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And
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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

“The Door”

1... 2... 3... 4... 5... 6... 7... 8... 9.... While living in the Chicago area, my wife and I visited the Bahai Temple in Wilmette, Illinois. It is a beautiful concrete structure that has nine sides with nine doors and nine gardens. In the Bahai faith tradition, the number nine symbolizes perfection and points to the nine world religions. The Bahai stresses the oneness of all humanity, as well as the oneness of all religions, which includes the idea that you can reach God through any door that you choose to enter.

It is a nice idea. However, it is not one based on truth.

In Luke 13, someone asked Jesus the question, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And Jesus answered in a way to indicate that the most important question is not “how many will be saved?” but rather “will YOU be saved?” He takes it from the hypothetical to the personal.

In answering the question, Jesus said, “Strive the enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.”

The word “strive” comes from the Greek word “agonizo,” from where we get the word, “agonize.” Jesus doesn’t say here to simply stroll through the big door sometime when you’re not doing anything else and check it out. He tells you to “agonize” to enter by the narrow door...the door that opens to eternal life.

Where is this narrow door that opens to eternal

life? Well, it’s not door #1, door #2, door #3, etc. – take your pick! No! It is one door. Jesus says in John 10:9, “I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.” As Christians we confess along with Scripture that Jesus is the one and only way. As it also says in Galatians 3:25-26, “For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”

Dear friend, it is August 2025. The one narrow door remains open. Let us not give up on meeting together and hearing God’s Word, as some have. Instead, let us continue in worship devoted to Christ. Let us build each other up in our most holy faith. And let us “agonize” to enter by the narrow door.

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, August 26th** to Ginger Careros at standrewchurchwb@gmail.com.

Sister's In Christ has a Mission Store in the gathering area at church. The store has items for you to take and if you wish put a donation in the box to be used for the Lord's work. If you are cleaning out some things at home please keep the store in mind as we could use some additional items in the store at this time. A

container will be placed near the store for items you wish to share. If you have questions, please contact Sue Mueller.

BOARD OF ELDERS

Summer is in full swing and we're getting for the start of confirmation instruction this fall. Pastor will be scheduling a meeting with the students and the parents towards the end of August. If you have a middle school aged child that would like to start confirmation, talk to Pastor or one of the elders.

- Sunday morning after church (10:15am).
Currently studying the book of 1st Peter.
- 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. After Daniel the fellas will be studying the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. The coffee is hot, fellowship and conversation is engaging, and most of the time there a dunker or two along with the coffee.
- Monday evening (6:00pm) Men's Group is taking a break for the summer and will start meeting again after Labor Day.

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

Acts 6:4

But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

Mark 16:15

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

Blessings and Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ. We would like to thank all of our church family for such wonderful support in so many ways including donations of food, money, time, talents, etc.

We have had successful fund raisers and projects that were only possible with your help and Gods blessings.

We encourage others to join us in any of our numerous activities, committees, projects, Bible Studies etc.

The fellowship brings us all closer to each other and God, the friendships that come from this is amazing and wonderful.

Thank you all who contributed and/or helped assemble Baby Kits for Chad.

May God bless Melissa on her missionary work.

We are looking for volunteers for Fisher house. There is a sign-up sheet for the meal train.

Service day is Monday August 4th. Refrigerated/fresh food should be at church by Sunday Aug 3rd.

August we are collecting school supplies for the Kewaskum pantry. Next Hwy clean-up is Sept 21st.

Prayer Sunday is the 1st of every month.

Thank you and blessings, Board of ministries. Sandy Berres, Sarah Peterson, Sue Hetzel, Laurie Pree, Taylor Sandidge, Jessica Janz.

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 sign-up 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 or Rick Bruss.

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

EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS

Dear St. Andrew Congregation,
A few weeks ago, Lori, DeAnna and I went to a closing sale at a parochial preschool. We were able to find some amazing toys, dress up clothes, teacher resources, Christian picture books and so much more. One of my personal

favorite purchases was a set of large foam blocks that look like they are concrete cinder blocks and wood slats. We are now going to have a new dramatic play theme: Building a strong foundation in Christ. I cannot wait for our students to build, experiment, and learn with these fun building blocks. More importantly, I cannot wait for them to build, experiment, and learn with our Bible stories, songs, and the Christian education that we offer them.

Thank you for your support, encouragement, and prayers.

Thank you also for helping the ECC to advertise- I appreciate you putting a yard sign in your yard.

Blessings,
Lindsey

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kathleen Buth
- 1 Jim Derse
- 1 Monica Jantz
- 2 Nancy Riederer
- 3 Gary Leipold
- 7 Christopher Callen
- 8 Will Hale
- 11 Ryan Falk
- 12 Matthew Gutschmidt
- 14 Kristin Ahrens
- 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 Donna Hesprich
- 30 Pamela Beaupre'
- 31 Mark Osgood



AUGUST BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Dan Berres
- 1 Ron Nuoffer
- 1 Angela Sommer
- 1 Nicole Heinecke
- 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
- 24 Rory Hetzel
- 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

