



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

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Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

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Sunday School and Bible Class 10:15 a.m.

**December 2018**

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

The Hinge

Do you realize how important a hinge is? A hinge is attached to two items to hold them securely together, such as a door to a frame. If the hinge is not attached securely to the frame, the door will come undone...and perhaps, cause injury to others in the process. The same is true of faith. In fact, faith is the hinge that holds the believer to a personal relationship with God. The slightest pressure can unhinge us. I've experienced this in the hospital setting with a family who faced the reality of their loved one (an elderly widow) being taken off life support. This loved one had made it clear in previous conversations that what would make her feel healthiest would be to be reunited with her husband in heaven. So, she is soon taken off life support. Yet, the family is left to grieve, and some even begin to question the reality of God and His love.

Like the door which falls without the hinge, so their lives may collapse without the faith which binds them to Christ and gives them support in times of tragedy and uncertainty. So, what is the solution toward becoming spiritual unhinged? The solution is found by being intentional in prayer, and regular in the hearing of God's Word and in the receiving of the Sacrament. Jesus wants our lives to be full (John 10:10), and that fullness is found in the personal relationship we have with Him.

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, we never know what God has in store for us. Great things? Sure! But also, real challenges that may test us? You bet! I particularly think about the challenges that we face together as a congregation, which includes the earnest desire to grow. I also

think about all those St. Andrew members who we hardly ever see, and whether they are, indeed, being fed by God's Word to face the challenges of today and the new year.

When I think of all those challenges, tragedies, and uncertainties we face in life, my thought turns to the beloved Advent hymn, "Hark the Glad Sound," where we sing, "Let every heart prepare a throne and every voice a song." The throne is the one Jesus sits upon in your heart. The throne is everything. It means that He is your Savior and your King. After all, Christ has been born FOR US! that we may be hinged to the Father in and through Him. And in Him we trust... to create saving faith in the hearts of many through His Word and sacraments, to strengthen faith in the hearts of the weak and discouraged through those same instruments of grace, and to transform us that we might become contagious Christians sharing His light and love with many.

Brothers and sisters, please be aware of all the happenings taking place at St. Andrew. Your participation, suggestions, and ideas are encouraged! During the Sundays in December leading up to Christmas, the sermon theme will be "Contagious Joy," where we will explore God's will for His Church (and especially, St. Andrew). The midweek services in December will focus on the question, "Who is Jesus," where we will explore the lineage of Jesus from Matthew 1:1-17.

As always...please contact me if you or a loved one is in the hospital, celebrating a milestone, or would just like a visit! Don't be a stranger! I would love to get to know YOU better.

**Let's Connect!**

Your Brother in Christ,  
Pr. Jonathan Vierkant

## **ADDITIONAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

So that you might thank and praise God for his blessings we have added a number of additional worship opportunities. Please mark these on your calendar and join us to praise our loving God.

Wednesday Evening Advent Services  
December 5, 12, and 19 at 7 p.m.  
without Holy Communion  
Soup Suppers at 6 p.m.

Early Childhood Campus Christmas Program  
Friday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School Christmas Program  
Sunday, December 23 at 3 p.m.

Christmas Eve  
Monday, December 24 at 7 p.m.  
without Holy Communion

Christmas Day  
Tuesday, December 25 at 9:00 a.m.  
with Holy Communion

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please have **all** newsletter articles for January in by **Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>** to Cathy Grande at **standrewchurchwb@gmail.com**. **Confirmations** will be sent for articles sent via e-mail. Thanks.

## **SOUP SUPPERS**

On December 5, 12, and 19, we will have 'Soup Suppers at 6 p.m. To make sure we have something to share, please look at our bulletin board and sign up to bring something. This is a good chance to get acquainted with other St. Andrew members.

## **BOARD OF ELDERS**

We are in the Advent/Christmas season and to help with our important preparations we will

have Wednesday night services starting @ 7:00 on 12/5, 12/12 & 12/19 with soup supper starting at 6:00. The Elders will be supplying the soup for the first supper but we will need other people/organizations to sign up for the other soup suppers. Please see the bulletin board for the sign-up sheet.

