



**ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**And**  
**Early Childhood Campus**

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Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

**April 2022**

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

**You're Out!**

*"God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it." – Acts 2:24*

Baseball is back for the next several months and people will again be flocking to the ballparks in droves to watch their favorite players swing their bats and hopefully knock the ball out of the park. Of course, they can always strike out, too, and you know the rule in baseball – three strikes and you're out.

What if our gracious Father in heaven, sick and tired of all the sins we commit, decided to instill the three strikes rules in baseball into the Christian faith and the rule for heaven now read "Three sins and you're out." Well, that knocks me out of the box the very first day – and I am sure, you as well. Even if we managed to somehow stay beyond one day, the next day we would surely hear God say, "You're Out!"

Thank God we have a God who is more giving and forgiving than baseball umpires. Jesus brought God's plan for forgiveness to completion on the cross. *"In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace* (Ephesians 1:7). Through faith in Jesus, we take a hold of that forgiveness. And while we are talking about it, you and I should take a page out of God's

Book. He tells us to forgive others seventy times seven – not just three times.

Now, Jesus was "Out," but in a different way. On that first Easter Sunday morning, Jesus' tomb was found empty. He wasn't there! He is risen! He is out! Death could not hold Him! It means that as baptized believers our tombs – our graves – will be empty too! We will be through with death. It will be gone forever. No more dying! No more attending wakes of loved ones and crying our hearts out. We will be holding hands with them, embracing – mom, dad, and all the rest who clung to Jesus through thick and thin until their dying breath.

Won't that be something! I can hardly wait – but then, He may still have a few things for me to do!

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. I would especially love to visit homebound and others who may be staying home due to health-related concerns to bring God's Word and Jesus' body and blood in the sacrament to you. Please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Let's Connect!  
Pastor Jon Vierkant

**BOARD OF ELDERS**

We are almost done with snow & cold temperatures but since this is Wisconsin, we could still need to cancel a service. The Pastor and the Chairman of the Elders will make the

decision if the church service needs to be cancelled no later than 2 hours before the start of the service and we will communicate the cancellation no later than 1.5 hours before the service. Please consult the following for the notification.

- 1—WTMJ 4
- 2—Fox 6 (also AM 920, FM 106.1, Oldies 95.7, Radio Now 97, and AM 1130 WISN)
- 3—St. Andrew website: [www.standrew-westbend.org](http://www.standrew-westbend.org)
- 4—St. Andrew Facebook page
- 5—Via email from church for those who have signed up (if you have not already signed up and would like to, please contact the church office with your email address.

After four years of serving as Elders, Ken Betz & Dave Brehmer will be taking a year off and we would like to thank them for everything they did while on the Board of Elders, and also for what they will continue to do to help at St. Andrew. While we will miss them on the Board, we have two new members who will also do a fantastic job. When you see Dan Berres and/or Thai Hua please thank them for volunteering to be on the Board and please keep all of us in your prayers.

We will be offering Wednesday night services, along with Soup/Supper, on April 6<sup>th</sup>. On April 14 we will have a 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday (with Communion) service. We will also have a 7:00 pm Good Friday service and then a 6:00 am Son Rise service and 9:00 am Easter Sunday service with breakfast between the two services at 7:15. Please join us for as many services as you can attend and call Jeff Grande if you are interested in helping out with Easter Breakfast.

We have gluten free wafers for members who need to use them for Communion. Please let one of the Elders know, before the start of the service, if you want us to give you a gluten free wafer and we would be more than happy to give one to you. Just remind us before the start of the service. Also please let the Elders know if you would like to take Communion in the pew and we would be more than happy to do that for you.

We are starting a new opportunity for volunteering at St. Andrew. We have several

members who could use a ride to our church services. Please let one of the Elders, or Pastor, know if you are interested in giving one of your church family a helping hand, or if you would like a ride to church, and we will get drivers and rides together as the opportunity arise. We will try to hook up drivers and riders together that live in the same direction from church to make it easier for both.

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,  
Rick Bruss--Chairman & Youth/Confirmation  
(262-338-8149)  
Randy Sheffield—Secretary, Music/Reader  
(262-689-5405)  
Bob Buehler— In-Actives,  
Fundraiser/Personnel (262-334-4013)  
Thai Hua—Ushers (262-388-6434)  
Dan Berres—Sick/Shut-ins & Care Ministry  
(262-689-4584)

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please have **all** newsletter articles in by **Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** to Cathy Grande at **[standrewchurchwb@gmail.com](mailto:standrewchurchwb@gmail.com)**.

