



ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
And
Early Childhood Campus

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Bible Class 7:45 a.m.
Office Hours M, T, TR, F 8 a.m. – noon

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Fan Into Flame

In May 1543, a law was passed during the reign of King Henry VIII of England, which forbade the reading of the Bible by women below gentry rank, servants, apprentices and generally poor people. Penalties for doing so were severe, which included even death! Thankfully, there are no such penalties today. We can read the Bible to our heart's content! The only penalties are self-imposed: "It's so boring," "I know all that stuff," and "it's too hard to understand, so I do not read it."

However, Martin Luther writes in the Preface of his Large Catechism: *...the Holy Spirit is present in such reading, repetition, and meditation. He bestows ever new and more light and devoutness.* Luther also goes on to say: *It is a most effective help against the devil, the world, the flesh, and all evil thoughts. It helps to be occupied with God's Word, to speak of it, and meditate on it, just as the first Psalm declares people who meditate on God's Law day and night (Psalm 1:2). Certainly you will not release a stronger incense or other repellant against the devil than to be engaged by God's commandments and words, and speak, sing, or think of them (Colossians 3:16). For this is indeed the true "holy water" and "holy sign" from which the devil runs and by which he may be driven away (James 4:7).*

The Bible is the only Book by which you may know for certain the future. It is the only Book that satisfactorily answers life's

questions: **From where did I come? Why am I here? What is my purpose? Where am I going?** But most of all, in the pages of the Bible, God reveals His unending love for you in Jesus Christ. For the fear of death is swallowed up in the certainty of Christ's resurrection; the fear of rejection is banished by Christ's assurance that He has loved us with an everlasting love; and the joy of Christ's presence in our lives is overwhelming.

It is my prayer that the Lord will fan into flame the desire within you to be regular in the Word of God, and to gather together with fellow Christians in worship today. Perhaps you might give as a reason for not coming back to church: "It's not the same." "Church is just not the same as I remember it 10...20...30 years ago." Of course, it is not the same! It's missing you! And as the one body of Christ...you ALL belong! "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!" – **Psalm 95:6**

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.

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have **all** newsletter articles in by **Tuesday, August 24th** to Cathy Grande at **standrewchurchwb@gmail.com**.

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

BOARD OF ELDERS

We will continue to use the box in the back of church for your offerings and we ask that you put them in before the service because the Elders/Ushers will bring them up to the front during the offertory to present them to the Lord. If you forget to put them in the box before the service, we will still be checking the box after to make sure we collect all of the offerings.

With the return of ushers for the service, they will be handing out bulletins but if you do not feel comfortable taking one from them, feel free to take one off the cabinet by the collection box. Also, during the greeting before the service please stay in your pew and greet the people close to you. You can wave to people who are not close to you or see them after the service.

We can use more ushers so if you would like to help out, please give your name and phone number to one of the Elders and we will contact you to see when you are available. We also could use more volunteers to run the Live Stream equipment—no experience necessary, we will train. Anyone that is confirmed can volunteer for ushering and Live Stream equipment.

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 and most importantly, please keep us in your prayers.

In God's service,

- Rick Bruss—
Chairman & Sick/Shut-ins (262-338-8149)
- Ken Betz--Youth/Confirmation,
Fundraisers/Personnel (262-424-0643)
- Dave Brehmer—In-Actives,
Fundraiser/Personnel (414-870-2715)
- Bob Buehler—
Sick/Shut-ins, Ushers (262-334-4013)
- Randy Sheffield—Secretary, Music/Reader
(262-689-5405)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

We would like to invite everyone to the Brat Fry on Saturday, July 31st and Sunday, August 1st. We are looking forward to this fundraiser event at Sausage Plus in West Bend working with our St. Andrew church family.

Christian Education Tuition Assistance is the designated fund helping students who attend a LCMS parochial elementary, middle or high school. St. Andrew provides up to 40 percent of Tuition Assistance to students enrolled. Applications are available now and due by August 1st for the following school year. Families should be regular in attendance and financial assistance at St. Andrew. We posted volunteer and donation lists for the Brat Fry and supplies needed for the fundraiser and are overwhelmed and grateful to all who have signed up to help volunteer and who have purchased items to help make the sale a success. Thank you everyone! Please come Saturday 7/31 or after worship on Sunday 8/1 and enjoy the delicious grilled food for lunch! Tell your friends and bring your family. We will be at the hut from 9 to 3 pm both Saturday and Sunday.

During our previous plant sale on June 6th, we made \$400. We have been talking fundraisers for Christian Education Tuition Assistance. With God all things are possible.

We want our students to live out their Christian life of faith and help support them. Thank you St. Andrew!

The Board of Education

EVANGELISM

The August collection is for Seed of Hope Center in West Bend. They are in need of diapers (all sizes, especially need NB and 6) and wipes

We are now accepting donations for the rummage sale which has been scheduled for August 27 & 28. Please bring items during office hours or contact Katie Vierkant if you need to schedule a different time to drop items off. We will need lots of help to sort, price, set up, and clean up after the sale! Sign up sheets are posted in the fellowship hall. If you are even able to spend an hour or two helping during the month, that would be greatly appreciated!

Dartball

With summer entering its last months and the Fall / Winter season approaching we are once again looking to continue St Andrew's Dartball Team after a year off due to the pandemic.

The league play starts September and ends in early spring. 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 signup sheet on the bulletin board which asks if you wish to play full or part time. 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 414-870-2715 or Rick Bruss.

Fall Opportunities

If you can play an instrument (even if it has been a decade or two), we would love to have you join us in the brass/instrumental group! Contact Katie Vierkant for more information.

We are so excited to be getting the choir back together again to sing and lead church services! We would like to welcome back previous members and welcome new people to join us. We will be meeting at 8:00 a.m. before the service starting September 12. We can't wait to see you all there! Peggy Kriefall and Josh Hua.

Reader Schedule

August 1

Old Testament: 2 Kings 18:1-12
9:00 Michele Buehler

August 8

Old Testament: 2 Kings 18:13 – 19:19
9:00 Carla Peterson

August 15

Old Testament: Proverbs 9:1-10
Epistle Reading: Ephesians 5:6-21
9:00 Bob Buehler

August 22

Old Testament: 2 Kings 19:20-37
9:00 Randy Sheffield

August 29

Old Testament: 2 Kings 20:1-11
10:30 Debbie Yenter

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 Josephina Muth
20 Staci Ruback
22 Russ Kirchner
23 Jessica Beaupre'
26 Laurie Pree
26 Tina Ratzel
28 Gary Baertlein
28 Jenny Kohler
29 Mert Fischer
29 Donna Hesprich
30 Pam Beaupre'
31 Mark Osgood

16 Jolene Solko
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
21 Dale & Carolyn Hartmann
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

