



# ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

And

## Early Childhood Campus

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### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

#### *"All the Saints"*

I read a story about a man who hired a taxi to take him downtown. As they came to a red light, the driver sped on through. The passenger said, "Hey, the light was red. You're supposed to stop." And the driver answered, "Yeah, I know, but my brother does it all the time." They then came to a second red light, and once again the driver went right on through. The passenger said, "You're going to get us killed. That light was red. Why didn't you stop?" The driver said, "Don't worry about it. My brother does it all the time." Finally, they came to a green light, and the driver stopped. The passenger then said to him, "The light is green. Now is the time to go. Why don't you go?" And the driver answered him, "I know it's green. But you never know when my brother will be coming through."

Quite often it seems as though the whole world is going on red and stopping on green. Many people try things and believe things that just don't work. However, the Gospel works!

In Revelation 7:9-10, we receive a peek at the outcome of the Gospel: a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

They stand together triumphant, not clothed in their own righteousness, but in the white

vestments of the righteousness of Christ imputed to them by faith.

On All Saints Day, we remember those who have walked faithfully with Jesus, and who are now with Him in heaven. We also recall that having been baptized into Christ, we too are included among the saints who look forward to our reunion in the glorious kingdom of our God. "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ." (Galatians 3:27)

Now, if I were to ask you to name some of the saints you knew from long ago who have since gone on home to heaven, the list would probably be long. However, consider the impression that they left you. No, they weren't perfect. Yet, they lived their life under the banner of the cross. They were sinners saved by God's grace. And having believed upon the name of Jesus, they have entered God's rest. The Gospel works. Let us together lift high His royal banner!

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Ye soldiers of the cross.  
Lift high His royal banner;  
It must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry  
His army He shall lead,  
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished,  
And Christ is Lord indeed.*

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.

Let's connect

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please have **all** newsletter articles in by **Tuesday, November 26** to Ginger Carerros at **standrewchurchwb@gmail.com**.

## **BOARD OF ELDERS**

Is your heart prepared?

The leaves are changing colors and falling down to the ground. The temperature is dropping and the amount of daylight is getting shorter and shorter every day. Thanksgiving is just around the corner and then the time to wait and watch for the birth of our Savior, Jesus.

Are you looking forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior? Is your heart prepared to receive the Savior? The Portals of Prayer and other devotions from Concordia or LCMS can help you prepare your heart. If you would like devotion material talk to an elder or Pastor Jon and we can point you in the right direction.

Please plan on attending the Thanksgiving Eve service at 7pm on Wednesday, November 27th.

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 -Currently studying the book of Zechariah.

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.

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**

Board of Ministries – November 2024 Newsletter  
My husband and I like to take one or two grandchildren at a time for "Secret ice cream trips". We take them to DQ, take lots of happy pictures and send them home all sugared up. Those are the pics we like to post on social media. It makes us look like a big happy family. Recently we had a family get together that did not reflect those pictures - Kiddos sassing Mom and Dad, getting disciplined in the van, throwing sand when Grandma said no, getting fingers pinched in Grandma's back door (which resulted in a young one throwing up all over and lots of cleanup). Needless to say, we were all happy when the evening ended. However, as I write this, all I can think about is how much I miss them and want to start planning the next family

get together. I love my grandbabies unconditionally. If I, a sinful human being, can love after a night like this, how much more will our Loving Merciful Father love us? Even though we have our days where we throw tantrums (yes even as adults!), wanting our own way and getting hurt because of our sinful choices. Yet even though God allows us to make those choices, he is waiting with open arms to forgive our repentant hearts and help us to learn and grow from our mistakes. One of the ways he shows His love and mercy is to place other Christians around us to help share our burdens. He provides opportunities to grow in our Christian faith. At St. Andrew we have many opportunities for all ages to feel part of the family:

- **November and December Mission**

Collection - We will be collecting food for St. James community pantry along with The Sister's In Christ. Watch your bulletin for more information.

- **Prayer Sunday**- The first Sunday of every month, we invite you to write down your special prayers and put them into the box at the front of the church. Pastor will then say a prayer over the box of prayers. These are between you and God and will not be read out loud.

- **St. A's Weeders and Seeders** – The Foraging/Gardening class is going strong and growing every week. This group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the St. Andrew fellowship area.

- **Candy Cane Hunt** – Back by popular demand, the Candy Cane Hunt will be held on December 14th from 3-6 p.m. We are in need of volunteers. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

- **Christmas Parade's** – The West Bend Christmas parade is December 1st with a theme of "Christmas around the world". The Kewaskum parade is December 8th with a theme of "Christmas at Grandmas". Please see Sarah Peterson if you are available to help

- **Bible Studies** - We have a number of bible classes to take advantage of including a

Monday night or Saturday morning Men's Bible study, Tuesday morning (weekly) or Tuesday evening (2nd and 4th Tuesday) Women's Bible studies as well as our regular Sunday Bible study after church services. Come join us! We have several events in the planning stages for the new year. More to come!

