



ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
And
Early Childhood Campus

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

“Our Highest Goal”

“What do you want to be when you grow up?”
When was the last time someone asked you that? Well, ask a young child today the same question, and you will hear some lofty goals, including: a teacher, a garbageman, a doctor, a fireman, or a football star! However, down the line, what ends up happening? Interests change or a career path becomes obsolete. Also, a dream is cut short because of the COST being far too great (eight years of schooling...and add to that the cost of tuition to be a doctor? Yea...no thanks!) And so, you end up on a different path, a different destination than you had previously intended.

But now...how about the COST of following Jesus? Are you ready to pick up your cross and follow Him today? Is it a matter of top priority in your life to fear, love, and trust in God above all things? Or do you get tangled up by the idols that ensnare you, or by the people who draw you away from God? Admittedly, we all fall short.

However, there's the Good News! Jesus did not fall short! Jesus counted the cost, He carried His own cross, and He gave His life for sinners like you and me so that we might be saved through faith in Him. “God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him” (1 John 4:9).

As children and young adults everywhere are

beginning a new school year, it is important to emphasize the need for continual growth in the knowledge of the Lord. Pray that nothing would hinder their spiritual growth. Encourage them to come to worship, to learn more about Jesus, and to pray and live in Christ. For to follow Jesus is our highest goal.

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, September 23rd**. to Ginger Careros at standrewchurchwb@gmail.com.

“Good morning, church family”

As the school year approaches, St. Andrew's musical groups are getting ready to start back up! Each group tries to play for worship approximately once per month. All groups would love new members--we hope you can help us make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Handbell Choir meets Monday nights from 6:45-7:45 beginning on Sept. 8. The group is open to members 5th grade and older, and no experience is needed. Contact Jessie Dreska for more information.

Vocal Choir will meet weekly (rehearsal times TBD) beginning in mid-September. The group is open to all ages and no experience is needed. Contact Peggy Kriefall for more information.

Winds/Instrumental Group meets from 10:30-11:15 on Sunday mornings beginning in mid-September. The group is open to high school age and older, and you will need to provide your own instrument. Contact Katie Vierkant for more information.

BOARD OF ELDERS

Fall is in the air and confirmation instruction is starting up again. If you have a middle school aged child that would like to start confirmation, talk to Pastor or one of the elders. Bibles studies for men, women and combined are back in full swing. See below for the slate of opportunities to feed your soul at St. Andrew. Sunday School will also start back up after Labor Day on Sunday mornings. New start time for Sunday School is 10:30, same time as Bible Study.

- Sunday morning after church (10:30 am). 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 Breakfast Group led by Dan Berres meets at church- Currently studying the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. The coffee is hot, fellowship and conversation are engaging, and the fellas will be rotating serving breakfast. Come and feed on breakfast and the Word.
- Monday evening (6:00pm) Men's Group led by Bob Buehler will be starting again on September 8th at 6pm.

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

Fall is the time of year that God really shows us the beauty of His creation. The colors of the leaves turning, the color of all the food that can be harvest and how God changes our surroundings from one season to another. How can people see all this beauty and say that there is no God!

In Matthew 9:37-38, Jesus said "The Harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field". The Harvest refers to the souls to be reaped for God's kingdom. Through prayer and discipleship, we ask God to send more

laborers (workers) to join in the mission to share the gospel message with others.

Mission Collection for September - Box meals, rice/noodle mixes which will be donated to the Kewaskum Food Pantry.

The last Hwy Cleanup for this year is on September 21st. We thank all the faithful volunteers that have helped to clean up God's creation.

VBS was a lot of fun for over 50 children who learned how Jesus cleans up the mess we make in our lives. Thanks to all the volunteers that help make it a success. New this year was an adult class which was also well attended with hopes to continue it in the future.

As per the Council, the "Tuition Assistance guidelines" needs to be updated. If you would like to be on the committee to do so, please contact Carla Peterson.

Also the time for the "Harvest Dinner" is right around the corner. A committee is also needed to plan this event, if interested, please let us know.

Watch for future information on the following: Pumpkin Painting, Game Night, New Bible Studies.

Prayer Sunday: 1st Sunday of every month.

St. A's Weeders and Seeders (foraging /gardening group) - 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:30.

As we have been blessed with a warm summer, let us also count and thank God for all the other blessings that He has sent our way here at St. Andrew and to each of our families, a lot that we don't even see or know about!

