



# ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

And

## Early Childhood Campus

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Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

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#### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

##### *A Simple and Straightforward Message*

A note was found on the pastor's desk one Sunday morning. A young girl had left it there with her name scribbled on the outside of it. And on the inside of it, the note read: "Dear Pastor, I have two dogs, one cat, and a hamster at home. I love them all very much. Please pray for them."

And so... that's just what he did! It really doesn't get much simpler than that.

This young girl didn't have the same kind of worries that adults generally do have like making mortgage payments, running a business, or raising kids. Instead, her only thought was for the pets she loved.

Life was once that simple for many of us. However, as we've gotten older, life does tend to get more complicated. And some of that does come from the decisions we make in life.

Nevertheless, the message from our Lord to YOU is always the same:

- "Repent"
- "Believe"
- "Follow Me!"

It doesn't matter where you are in life. For in Mark's Gospel (Mark 1:14-20), who did Jesus call? Fishermen! Fishermen who would have slipped off the pages of Scripture, history, and even eternity if not for the gracious upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Of course, we did not choose Him. As it says in Isaiah 59:2, sin separates us from God. Yet, it is

for this very reason Jesus Christ came into the world: to save lost sinners.

Today we have a simple and straightforward message to share: "Repent, Believe in the Gospel, and Follow Jesus!"

- Lay your sins before Him...He forgives you!
- Entrust your future to Him He will guide you!
- Look at Christ...and be at rest!
- This day and every day.

***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, February 25** to Ginger Careros at [standrewchurchwb@gmail.com](mailto:standrewchurchwb@gmail.com).

#### BOARD OF ELDERS

During Bible study on a Sunday morning, we were studying the book of Hebrews, chapter 7. We talked about how the earthly high priests were temporary, but Jesus is permanent. How Jesus' one and done sacrifice on the cross was forever where the high priests on earth had to sacrifice animals over and over because it never was enough, nor permanent. Jesus' sacrifice was permanent, it was truly finished like He said on the cross.

Pastor Jon talked about how Jesus, died on the cross for our sins, rose three days later, then

ascending into heaven and is making a place for us there to be with him. Because of everything that Jesus did for us, we will follow Him to heaven.

Pastor then told us that Jesus prays to the Father every day for each and every one of us. Isn't that amazing? Jesus wants a one-on-one relationship with each and every one of us. He's doing his part to connect with us and strengthen our relationship with Him. We should do our part by studying His word and going to him in prayer.

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

- Sunday morning after church (10:15am).  
Currently studying the book of Hebrews.
- 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, Joy by Deb Burma..
- Saturday morning (8:30am) Men's Group led by Dan Berres meets at church- Currently studying the book of James.
- Monday evening (6:00pm) Men's Group led by Bob Buehler -Currently studying the book of Hebrews.

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**

The Ministry board is a combination of Stewardship, Evangelism in fellowship providing service to others in God's grace.

Our blessed Ministry board has several wonderful dedicated members dropping off our committee after faithfully serving our church family.

Thank you so much and may God bless you Joanne Miller and Kris Sheffield.

Our committee needs additional members, please pray about it if you could join us, our love and fellowship is very rewarding and fulfilling.

### **Mark 16:15**

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

### **1 Corinthians 9:17**

For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship.

### **Acts 20:35**

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive".

**Prayer Sunday** is the first Sunday in every month, your anonymous prayers are collected

prayed over by pastor, prayers only known to you and God then destroyed.

**Monthly St Andrew Mission for February** – Kewaskum food pantry – soups /easy boxed meals. Donations are collected on table in the narthex.

**Foraging class** (St Andrew Weeders and Seeders) 1st Tuesday of every month

**Friendship/New Member Sunday is February 16th** Pot Luck dinner is after church, please bring a dish if you like.

**Thank you who attended 12th night party,** \$143 was raised for tuition assistance and loving fellowship was had by all. Thankyou wonderful volunteers and Texas Roadhouse for donating food.

Thank you, may God bless you, Sandy Berres, Sarah Peterson, Sue Hetzel, Joanne Miller

## **SISTER'S IN CHRIST**

***Let all that you do be done in love.  
1 Corinthians 18:14***

As Sisters in Christ at St. Andrew, our goal is to spread the love of God to many, through our mission work and activities. Please join us in a project or activity that speaks to your heart. Help us let others know that they are loved and cherished by God. If you have an idea for an activity, or have a mission project you would like us to consider, please, feel free to speak to us. We are open to new ideas, and we welcome you to share them with us.

Please Join us-

**Tuesdays at 9:30am for Bible Study,** location is Sandy Berres home.

This study is for all women regardless of how much or how little Bible knowledge you have. We are a group of women that enjoy fellowship with each other, sharing our everyday ups and downs, and receiving the blessings from hearing God's word and the encouragement from other Christian women.

**Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 5th at 10:00**  
Join us and our ECC staff in preparing our Easter Egg Hunt. We will be filling the plastic eggs on Thursday, April 3rd at 9:00 (church) and on Saturday we will be hiding the eggs outdoors and helping in the gym with the crafts and cookie decorating. Please come, and invite your family and friends to join in on the fun!

### **Mission Store**

Reminder to check out our Mission Store located on the shelf unit across from the church mailboxes. Please feel free to take any item you would like. Donations are appreciated but not necessary.

### **Prayer Shawls**

There are still several Prayer Shawls available for you to give to someone who needs a warm hug, prayers, and some comforting. Share God's love with someone in need. Shawls are located in a basket in the Narthex. Please sign the notebook and take as many as you need.

We are discussing beginning a new ongoing mission project. Details will be shared once we have made our decision and have the project all worked out.

May God's love embrace you with a hug,

Sandy R., Judi B., and 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,

We have introduced God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit to our ECC students. It is so interesting to see how God opens our hearts to understand this very complex and mysterious truth of the Holy Trinity. One of our 4K students exclaimed, “God must be SO BIG to be three people in one”. I love how literal young children can be...their witness brings such JOY.

January has been busy assessing our students' skills (counting, number and letter recognition, rhyming, patterning, etc.). It is amazing to see how far they have progressed in just a few months...and I can't wait to see where they will be in May. But most importantly, our students' faith has blossomed these last few months and will continue to grow stronger each and every day. They truly receive a well-balanced education here!

In His Care,

Lindsey

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kristi Leipold
- 4 Peggy Kriefall
- 5 Jeffrey Grande
- 6 Liam Ratzel
- 11 Kayla Kasuboski
- 13 Beverly Struebing
- 14 Kathy Muth
- 14 Stephanie Reynolds
- 15 Daniel Woods
- 17 Debbie Yenter
- 18 Mark Kraft
- 19 Sandy Berres
- 20 Harvey Jaeger
- 21 Jean Keaton
- 22 Paige Ruback
- 23 Sharon Oelke
- 24 Melissa Knox
- 25 Myron Kraft
- 28 Shary Kraft
- 29 Thai Hua



### FEBRUARY BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Josie Pfeiffer
- 10 Esther Oehme
- 13 Todd Jantz
- 15 Paul Buth
- 15 Garrett Deboer
- 22 Raelynn Jantz
- 27 Tonia Keaton
- 28 Kathy Muth



### FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 22 Dan & Sandy Berres
- 26 Todd & Nancy Waechter

