



ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

And

Early Childhood Campus

7750 State. Hwy. 144 N
www.standrew-westbend.org
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

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

February 2022

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Jesus' Bosom

"I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies"

– Psalm 18:3

Charles Wesley, the great Methodist preacher, once saw a little sparrow trying to elude a pursuing hawk. The sparrow flew toward Wesley and hid in the folds of his coat. From this experience, Wesley wrote the hymn, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," the second line of which is "Let me to Thy bosom fly."

1. Jesus, Lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide.
Oh, receive my soul at last!
(The Lutheran Hymnal, #345, stanza 1)

The devil is always after us – always in hot pursuit. Like the hawk after that little sparrow, the devil wants to do us in and is after us night and day. He never gives up; he never lets up. He is out to destroy us and rob us of the peace and joy of our eternal home with Jesus.

But we have a place of refuge – the bosom of Jesus. We can flee to our Lord with the hot breath of the devil singing our backs and find safety and refuge in the folds of His grace and mercy.

The minute we wake up in the morning, the devil is in hot pursuit. He is after us big time. But the folds of Jesus' grace and mercy are always there for us to fly into and in which we can find safety and peace.

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 Stay Connected,

Pastor Jon Vierkant

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all newsletter articles in by **Tuesday, February 22nd** to Cathy Grande at standrewchurchwb@gmail.com.

BOARD OF ELDERS

We are in the season of snow & cold temperatures. 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

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.

For most of the Sundays in January we have not had people listening to the service from their vehicles. Beginning February 6, we are requesting that if anyone plans to listen to the worship service from their parked vehicle that they notify the church office by the previous Thursday at noon so that we can prepare and print out the hymns to hand out on Sunday.

March 2 is Ash Wednesday, and the start of the Lenten Season. We will again have a 6:00 Soup Supper (Elders will bring soup for Ash Wednesday) and our 7:00 worship service every Wednesday evening during Lent. Please join us for Christian fellowship with food for the body and then food for the soul as we prepare for the suffering, crucifixion and then the triumphant resurrection of Jesus.

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 & 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 MINISTRIES

1 Peter 4:10-11

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Ministry Board is here to help St. Andrew members and others in our community. Here are updates on some of our past and future events. We encourage you to join us for upcoming activities in 2022.

Close to 40 people attended our Twelfth Night Party. Attendees enjoyed the meal provided by Texas Roadhouse. Over \$300 was raised through a freewill offering, with the money going toward tuition assistance. After the meal, adults enjoyed singing many of our Christmas carol favorites while the children untrimmed the tree. It was a great time to socialize with members of our church family!

On January 20, the Ministry Board and other members of St. Andrew met with the Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador. He is now the Executive Assistant to the President of LCMS, after having served as pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Plymouth. He helped those who attended understand and design a phrase explaining "Why St. Andrew in West Bend".

EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS

*Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world,
Red and yellow, black and white,
They are precious in His sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

I love this song. I can picture Jesus surrounded by children and He is talking to them and teaching them about His Father in heaven. The children are smiling and listening to each word Jesus shares. Jesus does love little children, and so does St. Andrew. Our early childhood programs mission is to bring the little ones to know and love Jesus. I have been blessed beyond measure to be given the opportunity to do just that and for many years. With God's blessing, St. Andrew ECC will continue to serve the families of our community by spreading the good news of salvation. As we look ahead for a new director to lead our campus, we can walk in faith that our mission work is not completed yet. There are many children to bring to Jesus, there are families who need God's grace, there are many that need the saving water and word of baptism, and there are children who need to learn and grow in an environment that is kind and compassionate. We still have work to do! Please help us spread the word that we are here and what our mission is. Registration for the 2022-2023 school has begun February 1st. Registration packs are located in the narthex, and if you have any questions, please see me.

The other day Pastor Jon and I were talking in the gym just as school was beginning. Mrs. Gross brought one little 3K boy out into the gym and sat on the stage to test his skills. That little boy saw Pastor Jon and said, "Hi Jesus, thank you for fixing my leg!" That was one special moment! Little hearts learning about Jesus, (and the difference between Pastor and Jesus)! Well pastor, you have some mighty big sandals to fill!

If anyone knows of an organization that could use some donated supplies or a monetary gift,

The workshop helped members think about what we believe and why we chose St. Andrew. Attendees created this phrase: **God has placed St. Andrew in West Bend to live in Christ so that all may believe.** Rev. Dr. Meador will return in the next month or two, and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. The date and details will follow, so watch for more information.

Plan ahead to celebrate your birthday! No, probably not on the actual day of your birth, but on March 20. That is when we will have our Birthday Bash, to celebrate EVERYONE'S birthday on the same day. More details will come soon, but please save this date on your calendar. And yes, there will be games and cake!

Looking further ahead, the Plant Sale will take place on May 22. We also will grill brats so you can have a light lunch and choose some beautiful plants. The funds raised will go toward tuition assistance.

We still have some Eaton's pizza coupons, so stop in at the Scrip table after church if you are interested. Each \$8 coupon benefits the Tuition Assistance fund.

February collection items will be donated to Eye Witness for Life, a pregnancy center in Waukesha. The organization gives out small gift bags to women who come to them, so here's a list of items they need: smaller size paper gift bags, fruit snacks, bottled water, granola bars, soap, and lotion.

In His Service,
The Ministry Board
Jeff Grande
Sarah Peterson
Katie Vierkant
Debbie Yenter
Judi Riedel
Carla Peterson
Rory Hetzel
Joanne Miller
Dan Berres

please let me know of them. I have not yet chosen our ECC Servant Event recipient as of this writing. Any suggestions will be given consideration. Thank you!