Blessings from the Board Of Ministries
Sarah Peterson, Sue Hetzel, Laurie Pree, Taylor Sandidge, Jesssica Janz, Sandy Berres

DARTBALL

The Dartball Season is set and as always we could use a few more participants. The league play starts September 17th and consists of 18 weeks of play ending February 4th. There will be no games the week of Thanksgiving or the week between Christmas and New Years. League play is followed by a league wide tournament to be held on February 21st at Good Shepherd. This year the league is starting a one-day tournament so all will be wrapped up on that day. 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 on September 10th at 7:00 PM the week before league play starts at St Andrew in the Sunday school area. If you are interested in playing there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board. The team is open to all confirmed members of St Andrew. If you are not quite sure of what Dartball is feel free to stop at the practice and check it out we could really use a few more players either full or part time if we have enough.

We had a great time playing last year 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.

Sisters in Christ

***There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens.
Ecclesiastes 3:1***

Even though summer and its warmth and bright sunshine is my favorite season, I know living here in Wisconsin fall will come. This verse reminds me that God has a plan for every season, and a plan and purpose for every season of our lives too. Just as the leaves change color in fall and the fall harvest is picked for the coming months, our lives go through seasons as well. God has a plan for each

season of our lives. We need to trust God and let Him lead us through each season, holding on with faith that we are right where God needs us to be.

Sisters in Christ invite all women to join us in our activities and mission work in the months ahead. If you ever have a question or even an idea you would like to share, please, feel free to talk to me, Sandy Ruback. Judi Bastian and Kathy Muth co-chair along with me, and will gladly help in any way they can too.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Begins September 9th at 9:30. Our study will be, *Becoming a Woman of Strength* by Cynthia Heald. Location will be at Sandy Berres home. If you would like to join us, please let me know so I can order you a book. This study will guide us through the difficulties and obstacles of life as we find comfort in God's strength and become empowered by the truth that we can do all things through Christ. Please join us!!!

Fall Luncheon or Event is now being discussed and we are open for suggestions!

Operation Christmas Child/Shoebox Outreach will begin October 26th and ends on Sunday, November 16th. Now is a great time to be looking for items to fill a shoebox such as small toys, art supplies, and health care items. More info coming soon!

Mission Store

Our Mission Store is always filled with interesting items. Please shop often and help support our mission activities. Items are always needed, so if you have a decoration, book, craft item, or candle you could donate, we would appreciate it. Thank you to Sue M. for maintaining our store.

Blankets for the Foster Care Closet

Washington County Foster Care Closet is in need of fleece tie blankets. We have helped them in the past and early this summer we gifted them with 6 blankets. If anyone has an interest in making these with me, please let me know.

Blessings to you, dear Sisters in Christ,
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 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,

I pray that you all have had a wonderful summer. It sure has gone by quickly! The 2025-2026 school year is right around the corner. We start school September 2nd! We have six 4K students and sixteen 3K students (eight students each

day in 3K) enrolled. Lori and I have been busy getting everything cleaned, prepped and ready for the upcoming school year. Thank you to the Muth family for your help moving 8 yards of wood chips to the play yard! It looks amazing and is much safer for our students now. We cannot wait to share God's love with all of these amazing twenty-two students and their families.

Blessing to you,
Lindsey

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Matthew Gnatzig
- 6 Linda Bruss
- 8 Jay Benz
- 8 Xander McKee
- 10 Austin Jantz
- 10 Troy Justman
- 10 Leo Ruback
- 11 Amanda Dieringer
- 11 Graci Roller
- 12 Randy Sheffield
- 14 Darren Keaton
- 18 Matthew Drummond
- 19 Kim Gremminger
- 20 Zaxton Roeglin
- 22 Lillith Schlosser
- 25 Judi Bastian
- 27 Carla Peterson
- 30 Cristopher Kiel
- 30 Katherine Vierkant



SEPTEMBER BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Jacquelyn Beaupre'
- 1 George Muth
- 4 Dan Fischer
- 6 Matthew Gutschmidt
- 6 Dan Legate
- 6 Randy Sheffield
- 11 Gary Baertlein
- 11 John Schlicht
- 12 Kristin Ahrens
- 13 Matthew Ratzel
- 15 Pamela Beaupre'



- 19 Susan Mueller
- 19 Nic Sheffield
- 20 Gary Leipold
- 25 Ron Bastian
- 26 Robert Miller

SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Rick & Linda Bruss
- 3 Jeffrey & Aimee Schmidt
- 5 Gregory & Melissa Knox
- 6 Jay & Debbie Benz
- 6 Daniel & Suzanne Woods
- 8 Lori & Bennett Turenske
- 11 Mark & Shary Kraft
- 15 Peter & Darlene Dummann
- 19 Darryl & Laurie Pree
- 24 Robert & Victoria Miller
- 25 Troy & Amy Justman
- 26 David & Amy Brehmer



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& Happy*

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& Prayers



Col. 3:23

Whatever you do, work
heartily, as for the
Lord and not for men.