**Confirmations** will be sent for articles sent via e-mail. Thanks.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS

***He is not here; He has risen, just as He said! Matthew 28:6***

### ***EXTRA, EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!***

Have you noticed the ECC bulletin board in the kitchen area fellowship hall? It reminds us of a time, before the technological revolution, that something major was happening in the world. A newsboy or newsie was a street vendor of newspapers without a fixed newsstand. They would shout out, extra, extra! Read all about it! Today, a tweet can circulate breaking news to millions of people in a matter of seconds.

As we read the Easter story from the Bible we see that an angel first told Mary Magdalene and Mary that Jesus was not in the tomb for He had risen! This important world event was then spread by these women to the disciples. In Matthew 28:16-20 Jesus tells the disciples to go make disciples of all nations. If there was a newspaper back then, the disciples would have been the newsies shouting, extra, extra! Today, Christians are the newsies and we have to continue to spread the word of God to all. Each of us, in our own way, can do this. Let your light shine my friends and share through your actions and words that Jesus lives and you can too! Believe and be saved.

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is going well and I look forward to what God has planned for the coming year. Many of you by now know that Lindsey Moser will be our campus' new director. I will stay on one more school year to be a mentor/trainer to her. Continue to please pray that God leads families to our campus so that little hearts can begin to grow faith and love for Jesus. In the world today, this is so very important. Kindness, compassion, forgiveness and God's saving grace must be taught, and St. Andrew ECC is a great place to start.

We have just 8 more weeks of school, hard to believe for the school year went very fast for me. The next 8 weeks will be filled with field trips, academic testing, parent teacher conferences, a closing program, a graduation

ceremony for our 4K students, and a family picnic. Then in late spring or early summer work will begin on a new nature play area in our fenced in play yard. I'm very excited for this project and help will be needed to complete it.

Thank you everyone for your support, either with prayers or gifts, so that we can continue to be newsies for children and tell them the good news of Jesus' love for them!

Have a Blessed and Happy Easter,  
Sandy

## BOARD OF MINISTRIES

*How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" --- Romans 10:14-15*

Easter is coming and churches around the world will cry out, "He Is Risen!" Christ's victory over death is the good news, the gospel, that Paul is referring to. While many will go back to "normal" life after Easter, our normal life should be supporting the spreading of the good news. Last month we talked about what a talent was, and the glory we can bring to God when we find our talent and use it for him. Not all of us are called to preach the good news, but we all can find ways to support the effort. Take time this Easter to consider how you used your talents to glorify God and supported the good news reaching the ears of those that have not heard.

### **Upcoming Events:**

-Plant Sale / Cookout / Corn hole – May 22 – Funds for tuition assistance

-Brat Fry – July 9 & 10 – Funds for tuition assistance

-Summer VBS – We are looking for people to help plan and run the event

-Youth Group – First Friday of the month (all ages welcome)

In the Service of the Lord

The Ministry Board

Sarah Peterson - Chair Person

Jeff Grande, Katie Vierkant, Debbie Yenter,

Carla Peterson, Joanne Miller, Sandy Berres,

Rory Hetzel

### **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE** **Ozaukee County Chapter**

“So how’s life? Are you stuck? Are you burdened? Are you troubled? Are you afraid? Do you think you’ve got nothing to live for? Stop acting like Jesus is dead because He’s not. Look again at His life-giving hands. Jesus is alive! Let’s act like it. Let’s pray like it. Let’s believe like it. Let’s embrace His call, ‘I am sending you’ (John 20:21), and bring the Gospel to everyone, one soul at a time. Live life like there is no death because Easter means there is no death. Easter makes life really worth living.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

### **SISTERS IN CHRIST**

Our Bible study, Pew Sisters, continues to meet on Tuesdays at 11:30 at the Hub. Please join us as we discuss God's working in the hearts and lives of women. Each week we read about a new woman's story and her struggle, and we see how God has led her through it. The stories are very relatable and lead to some great discussions. We would love to have you join us!

**Our Bridal Fashion Show is on Sunday, May 1st at 2:00.**

All women of all ages, along with their family and friends are invited to enjoy an afternoon of fun as we showcase bridal wear from years past and present.

Bridal gowns, bridesmaid dresses, mother of the bride/groom dresses, flower girl dresses, accessories and more are all needed so we can showcase them. Models are needed too. Flyers are on the bulletin board with more information on what we need and how to get your wedding items to us.

Invitations are in your church mailbox and a sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please help yourself to an extra invite and pass it on to someone you know who would enjoy our show.

We look forward to an afternoon of fellowship and fun and wedding cake too!

This is an event you won't want to miss!

Happy Easter Sisters,

Sandy, Judi and Kathy

### **EASTER BREAKFAST**

If you are planning on attending the breakfast on Easter morning, we need you to sign up today so that our volunteer cooks know how much food to prepare. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. If you are generously donating food, we ask that the eggs and milk be dropped off by Saturday morning. Everything else can come with you Easter morning. We also need some help with set-up and decorating on Saturday morning at 9 a.m.