In Service to God and His Little Ones,
Sandy Ruback

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements have been put in your church mailbox. Please pick them up as soon as possible in case you have questions. Contribution statements will not be mailed unless you specifically ask me to do so.

MOMS'/LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

We are starting back up for the spring. We would love to have you join us, even if you can only attend occasionally! No prior Bible study experience is needed! The next day we are meeting is Wednesday, February 9. We are studying *Take Heart: God's Word for Anxious Thoughts*. Children are welcome! Meet in St. Andrew's Fellowship Hall, with the study beginning at 9:30 a.m. A schedule of meeting dates is posted on bulletin boards in the fellowship hall and ECC. Please contact Katie Vierkant (kevierkant@yahoo.com), (217) 720-2862) if you have any questions!

BIRTHDAY REQUEST FROM RICK & LINDA BRUSS

Lauraine Bruss is turning 90 years old on Friday, February 4th. Because of health problems, she is unable to attend our church services at this time. If anyone would like to wish her a Happy 90th Birthday, to lift her spirits, cards may be sent to her at: Lauraine Bruss c/o Ivy Manor, 350 S. Forest Av., West Bend, WI 53095

**Voters Meeting after service on
February 6th**

SUNBURST TUBING

We are planning on going snowtubing at Sunburst in Kewaskum on Sunday, February 20th from 2-4 p.m. The cost is \$12.00 each for baptized or confirmed members of St. Andrew who are ages 18 and under. Everyone else is \$17. See Pastor Jon for info on waivers.

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

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 letting them know about the cancellation of class by 7:15 am.

5—St. Andrew's Facebook page



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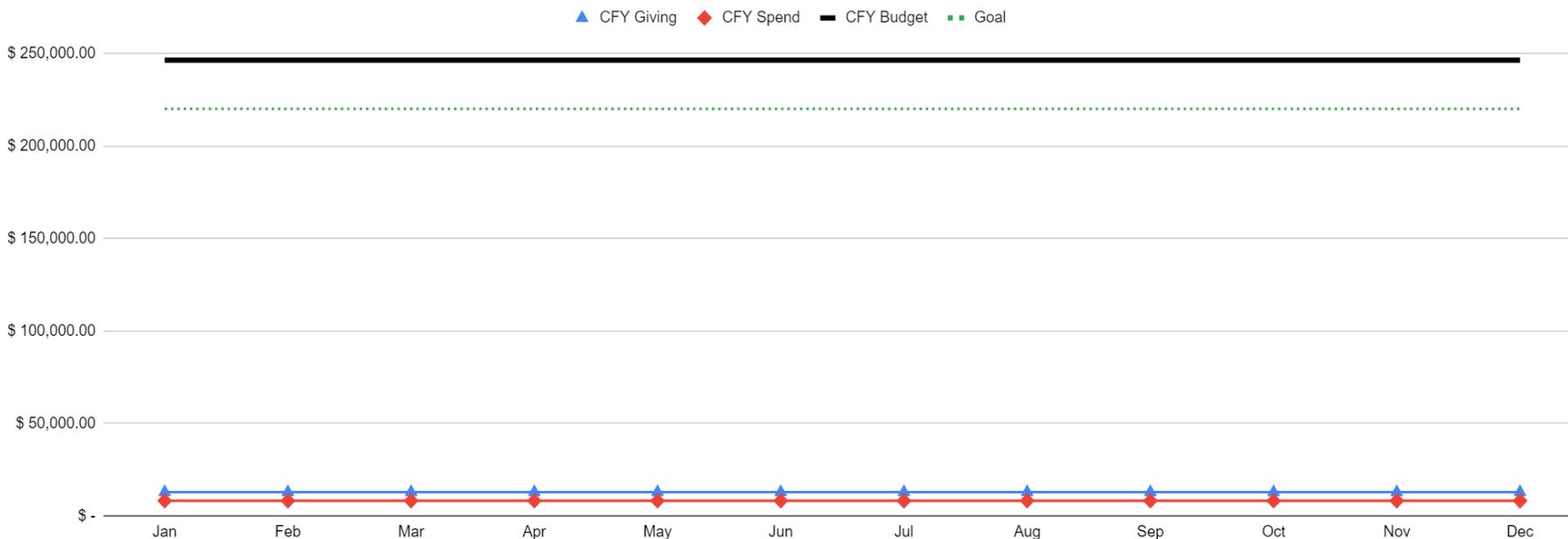
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Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Givings	\$ 12,919.68											
Spend	\$ 8,232.83											
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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kristi Leipold
- 4 Lauraine Bruss
- 4 Peggy Kriefall
- 5 Jeff Grande
- 6 Liam Ratzel
- 13 Beverly Struebing
- 14 Jerry McWilliams
- 14 Kathy Muth
- 14 Grant Schellinger
- 15 Dan Woods
- 17 Debbie Yenter
- 18 Mark Kraft
- 19 Sandy Berres
- 20 Nathan Eichhorn
- 20 Harvey Jaeger
- 21 Jean Keaton
- 21 Paige Ruback
- 23 Sharon Oelke
- 24 Melissa Knox
- 25 Myron Kraft
- 25 Olive Woods
- 28 Larry Hammen
- 28 Harper Kirchner
- 28 Shary Kraft
- 29 Thai Hua



**FEBRUARY BAPTISMAL
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Brad Becker
- 1 Bill Schellinger
- 7 Lauraine Bruss
- 7 Josie Pfeiffer
- 10 Esther Oehme
- 12 Julian Becker
- 13 Todd Jantz
- 15 Paul Buth
- 22 Raelynn Jantz
- 27 Tonia Keaton
- 28 Kathy Muth



**FEBRUARY WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Larry & Karen Hammen
- 22 Dan & Sandy Berres
- 23 Nick & Allison Thill
- 26 Todd & Nancy Waechter

