



ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

And

Early Childhood Campus

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Happy Anniversary!

Is anyone celebrating an anniversary? I am! Twenty years in the ministry this year! However, much more significant than that is the 1,700 th anniversary of the Nicene Creed that we commemorate this year. So, we say to this Creed that we happily, if somewhat thoughtlessly, recite on Sundays: "Happy Anniversary!"

What is the Nicene Creed? It is a statement of belief that is often spoken in unison in church whenever the pastor says: "Let us rise and confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed." Notice, it is not just "their faith" from 1700 years ago. It is OUR faith! We confess Jesus Christ to be homoousias "same substance" with God the Father... who "for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man."

Very soon during the month of May, and after our completion of the Book of Hebrews, our Sunday morning Bible class will study the topic of "The Council of Nicaea and Its Creed." The Council of Nicaea (325 A.D.) was the First Ecumenical Council. Its major accomplishments include: 1) Settling the debate involving the divine nature of Jesus Christ – that He is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit, and 2) Establishing the date for Easter to commemorate Jesus' resurrection.

It is fascinating to point out that the Council of Nicaea was attended by over 250 bishops (318 according to tradition). Also, among those

present were men called "confessors" who did not back down on their confession of Jesus as Lord during the height of the Diocletian persecution (303 A.D.). In fact, men arrived at the Council of Nicaea with a number of missing body parts all for the sake of the name of Jesus Christ.

In speaking the Nicene Creed together, we are reconnecting with those who came before us who fought so hard for the truth...and even gave their life. And in speaking the Nicene Creed together, we are boldly proclaiming the truth with Christians everywhere about our Lord and God who has come to save you and me.

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 **Tuesday, May 27** to Ginger Carerros at standrewchurchwb@gmail.com.

BOARD OF ELDERS

He is risen, indeed!!! Easter is a special time of year as it helps us focus on Jesus's death on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter Sunday. He conquered death and the devil and

joined his Father in heaven where He's preparing a place for each of His believers. On Palm Sunday Daniel Vierkant, Michaela Grande, and Graci Roller were given the Right of Confirmation and participated in the Lord's Supper for the first time. They're confirmed members of St. Andrew and are now walking with the Lord.

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.

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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 board is excited about what God will continue to do, in us and through us, by trusting in His plans for the church. By faith we believe that He will do infinitely more than we ask for or can imagine. God is able to do all things by His mighty power at work within each of us.

Monthly Missions: May Donation - Fisher House in Milwaukee. Toiletries and snacks.

Plant Sale - May 11 after church service. Weeders and Seeders will be donating to the plant sale again this year. There will be annuals and vegetable plants for sale.

Game Night – May 2nd - puzzle races.

Brat Fry – Join us on June 7th and 8th, Sign up on the board to volunteer.

Cousins Fundraiser - On Thursday, May 22, 3-8pm at the West Bend location on Paradise. Funds raised will go to Lutheran education.

Forging Classes – St Andrew Weeders and Seeders - 1st Tuesday of every month.

VBS - July 29-31 - "So Messy" - Jesus cleans up our mess. Watch for more information for volunteering.

Hwy Cleanup - May 18th - July 20th - Sept 21st . Meet in Boltonville at noon.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS

Prayer Sunday - 1st Sunday of every month.

Blessings:

Sandy Berres, Sarah Peterson, Sue Hetzel,
Taylor Sandidge, Laurie Pree, Jessica Janz

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 used 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!

Randy Sheffield

Dear St. Andrew Congregation,

April has been a whirlwind of a month. We have been so busy learning and growing in the ECC. We have learned: how to share and take turns, apologize when we make a mistake and offer forgiveness to any friend who has made a mistake. We have learned all the letters in the whole alphabet, our numbers, rhymes, opposites, and so much more. However, most importantly, we have learned that God loves us and we belong to Him! We only have a few more weeks of school and it will be so hard to say goodbye to these precious children. We have been so blessed to have these beautiful children growing their faith and sharing it with others. We cannot wait to see how these students take what they have learned here, with them wherever they go! Please pray for our enrollment for next school year.

Blessings,
Lindsey

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dorene Betz
- 4 Taylor Sandidge
- 5 Austin Legate
- 5 Debra Oehme
- 6 Angela Sommer
- 7 Faith Sommerfeld
- 9 Peter Dumann
- 10 Troy Ellis
- 12 John Unruh
- 13 Owen Hua
- 23 Joshua Miller
- 24 Amy Justman
- 25 Mark Ruback
- 26 Mark Oehme
- 27 Dale Hartmann
- 31 Peter Muth



MAY BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Paul Heinz
- 1 Debra Puestow
- 4 Jeffrey Grande
- 8 Dale Backhaus
- 8 Josephina Muth
- 9 Kenneth Betz
- 11 Rick Bruss
- 11 Cathy Grande
- 11 Aaron Heinz
- 13 Shary Kraft
- 13 Miles Yenter
- 14 Kendrick Miller
- 19 Jonah Gutschmidt
- 20 Lee Sommerfeld
- 21 Sharon Ellis
- 22 Brooke Dieringer
- 26 Debra Oehme
- 26 Liam Ratzel
- 29 Taylor Sandidge



MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Roger & Sheriane Sauter
- 13 Christopher & Karen Callen
- 27 Adam & Alison Ruback
- 29 Amber & Joshua Dieringer
- 30 Gary & Lisa Baertlein



Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.

A Short Prayer for Memorial Day

Dear Lord, we remember the fallen soldiers that have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. On this remembrance day, we come to you and ask for healing for families of lost loved ones, protection over other military members, and to help the rest of us make sure that Memorial Day is more than once a year, but a continual act of gratitude. In Jesus' name, Amen.