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

## **SISTER'S IN CHRIST**

*The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.  
Psalm 28:7*

It is not always easy to give thanks, in fact it can be really tough at times. But once we begin to count our blessings, we often discover just how loving our God is, and that lifts us up to having a heart of gratitude. So, let's try to change our perspective from dwelling on what we lack to focusing on what we have. And then give thanks.

### **Sunday, November 10th**

Women's Luncheon and Craft Event is coming soon. Please sign up on the church bulletin board. Invite a friend, and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, crafting, food and fun!

Time is at noon in the gym fellowship hall. Cost is \$15.00.

**Operation Christmas Child** has begun. Please pick up a shoebox and fill it with quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items. Do not include: liquids, lotions, candy, toothpaste, food, vitamins, glass items, military figures, toy guns or aerosol cans. Include a note from you and even a picture. Pray for the child that receives your box that he/she may feel God's love through your gift. Shipping costs are great, if you would like to donate to the shipping of these boxes, a monetary gift can be given. Checks can be

written out to St. Andrew SIC and handed to Sandy Ruback or marked accordingly and put in the offering plate. May God bless our shoebox ministry!

**RETURN DATE FOR SHOEBOXES IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH.**

**Sisters Tuesday Bible Study 9:30**

We have begun a new study called, Joy to the World, celebrating the good news of Christmas. Join us at Sandy Berres' home and be uplifted by studying God's word among some very special Sisters in Christ.

**Giving Tree**

This year the recipient of our Giving Tree gifts will be to help feed our community. St. James Episcopal Church 148 South 8th Avenue in West Bend has been serving our community through a "Cupboard". This food cupboard is located outside St. James at the corner of Walnut Street and 8th Avenue, making it easy for people to just stop and pick up items needed. This cupboard is being stocked 4-5 times a week as the need for food has increased for families due to inflation costs. St. James has reached out to area churches for help in providing non-perishable food items for those in need. Starting Sunday, December 1st through December 15<sup>th</sup> St. Andrew will join in and collect food items. Please place all donations in the decorated boxes in the narthex. Thank you for caring and sharing to those in need.

Giving thanks for our St. Andrew Family,  
Sandy R, Judi B, Kathy M.

**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. 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

**EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS**

Dear St. Andrew Congregation,

Wow! I can't believe that we have been in school for over 6 weeks already. Time is passing by so quickly. In these past few weeks, we have been learning and growing in God's word. The other day during lunch bunch, I was blessed to see one of our very young (a late August birthday) 3K students, dancing along and trying to sing the words to The B.I.B.L.E song. I had some music playing in the background and there she was dancing along and doing all the movements that Mrs. Gross has taught her. It was such a special and sweet moment. This little girl doesn't have a lot of speech and to see her loving and praising God in her own way was truly AMAZING!!!

Blessings always,  
Lindsey

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Marty Gnatzig
- 2 Timothy Struebing
- 7 Lee Oelke
- 12 Paul Buth
- 14 Samantha Gnatzig
- 14 Roger Sauter
- 16 Lisa Baertlein
- 16 Sue Harrison
- 16 Wyatt Kelley
- 17 Jennifer Backhaus
- 17 Tracy Neatherlin
- 18 Dawn Neumann
- 21 Sarah Johnson
- 24 Jonathan Ratzel
- 25 Meghan Ellis
- 25 Meghan Kelley
- 27 Garrett Buth
- 28 Garrett DeBoer
- 30 Todd Jantz
- 30 Joan Schlicht



## NOVEMBER BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Carolyn Hartmann
- 1 Mark Janz
- 3 Amanda Dieringer
- 4 Toby Hua
- 5 Zachary Dieringer
- 7 Cindy Heinz
- 10 Lillith Schlosser
- 14 Roger Sauter
- 15 Jane Dolata
- 15 Jessica Dreska
- 15 Sandra Lompa
- 15 Joanne Miller
- 15 Lee Oelke
- 17 Lainey Vierkant
- 19 Tiff Legate
- 23 Ryan Falk
- 23 Matthew Gnatzig
- 23 Charlotte Grande
- 30 Ellen Slicker



## NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 Henry & Lois Dummann Sr.
- 18 John & Joan Schlicht
- 26 Randy & Kris Sheffield



### *Psalm 100*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord,  
all the earth! Serve the Lord with  
gladness! Come into his  
presence with singing! Know  
that the Lord, he is God! It is he  
who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the  
sheep of his pasture. Enter his  
gates with thanksgiving, and his  
courts with praise! Give thanks  
to him; bless his name!  
For the Lord is good; his  
steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all  
generations.