The Elders worked on the St. Andrew Cancellation Policy in case of inclement weather. In case of a Sunday cancellation, we will notify our members with a cancellation banner on our website, TV & radio stations and if we have your email address, a mass email. Please see the Church Service Cancellation Policy located in this newsletter for more details.

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.

Your Elders would like to remind you that 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,

Rick Bruss (Chairman & Inactive)  
Ken Betz (Secretary & Readers)  
Joseph Gutschmidt (Sick/Shut-Ins)  
Paul Heinz (Fundraisers & Personnel)  
Curt Gnatzig (Youth)  
Craig Falk (Ushers)  
Dave Brehmer

## Church Service Cancellation Policy

In case of inclement weather or emergency situations

St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Bend, recognizes the need to cancel services and events due to inclement weather and for the protection/well-being of our congregation members. If Sunday morning service is not cancelled, but we have inclement weather, please use your best judgement for your personal situation.

Meetings or other events, with the exception of Sunday morning Confirmation class, worship service, and Sunday School/Bible Classes, will be cancelled at the discretion of the leader in charge of that event or meeting. The leader will notify those participating in the event(s) or group meetings.

Sunday morning Confirmation class, worship service, and Sunday School/Bible class will be cancelled at the determination of the Pastor and the Chairman of the Elders. The decision will take place as early as possible and will be made no later than 7:00 am the morning of the cancelled Sunday events. It will be communicated to the congregation as soon as possible. Please consult any of the following after 7:30 am on Sundays:

1—WTMJ 4

2—FOX 6 (also AM 920, FM 106.1, OLDIES 95.7, Radio Now 97.3, AM 1130 WISN & V100.7 JAMS)

3—St. Andrew website: [www.standrew-westbend.org](http://www.standrew-westbend.org)

4—Via email from church for those who have signed up (if you have not signed up for emails and would like to, please contact the church office with your email address.

- Confirmation students will receive an email from the Elders about the cancellation of class by 7:15 am.

## **STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM**

Dear Fellow Christian church members of St Andrew,

We are truly blessed to live in a free country where we may worship freely. We should continue praying for this freedom and not let our secular society intimidate us into accepting immoral values that are so common in all social media, political and everyday life. Let us pray for all persecuted Christians throughout the whole world and for our enemies that they would see the light and truth of Jesus Christ.

We should stand up for Christian values even though we will be ostracized.

### [2 Timothy 3:12](#)

“Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,”

### [Romans 12:14](#)

“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.”

### [Matthew 5:11-12](#)

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Christmas season is upon us. As we celebrate with our families and friends, let us keep Christ in Christmas, thanking and praising God for sending his son to secure salvation for all of his children who accept, repent and believe in Jesus.

We are so blessed to have such a close and wonderful church family, and many give so much of their time, talents, and treasures to support St Andrew. Some of our committee members have fulfilled their four year terms and we need new talent, please pray for guidance and for our church that we can get more involvement from additional members with their time, talent and treasures to help grow our church that is struggling in many areas.

*Rory Hetzel*

The Board of Stewardship is planning to host Financial Peace University classes starting Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. It is a 9 week course to teach you how to pay off debt, save and spend wisely, and build wealth. Developed by Dave Ramsey, this program is a financial discipleship curriculum for individuals and small groups. The program kit is \$109 and it will have all the materials and books needed. Additional information will be announced later this month.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS

A Blessed and Very Merry Christmas from myself and our teaching staff, Lori, Deanna and Judi. May your Christmas be filled with joy and wonder as we worship together our new born King!

Join us for our Early Childhood Campus Christmas Program on Friday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m.

O Come Let Us Adore Him!  
Sandy

## SISTERS IN CHRIST

A Blessed and Merry Christmas Dear Sisters!

Just a reminder of our coming events as we look ahead into December.

**Tuesday, December 4th-** Sisters Christmas Party at Maricios beginning at 5:30. Please sign up on our bulletin board.

**Friday, December 7th-** Keepsake Christmas event 6:30pm. Please sign up your family on the church's bulletin board.

**Sunday, December 9th-** Giving Tree gifts are due. Delivery will be Monday, Dec. 10th.

May this Christmas season bring you joy and happiness as we celebrate God's most precious gift to us.

