



# ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

And

## Early Childhood Campus

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### February 2019

### PASTOR'S MESSAGE

#### Fake News!

We've been hearing more and more about it lately. Fake news is the reporting of inaccurate or false information with the outcome (whether intended or unintended) of manipulating and misleading one's audience. And with the advent of social media and its usage, it is everywhere, destroying the reputation of various people and broadening the political and ideological dividing line! Most incredible of all is how often we fall for it hook, line, and sinker. One early example of fake news was the 1938 radio dramatization of the novel, "The War of the Worlds," as told by narrator Orson Welles. In speaking of a Martian attack on New York City, a number of the American populace (albeit small) expressed panic at the thought of actually being attacked by Martian invaders. Fake News!

There is, however, news that is not fake. In fact, it is the way, the TRUTH, and the life! It is the news of God's love for us. 1 John 3:16 NLT says, "We know what real love is because Jesus gave up His life for us." God loved the world, all people of all time, so much, that He gave His one and only Son – who redeemed sinful mankind by His sacrifice on the cross. All who believe in Him (and this is true and not fake) receive forgiveness, life and eternal salvation!

The second part of 1 John 3:16 NLT says, "So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters." John here reminds us that love, and its demonstration, often involves sacrifice. We often wonder whether we are prepared to lay down our lives in one great, dramatic, heroic gesture for another person, but for most of us, God calls us to lay down our lives piece by piece, little by little, in small, but

important ways every day. This comes with studying together, eating together, visiting together, laughing together, and praying together. God's love for us is real, and I pray that our love for each other to be the same. You can say we are church family and put it up in nice, big letters on the wall of the fellowship hall. **But** they'll know we are Christians by our love (John 13:35).

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 love to get to know YOU better.

Let's Connect!

Your Brother in Christ,  
Pr. Jonathan Vierkant

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all newsletter articles in by **Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** to Cathy Grande at **standrewchurchwb@gmail.com**. **Confirmations** will be sent for articles sent via e-mail. Thanks.

### BOARD OF ELDERS

St. Andrew is a friendly, caring congregation. If you see someone you do not know, or who is visiting our church, please go up to them and introduce yourself and make them feel welcomed. Also, if you do not see one of our members at church, contact them to find out if they are doing okay and let them know we are missing them.

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 web site, TV & radio stations and where 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.

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

## STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELISM

What is one book of the Bible that Christians do not often read? Admittedly, I have never sat down and plugged through 1 and 2 Chronicles. But one book that is often avoided is the book of Revelation. Why is that? Perhaps it is because so much of the book is full of symbols and imagery that we, as 21<sup>st</sup> century westerners, do not easily understand, or perhaps it is because it is a bit daunting to think of the end times, and therefore easier to not read it. Thankfully, we are blessed with pastors who have studied it more in depth and can help us to understand as we read (and please note, **Revelation is the Sunday morning Bible study topic now through spring!!!** Please join us if you would like to dig in and understand a little better!). I have always been interested in learning about Revelation and have attempted to listen in on the Sunday morning class the past few weeks. When I have not been chasing my toddler around, it has been fascinating to learn about the seven ancient churches that Paul addressed in the beginning of Revelation. Even though those churches existed almost 2,000 years ago, they still contain valuable messages for the church today. What does God want in His church? What does He not want? According to Rev. 2-3...

### The Church Should

- Have endurance
- Reject evil people
- Hold on to God's name
- Not deny the faith, even in the face of martyrdom
- Have love, faith, service, endurance
- Keep God's Word
- Not deny God's name

### The Church Should Not

- Leave our first love (God)
- Be afraid of suffering
- Hold to immoral or idolatrous teachings
- Tolerate false prophets
- Seem alive outside but be dead inside
- Neglect opportunities to serve
- Be lukewarm
- Be ignorant of its own wretchedness

So what do we do with this list? Certainly, each church does some things very well but each church also struggles in some ways. Please take some time this month to reflect on the strengths and weaknesses of St. Andrew, and please pray that God would grant us the humility, wisdom, and ability to strengthen our church so that we can be a place for many from our community to hear His Word, partake of the Sacraments, and engage in fellowship that strengthens us all. The Board of Stewardship and Evangelism has a few opportunities coming up:

- **Financial Peace University** started Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> and will take place for 9 Friday nights. This is a wonderful way to learn how to manage and plan your personal finances so you can be both financially secure but also a generous giver. Friends are also welcome to attend! Please contact Brad or Jenni Becker or Cathy Grande for more information.
- **Every One His Witness** is an evangelism training workshop that will run for two 3-hour sessions beginning in early April. More information will be coming soon!
- **Food Collections** will begin for the Full Shelf Food Pantry—each month we will collect one specific item to donate at the end of the month. This February, please donate **Tomato/Pasta Sauce**. A basket will be available each Sunday in the narthex (next to audio control room).
- **Prayer Vigils** will be held in the sanctuary on Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday to allow our congregation a focused time to pray for the current status and future direction of the congregation as well as other matters pressing on our hearts.
- **An Open Playdate** will be held in the gym on February 10 from 3-5pm. Please bring any children who need to burn energy (and please enjoy some adult conversation while they are playing).
- **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** is currently studying various mothers in the Bible to learn who they were and what we can learn from them. Please join us at

9:15 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month!

