



ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Early Childhood Campus

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Shout It Aloud

As of this writing, Easter Sunday is just a few weeks away, and the excitement is growing. Although we keep our "Alleluias" buried for now during the season of Lent, what a joy it will be to fill our day with alleluias as we once again hear the angels declare the welcome words concerning Jesus: "He is not here, but has risen."

Of course, the world today fights this message. There are those who want to replace the empty tomb with the tomb before Easter that had a heavy stone placed in front of it with armed guards to ensure that Jesus' body was still there. They want to silence Jesus' voice. They want Jesus to stay dead.

Some things don't work well in reverse, do they? Like putting toothpaste back in the tube or an egg back in its shell. What you end up getting is a bigger mess than you had before. Well, that large and heavy stone that shut Jesus' dead body inside the tomb made everything seem final and irreversible. But a reversal is what took place! For the stone was removed and the body of Jesus was no longer in but out of the tomb. And our role is to shout aloud on Easter morning, "He's risen! He's risen!" For the empty tomb testifies that Jesus is no longer dead, but very much alive! And, because of this, we stop our mourning and start our rejoicing!

Brothers and sisters, grasp the implications of the empty tomb: #1) Jesus is who He says He is. He is more than just a great guy who stuck

up for the poor and who happened to give great sermons. Jesus is the Lord of your life, and He is making all things new again. #2) Your past no longer defines you. In Him your sins are forgiven; death is swallowed up forever. And #3) Your future is secure. Heaven and your Father's house await you! And the proper form for every believer today is to repent, get in line behind Jesus, and follow Him. For Jesus is Risen. Jesus goes before you. And nothing at all will be able to separate you from God's love 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. You can reach me at pastor@standrew-westbend.org.

Let's connect!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all newsletter articles in by **Monday, April 28** to Ginger Carerros at standrewchurchwb@gmail.com.

BOARD OF ELDERS

April is here and Holy Week starts with Maundy Thursday, and continues with Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. We walk through and witness the saving grace and love of Jesus as he journeys to the cross to take our sins away on Good Friday, conquers hell, and then is

resurrected on Easter Sunday. Please join us for the Holy Week services.

Soup suppers continue @ 6pm before the Wednesday Lenten Services.

You may have noticed several new people at worship on Sundays. Some are visiting St. Andrew and some are new members. What a blessing! If you see someone that you don't know, say hello and introduce yourself. Welcome them to the St. Andrew family.

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 Daniel.
- Monday evening (6:00pm) Men's Group led by Bob Buehler -Currently studying the Gospel of Matthew.

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

April showers bring May flowers. A common phrase as we approach April. God sends rain to water the ground so plants can grow. God also has sent each of us gifts and resources to help each other grow. The Board of Ministries has many opportunities coming up to support others in their educational growth in Christian schools as well as growing in our relationships with other church members through fellowship and service opportunities.

Kewaskum Food Pantry We will be collecting canned fruits for the month of April.

Weeders and Seeders Get tips and ideas for getting your garden prepped and ready for spring! Come to this foraging/gardening group on April 1st at 6:30pm!

Papa Murphy Night. Head out to Papa Murphys in West Bend on Thursday, April 24 to help support Christian Education. Order online, on the phone or in person anytime that day and St. Andrew will get 10% of sales that day. No need to show a flyer or mention the fundraiser. Help the church even more by getting a Papa Murphy Scrip card to use for your order. We will also be offering a unique service where a couple volunteers can deliver your pizzas to you. You order the pizza, we will pick it up and bring it to you. Talk to Sarah Peterson for more details if you're interested in this option.

Puzzle Race. Our next puzzle race will be Friday, May 2 at 6:30pm. Join in the fun of jigsaw puzzles! Bring a friend and battle to see who can put together a 500 piece puzzle the fastest.

Plant Sale. We will again have a plant sale, also supporting Christian Education. Stock up on flower, fruit and vegetable plants on May 11 after the church service.

Other future dates to know:

Hwy Cleanup - May 18
Subway (West Bend) Fundraiser - May 22
Brat Fry - June 7 and 8
Hwy Cleanup - July 20
VBS - July 29-31
Hwy Cleanup - Sept 21

Blessing from the Board of Ministries
Sarah Peterson, Sue Hetzel, Laurie Pree
Taylor Sandidge, Jessica Janz, Sandy Berres

SISTER'S IN CHRIST

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." Matthew 28:5-6

Blessed Easter, Sisters in Christ and members of St. Andrew!

This past month our Tuesday morning Bible class began a new study called, Simplicity. Please join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 at Sandy Berres home. Sisters completed six knotted blankets which will be given to The Foster Care Closet of Washington County. We also created two new spring/summer wreaths which have been hung on the front doors of our church entrance. We completed filling small bags and will be passing them out on Easter Sunday to remind you that Jesus Lives! We pray the work we do will be a blessing to many.

Thank you to all who donated candy and small items for our Easter Egg Hunt. We appreciate your help!

**Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 5th at 10:00am (meet in the back parking lot)
Crafts and cookie decorating following the hunt in the gym. Please sign up on the church bulletin board. Bring a friend!**

Don't forget to check out the Mission Store located across from the church members mailboxes. It's filled with great Easter items! Help yourself to something that pleases you. As always, donations are appreciated to help support our missions.

Easter Joy!

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, please reference the Church Directory for the phone number. 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,
One of the Bible stories we have been learning about this month is about Jesus calming the storm. There is so much to learn from this Bible verse...we are learning that Jesus always cares, always loves, and always is in control. We are also learning that at times, our lives may seem stormy, but we should have no fear, Jesus is always near and that God has the power over all creation!

The refrain of one of the songs we are singing goes like this:

*Calm the storm, calm the storm.
Jesus' love will keep us warm.
Calm the storm, calm the storm.
In His arms, we're safe from harm.*

This has been an absolute favorite new song in 4K!!! The kids are always asking to hear that song and I just love to hear them sing along. What great things we are learning!!!

May God calm all the storms in your life,
Lindsey

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Cathy Grande
- 3 Pete Hesprich
- 4 Wade Muth
- 5 Amanda Ellis
- 5 Jonah Gutschmidt
- 5 Violet Justman
- 5 Lee Sommerfeld



- 6 Ardene Lettau
- 6 Darryl Pree
- 9 Joshua Hua
- 11 Deanna Kiel
- 13 Bob Buehler
- 13 Nancy Waechter
- 15 Joseph Gutschmidt
- 17 Paul Heinz
- 17 Debra Puestow
- 18 Nancy Kawczynski
- 21 Michelle Sommerfeld
- 22 Dale Backhaus
- 22 Sue Hetzel
- 23 Kenneth Betz
- 24 Miles Yenter
- 27 Rick Bruss
- 28 Michaela Grande
- 30 Brooke Dieringer

APRIL BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Clifford Hetzel
- 1 Peggy Kriefall
- 1 Lori Turenske
- 2 Karen Callen
- 3 Eric Starr
- 6 Garrett Buth
- 13 Sharon Oelke
- 13 Paige Ruback
- 17 Tracy Rochwite
- 21 Mary Bandler
- 23 Linda Konzal
- 23 Caleb Sommer
- 25 Joshua Hua
- 26 Sophia Justman
- 27 Emma Sommerfeld
- 28 Ardene Lettau
- 30 Nancy Waechter



APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Marty & Karen Gnatzig
- 18 Paul & Kathleen Buth

