

was blessed to enjoy an Alaskan vacation with my husband's family. We were in awe of God's majesty all around us. This world He created is so spectacular! July was also busy ordering school supplies, doing tours, staining our wood features in our play yard, and creating an Instagram account for the ECC. Many thanks to Sam Gnatzig for her help setting up the Instagram account and for teaching me how to create Canva advertising posters for Facebook and Instagram. I am very hopeful that this will help us spread the word about our amazing faith filled preschool! Our enrollment is getting better, but if you could please continue to pray that we have a few more children sign up for 3K and 4K, I would appreciate that very much.

Blessings to you always,
Lindsey



August 4, 2024

Working through the Gift Planning process offers a solution for today's snapshot in time but creates a partnership for adjusting your plan as time changes. If there are ten, twenty or thirty more years until you expect to be with Jesus, you can expect that the gift plan within your estate plan will need to change, as life changes. Additional family members, the passing of some family members, and the changing of ministries with which you are connected are all examples of how your plan will need to remain flexible and change as life changes. Working with an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor creates a partner with whom you can review your plan every 3 to 5 years. They will provide you with reminders for these opportunities to review. Contact Craig Toerpe, Gift Planning Counselor of the LCMS Foundation to facilitate this legacy conversation or other questions you may have regarding how you can faithfully provide for your family and financially support the Lord's work at 262-707-3005 or craig.toerpe@lfnd.org

August 11, 2024

Over time your financial assets can dramatically change or be invested in new things. Maybe you have recently received an estate gift, and there are additional resources to now take care of. Making sure your estate plan maintains connection with

current assets is a normal step of maintenance to take to make sure your plan is solid. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you consider these connections. Contact Craig Toerpe, Gift Planning Counselor of the LCMS Foundation to facilitate this legacy conversation or other questions you may have regarding how you can faithfully provide for your heirs and financially support the Lord's work at 262-707-3005 or craig.toerpe@lfnd.org

August 18, 2024

Working through the Gift Planning process offers a solution for today's snapshot in time but creates a partnership for adjusting your plan as time changes. Certain times such as retirement, when financial assets are often reallocated, or the passing of the first spouse, when accounts are renamed into the name of the surviving spouse, it is crucial to make sure that these actions line up with the plan you have put in place before. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist. Contact Craig Toerpe, Gift Planning Counselor of the LCMS Foundation to facilitate this legacy conversation or other questions you may have regarding how you can faithfully provide for your heirs and financially support the Lord's work at 262-707-3005 or craig.toerpe@lfnd.org

August 25, 2024

Have you remembered ministries in your estate plan? Have those ministries changed over time? If you are concerned that the ministries you wish to support through your estate gifts might change over time, the LCMS can offer a simple solution that enables those changes without the requirement for legal expenses. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can explain this to you. Contact Craig Toerpe, Gift Planning Counselor of the LCMS Foundation to facilitate this legacy conversation or other questions you may have regarding how you can faithfully provide for your heirs and financially support the Lord's work at 262-707-3005 or craig.toerpe@lfnd.org

August 2024 Newsletter Article

Some make the mistake of thinking that they can control every detail of their estate, and even levy some level of control after the Lord has called them home. You might call this, "Trying to take the joystick with you into the grave." It just can't be done. When we try to control too much, we rob ourselves of peace, and steal the joy that the Lord meant to have attached to His gifts when He placed them into our lives to manage.

Management of God's gifts is less about protecting them, and more about using them, that through His things, God might bless us with His grace in Jesus. That is true for inheritance with family, and it is true for estate support of ministry. Anchored in grace, this work is full of peace and joy. To maintain that sense of peace and joy, we need to understand that the plans we lay out may not last for decades without change.

Life changes. Families change. Health changes. Ministries change. Our plans for faithful distribution of God's things also need to change as we move through life.

Gift planning is a problem solver, as it looks at intended distributions, compares current assets, looks to be smart about such things as taxation, and then commits to doing God's work. As you live out your life, be open to the need to make some changes along the way. When do you need to do that? Anytime you sense that you are about to enter, or have just gone through, a major change in your life situation, is the right time to act. At those times, reach out for help from your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor.

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kathleen Buth
- 1 Jim Derse
- 1 Monica Jantz
- 3 Gary Leipold
- 7 Christopher Callen
- 8 Will Hale
- 11 Ryan Falk
- 12 Matthew Gutschmidt
- 14 Karen Gnatzig
- 15 Dan Fischer
- 15 Jeffrey Schmidt
- 16 Star Dzwonkowski
- 17 Dan Legate
- 20 Josephina Muth
- 20 Staci Ruback
- 23 Jessica Beaupre'
- 26 Laurie Pree



- 26 Tina Ratzel
- 28 Gary Baertlein
- 29 Mert Fischer
- 29 Donna Hesprich
- 30 Pamela Beaupre'
- 31 Mark Osgood

AUGUST BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Dan Berres
- 1 Christopher Callen
- 1 Rory Hetzel
- 1 Ron Nuoffer
- 1 Angela Sommer
- 2 Carolyn Kreis
- 3 Erica Cottrell
- 3 Ben Roeglin
- 6 Karissa Haufelder
- 7 Daniel Vierkant
- 8 Amy Brehmer
- 14 Jim Derse
- 15 Sue Hale
- 16 Jolene Solko
- 20 Wade Muth
- 22 Isla Peterson
- 22 Kris Sheffield
- 23 Suzanne Woods
- 25 Willow Krueger-Jantz
- 26 Gage Ratzel
- 28 Joshua Kasuboski
- 30 Elizabeth Schultz



AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 John & Karen Unruh
- 4 Mark & Carolyn Janz
- 5 Norm & Mary Bandler Jr.
- 21 Dale & Carolyn Hartmann
- 23 Lee & Michelle Sommerfeld
- 27 Joseph & Stephanie Gutschmidt
- 29 Will & Sue Hale
- 31 Jim & Carla Peterson