### **USHER SCHEDULE**

Week 1: Josh Miller, Jeff Schmidt, Mark Ruback & Leo Ruback

Week 2: Dan Yenter, Miles Yenter, Kabel Wuebben

Week 3: Hua Family, Paul Heinz

Week 4: Curt Gnatzig, Matt Gnatzig, Mark Janz

## Reader Schedule

April 3

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:16-21

Epistle: Philippians 3:8-14

Mason Falk

April 10

Old Testament: Zechariah 9:9-10

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

Debbie Yenter

April 17

Old Testament: Zechariah 14:8-11

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:14-18

6 a.m. Michele Buehler

9 a.m. Randy Sheffield

April 24

First Reading: Acts 5:12-20

Epistle Reading: Revelation 1:4-18

## CLEANING SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

3/28-4/2	Melissa Knox Carla Peterson Sandy Lompa
4/4-4/9	Randy Sheffield Kris Sheffield Stephanie Gutschmidt Cathy Grande
4/11-4/16	Sue Hetzel Pam Beaupre Rory Hetzel Paul Heinz Cindy Heinz
4/18-4/23	Pastor Jon Vierkant Katie Vierkant Myron Kraft

## **ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### ***WISH LIST***

Approved by Church Council 10/28/21

### **Organ**

#### **White tables**

(type that we have in the fellowship hall)

#### **Replacement chairs for the fellowship hall**

#### **Carpet cleaner**

(contact a Trustee for specifications)

#### **HandBell Maintenance**

(approx.. \$2,000)

#### **Church Sign for Front Yard**

(Update and/or Move)

#### **Refillable Altar Candles**

( ~ \$80 each)

\*\*\*If you wish to purchase one of the above items be aware that St. Andrew is a tax-exempt organization. That means we do not have to pay tax on such purchases. Please ask us for a tax-exempt form so tax does not have to be paid.

We would also be glad to give you a 'donation statement' for your tax purposes.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Caleb Falk  
3 Cathy Grande  
3 Pete Hesprich  
4 Larry Schilling  
5 Jonah Gutschmidt  
5 Violet Justman  
5 Lee Sommerfeld  
6 Darryl Pree  
6 Ardene Lettau  
8 Kathy Jeske  
9 Joshua Hua  
11 Deanna Kiel  
12 Corbin Becker  
13 Bob Buehler  
13 Nancy Waechter  
15 Joseph Gutschmidt  
16 Alex Betz  
17 Paul Heinz  
17 Debbie Puestow  
18 Nancy Kawczynski  
21 Michelle Sommerfeld  
22 Sue Hetzel  
23 Ken Betz  
24 Pat Nysse  
24 Miles Yenter  
27 Rick Bruss  
28 Michaela Grande  
28 Tom Schilling  
29 Jodie Falk  
30 Brooke Dieringer



## APRIL BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

1 Craig Falk  
1 Cliff Hetzel  
1 Peggy Kriefall  
1 Lori Turenske  
2 Larry Hammen  
6 Garrett Buth  
6 Nathan Eichhorn  
8 Kathy Jeske  
13 Sharon Oelke  
13 Paige Ruback  
14 Harper Kirchner  
14 Grace Thill  
16 Alisa Eichhorn  
17 Tracy Rochwite  
17 Bryan Woods  
21 Mary Bandler  
22 Emma Betz  
23 Linda Konzal  
23 Caleb Sommer  
25 Joshua Hua  
25 Sophia Justman  
27 Emma Sommerfeld  
28 Ardene Lettau  
30 Nancy Waechter



## APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5 Marty & Karen Gnatzig  
10 Dan & Melissa Arps  
16 Paul & Kathy Buth





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Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Givings</b>	\$ 25,476.65	\$ 16,052.03	\$ 16,772.62									
<b>Spend</b>	\$ 21,973.51	\$ 18,440.06	\$ 21,359.67									
<b>CFY Giving</b>	\$ 25,476.65	\$ 41,528.68	\$ 58,301.30	\$ 58,301.30	\$ 58,301.30	\$ 58,301.30	\$ 58,301.30	\$ 58,301.30	\$ 58,301.30	\$ 58,301.30	\$ 58,301.30	\$ 58,301.30
<b>CFY Spend</b>	\$ 21,973.51	\$ 40,413.57	\$ 61,773.24	\$ 61,773.24	\$ 61,773.24	\$ 61,773.24	\$ 61,773.24	\$ 61,773.24	\$ 61,773.24	\$ 61,773.24	\$ 61,773.24	\$ 61,773.24
<b>CFY Budget</b>	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00
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