



ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
And
Early Childhood Campus

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. (Parking Lot)
 Worship 10:30 a.m. (Indoors)

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Taking Out the Trash

It is hard for me to keep track of how many times I have taken out the trash. The trash collector comes by my house every Thursday, so I know I have taken it out at least forty to fifty times a year. And, of course, there are those weeks where I am on vacation...or I just plum forget to take the trash out. Has that ever happened to you before? I will say that having a three year old boy at home who loves seeing the garbage truck come by (and who wants to be a garbage man someday when he grows up), has helped motivate me into getting the trash out to the curb on time.

To be honest, I wish the trash collector (and recycling truck) would come by my house more often, for even a little trash lying around gets to me. It begins to pile up, and creates a stench that seems appealing to none other than some undesirable critters.

But now...there is another kind of trash. We call it sin. It is all the sins we have committed against God, which means that by count it is a lot of trash. Well, here is the good news! We have the opportunity to get rid of the trash of sin by the minute! For "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" – **1 John 1:9**.

I know that I do not want any trash standing around, so I give it to the trash collector. He is always open for business! What this all means is that we can run to Jesus 24/7 and pour out our hearts to Him. He is always "open." I give my sins to Jesus and He takes them from me and restores to me the joy of salvation!

Brothers and sisters, we will be resuming our Online Bible study Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. **beginning** with August 4th. The topic will be on 1st John, 2nd John, and 3rd John. (please contact me for further instructions if interested). Also, if you would like to receive a pastoral visit, including to receive the Lord's Supper, or just to chat, please do not hesitate to give me a call or e-mail me.

Let's Stay Connected!
 Your Brother in Christ,
 Pr. Jonathan Vierkant

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have **all** newsletter articles in by **Tuesday, August 25th** to Cathy Grande at **standrewchurchwb@gmail.com**.

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

BOARD OF ELDERS

August is here and summer is rapidly flying by. We have been fortunate to have Sunday service since the beginning of the Covid era starting March 22nd. Again I would like to say thank you to all who have made this work, but also to all of you for your support and attendance. We will continue with 2 services for now at 9:00 (drive in) and 10:30 (indoors) as long as weather allows and restrictions allow. Obviously, we keep hearing that Covid is ramping up again so we will continue to monitor this and adjust as needed.

Please feel free to wear masks indoors if you like. Please bring your own as we cannot provide for all. We have hand sanitizer at the

door. Pastor and the elder wear masks and gloves for communion.

That said we are starting to look at how services might look once cold weather hits us. We have some options for you to think about and your elder will be getting in touch with you to see what you prefer so we can make an informed decision. Options below:

1. 9:00 AM inside service/with Communion. Outside streaming with option to walk in for Communion.
2. 8:00 AM inside service w/Communion + 10:30 AM inside service w/Communion and stream outside at both services with option to walk in for Communion.
3. 7:30 AM inside service w/Communion + 9:00 AM inside service w/Communion and stream both outside with option to walk in for Communion.
4. If mandated to close - We are looking to buy a good camera so we can stream live on Facebook or other media.

If you have any other ideas please let us know.

We had discussed the possibility of having a small church picnic but in light of the current conditions and cancellations of virtually every kind of large gathering, we have decided to bypass the event this year.

Craig Falk will be contacting prospective confirmands as Confirmation class will be starting in September.

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 you think. 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.

In God's service,

Ken Betz (Chairman & Fund Raisers/Personnel)
Craig Falk (Youth & Confirmation)
Dave Brehmer (In-actives & Fund Raisers/Personnel)
Rick Bruss (Sick/Shut-ins)
Bob Buehler (Ushers/Sick/Shut-Ins)
Randy Sheffield (Secretary, Music/Readers)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education would like to invite everyone to the Brat Fry on Saturday, August 1st and Sunday, August 2nd. It will be held at Sausage Plus in West Bend from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. We want to thank everyone for signing up to volunteer and we greatly appreciate your generous donations! Thank you! Thank you!

Thrivent has been generous to us by supporting our efforts in raising money to support St. Andrews Tuition Assistance. We provide tuition assistance up to 50 per cent to those children who are attending elementary, middle or high school at a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod place of learning. Those members who request assistance should be St. Andrew's members who are regular in worship attendance and financial assistance. Families should apply by August 1st for the following school year. Application forms are available in the office.

The last few months the Board of Education has stayed in touch by email. We planned the Plant Sale and raised \$389.00. All of the plants were sold! We have a passion for Christian Education and understand the importance of staying in touch with God and continually studying Gods word. As fall approaches and with God's help we will meet regularly for worship and the Education Hour in St. Andrew. Please contact any board member

if you should have any questions for us. We pray this finds you well! God bless you all for your support!

The Board of Education
Rory Hetzel, Joanne Miller, Judi Riedel and
Debbie Yenter (chair)

STEWARDSHIP

I was reading Genesis a few months ago and there was a verse that stuck out to me. It seemed perfect for a stewardship message. In Genesis 4:9 Cain has murdered his brother out of jealousy and God confronts Cain about it: *Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"*

Am I my brother's keeper?