*Christmas Blessings,  
Sandy and Judi*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School Christmas service is scheduled for **Sunday, December 23rd at 3:00 pm**. The children will be celebrating the birth of our Lord in multiple ways during the service, including music, song and narrations. All are invited to see the children's joyful celebration.

**Saturday practices start on December 1.** They will be every Saturday in December from **9:00 am to 10:00 am**. We will be practicing the program songs as a group every Sunday before Sunday School starts.

*Yours in Christ  
Jeff Grande  
Superintendent*

## GREETING CARDS

As we approach the Christmas season, check out the selection of religious Christmas cards and other religious cards on the card rack next to the mailboxes in the fellowship hall.

If you have any questions, please contact Lori Turenske at 262-689-2303 or the church office.

## Reader Schedule

**December 2**

**Old Testament: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

**Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

**9:00 Bob Buehler**

**December 9**

**Old Testament: Malachi 3:1-7b**

**Epistle: Philippians 1:2-11**

**9:00 Jennifer Becker**

**December 16**

**Old Testament: Zephaniah 3:14-20**

**Epistle: Philippians 4:4-7**

**9:00 Randy Sheffield**

**December 23**  
**Old Testament: Micah 5:2-5a**  
**Epistle: Hebrews 10:5-10**  
**9:00 Brad Becker**

**December 30**  
**Old Testament: Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15**  
**Epistle: Colossians 3:12-17**  
**9:00 Michele Buehler**

**December 30**  
**9 AM Team #4**  
Thai Hua  
Margie Hua  
Craig Falk  
Brady Falk  
Sharon Oelke

If you cannot make the Sunday you are scheduled to usher, please find a replacement. Thank you.

## December 2018 Usher Schedule

**December 2**  
**9 AM Team #6**  
Linda Konzal  
Carolyn Kreis  
Bob Buehler  
Fred Legate  
Norman Rettammel  
Randy Sheffield

**December 9**  
**9 AM Team #1**  
Dan Yenter  
Dan Fischer  
Carla Peterson  
Greg Knox  
Sue Butenhoff

**December 16**  
**9 AM Team #2**  
Ken Betz  
Rick Bruss  
Blake Sommer  
Ron Nuoffer  
Josh Miller

**December 23**  
**9 AM Team #3**  
Mark Ruback  
Myron Kraft  
Jeff Schmidt  
Al Taft  
Dave Brehmer

### **WISH LIST**

Approved by Church Council 10/26/2017

#### **Organ**

**Parking Lot Final Layer  
(Summer 2018)**  
(approx. \$36,500)

**Chimes for the Organ**  
(approx. \$7,200)

**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)

**Sign for Front Yard**  
(Update and Move)

*\*\*\*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.*

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Sandy Ruback  
2 Kevin Falk  
5 Ryan Riedel  
6 Diane Nelson  
9 Sandy Holladay  
10 Michele Buehler  
14 Jennae Beaupre'  
14 Julian Becker  
15 Tonia Keaton  
17 Sarah Peterson  
17 Tracy Rochwite  
21 Judi Riedel  
21 Chris Struebing  
22 Alason Koenig  
23 Brad Becker  
25 Brittany Osgood  
28 Emma Betz  
28 Norman Rettamel  
31 Nancy Legate  
31 Karen Unruh



21 Michele Buehler  
21 Sue Harrison  
23 Alex Nuoffer  
28 Pat McWilliams  
28 Leo Ruback  
30 Kara Ruback

## DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

7 Gary & Debbie Puestow  
17 Chris & Alisa Eichhorn  
20 Pete & Donna Hesprich  
27 Lee & Sharon Oelke



## DECEMBER BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

2 Sydney Brehmer  
2 Zachary Brehmer  
5 Emily Shebanek  
6 Olivia Dieringer  
6 Lucille Woods  
7 Matthew Neumann  
9 Sandy Holladay  
10 Sandy Ruback  
11 Kelly Bruss  
11 Landon Thill  
12 Jennifer Backhaus  
12 Steven Williams  
13 Paige Kirchner  
13 Gary Puestow  
13 Katie Vierkant  
14 Deborah Osgood  
17 Carla Peterson  
18 Joan Schlicht