Cain was just trying to cover up his sin, but he posed a deep question that condemned him even further. We have the benefit of the Holy Spirit working in our hearts to know what God's answer is. **YES**. Even if Cain didn't kill his brother, he should have been concerned for his well-being. Jesus taught us that we need to love our neighbors and our enemies. It's a commandment that demands a lot from us because love isn't just a feeling, it's an action. Our actions of love should proclaim the work of God in our lives. So the next time there is a little Cain in your head asking "Is that your responsibility?" Tell him **YES**, and let your actions of love proclaim your salvation.

Yours in Christ
- Jeff

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Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

This Bible verse is very comforting to me as I am preparing for the 2020-2021 school year. Creating plans and safety regulations

regarding COVID 19 is difficult and discouraging. I want school to come back to normal in a world that is not normal right now. Much research and prayer is going into coming up with a good plan. But knowing that God is with me every step of the way is keeping me strong and pressing forward.

Registration is going well for both 3K and 4K. I have met with my staff many times over the summer to keep them updated and informed on what the coming school year may look like. Our end of the school year picnic and 4K graduation program was on Friday, July 24th. I did my best to make it a safe and enjoyable event. About 65 people attended the picnic. The children were so happy to see each other and all the teachers were happy to be able to close the year with them in person. We all agreed, it was a strange school year.

Thank you, to those of you that have given so generously to A Gift from the Heart for ECC. Your gift is helping support our children's ministry and bringing the word of God to His little ones. Please consider giving a gift to our campus. Envelopes are in the narthex or just label your own envelope by writing, A Gift from the Heart for ECC. May God bless your kindness!

Please contact me if you have any concerns or questions regarding this coming school year. I will be happy to share my plans.

In Service to God and St. Andrew,
Sandy Ruback

EVANGELISM

I was reading the "Portals of Prayer" issued by Concordia Publishing House earlier this year and came across a very intriguing bible verse under the title "You are not alone". "And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high"

Well let's be honest we all recently have felt alone with everything that has been going on. The social distancing, the depression, and

the anxiety of not knowing what the future holds. Like any other time in the past or in the future, we must have faith that God has a plan. He is directing us down a path of unknown and is showing us glimmers of hope along the way. For some, that hope is in dire need now. So we must step up to the challenge that he has given us and think of others these next coming weeks.

An amazing, rewarding, and getting out of the house way to do that is to come join us in giving blood on August 8th from 9 am – 12 pm. Not able to donate blood, that's ok, still come out and join us for an ice cream social. This event will be on the same day from 11 am – 12 pm. We are thinking of you and will observe sanitary practices and social distancing. The ice cream social will be outside, fingers crossed for good weather, so even if you would like to do a drive up ice cream pickup that would be fine. Hope to see you all on the 8th!!!

August Food Pantry -- This month we will be collecting paper products (ex. Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, paper plates, napkins) for the food pantry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are starting to plan our fall session of Education Hour and we are hoping to see everyone there. Sign-up is available on the website or you can call the office. Signing-up early helps us plan out the class breakdowns and supplies.

We have a group of teachers taking some time off this year. Erik Johnson and Bob Buehler led our high school class. Lee and Michelle Sommerfeld led our preschool class. Both classes possessed their own unique issues and oddly similar ones in forming a love for God. I'd like to thank them for their service to the congregation and children/young adults of St Andrew.

Reader Schedule

August 2

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:1-5

Epistle Reading: Romans 9:1-5

10:30 Michele Buehler

August 9

Old Testament: Job 38:4-18

Epistle Reading: Romans 10:5-17

10:30 Karen Gnatzig

August 16

Old Testament: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Epistle Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

10:30 Bob Buehler

August 23

Old Testament: Isaiah 51:1-6

Epistle Reading: Romans 11:33 – 12:8

10:30 Randy Sheffield

August 30

Old Testament: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Epistle Reading: Romans 12:9-21

10:30 Craig Falk

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Kathy Buth
1 Jim Derse
1 Monica Jantz
3 Gary Leipold
3 Carol Maertz
8 Will Hale
11 Ryan Falk
12 Matthew Gutschmidt
14 Karen Gnatzig
15 Dan Fischer
15 Jeff Schmidt
16 Star Dzwonkowski
17 Dan Legate
20 Staci Ruback
22 Russ Kirchner
23 Jessica Beaupre'
26 Laurie Pree
28 Gary Baertlein
28 Jenny Kohler
29 Mert Fischer
29 Donna Hesprich
30 Pam Beaupre'
31 Mark Osgood

19 Dan Nysse
20 Dawn Schneiter
21 Hannah Betz
22 Jameson Schellinger
22 Kris Sheffield
23 Suzanne Woods
25 Willow Krueger-Jantz
26 Gage Ratzel
29 Amber Schellinger
30 Elizabeth Schultz

AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



1 John & Karen Unruh
2 Judi & Bill Riedel
4 Mark & Carolyn Janz
5 Norm & Mary Bandler
23 Lee & Michelle Sommerfeld
27 Joseph & Stephanie Gutschmidt
29 Will & Sue Hale
31 Jim & Carla Peterson

AUGUST BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

1 Rory Hetzel
1 Ron Nuoffer
1 Angela Sommer
2 Carolyn Kreis
3 Erica Cottrell
3 Jonathon Squires
7 Daniel Vierkant
8 Amy Brehmer
14 Jim Derse
15 Sue Hale
16 Jolene Solko