- **Please note:** In lieu of holding Friendship Sunday this year, the Board of Evangelism is working on ways to help you invite your friends and neighbors to join us for Easter Sunday. More information will be forthcoming.

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS**

***/ the Lord do not change. Malachi 3:6  
I will never leave you nor forsake you.  
Joshua 1:5***

The weather these past few weeks has been ever changing. From inches and inches of snow to extreme cold to somewhat normal Wisconsin winter temperatures. I haven't had to close school for several years and now I've had to several times! It was cold inside too, the school furnace went out and it took almost a week to get it replaced. Yes, it has been a month of troubles, personal heartbreak, sadness and grief for me. One cannot predict what lies ahead, and maybe that is a good thing. I believe I would have pulled the covers over my head right after the new year and still be there if I could. But the good news is that God is never changing, He is filled with compassion and love, and He promises He will never leave us nor forsake us. He is the warmth and comfort when the storms of this world surround us.

I would like to share an example of how God is working in our campus. This year two beautiful children came to us with hearts that were troubled, souls that were not trusting, and lives that were disruptive and confusing. These two siblings were in foster care along with their 2 year old brother. They were moved about to 6 different foster homes in a very short time. God, in His compassion, placed these children in the care of some incredible and loving people. This family came to me to see if I would let them enroll in 3K and 4K. This foster family says that this will be the last home for them, that they will do what needs to be done so that they can be their family and they already have 4 other

children! These foster parents are certainly the hands and feet of Jesus! I am very proud of our teaching staff and the compassion and care that is given these children. Each of them have their own special needs, each of them needed to know that they can trust us, each of them needed boundaries, guidance, direction, outlets for anger, and most of all love. These children are changing and the changes are a beautiful reminder of how God never leaves us nor forsakes us. God directed these children to our campus, to their new foster home, and to the faith that is growing in their hearts as they learn about Jesus and His love for them. All glory and praise to God almighty! Our ministry is blessed. Please keep these children in your prayers, keep their new foster parents in your prayers, and keep our teachers in your prayers. My prayer is that these children may flourish and grow in God's perfect love.

### **Registration is now open for the 2019-2020 school year!**

Registration packs can be found in the narthex and in the gym area. I am more than happy to answer any questions you may have or to give a tour of our campus.

*Serving Christ and His little ones,  
Sandy*

## **SISTERS IN CHRIST**

A reminder that we still have several tickets available for the Church Basement Ladies performance on Saturday, February 23rd at 2:00pm. Ask a friend and join us, you will be laughing for days!!!

It is our hope that we can organize a Breakfast Meeting in March. Look for details to come.

The mission store has new Valentine's items in it! Take a look and have fun shopping!

*May God bless our Sisters in Christ!  
Sandy and Judi*

## CARD RACK

Easter cards will be available on the card rack in the fellowship hall very soon. Check out the many options of cards for birthdays, get wells, thank yous, sympathies, and ministry. There are also a couple of options for adult coloring books.

## FOOD PANTRY

As a way to reach out to our community, every month we will be collecting a special item for the food pantry. Each month will be a different item that the food pantry has expressed a need for at that time of the year. (You are always welcome to bring other items as well.) At the end of the month, we will drop off our collection to Full Shelf. **February's item is tomato/spaghetti sauce and noodles.**

**Please take the time to pray about serving on a board. Nominations are currently being taken and you can nominate yourself or a fellow congregation member. Nominees will accept or decline and be voted in at the Voters' Assembly on February 17.**

## Reader Schedule

February 3

Old Testament: Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13  
9:00 Brad Becker

February 10

Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-8  
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20  
9:00 Bob Buehler

February 17

Old Testament: Jeremiah 17:5-8  
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
9:00 Elmer Frey

February 24

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-15  
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42  
9:00 Randy Sheffield

## February 2019 Usher Schedule

**February 3**

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

**February 10**

9 AM Team #4  
Thai Hua  
Margie Hua  
Josh Hua  
Craig Falk  
Brady Falk  
Sharon Oelke

**February 17**

9 AM Team #5  
Paul Heinz  
Pete Hesprich  
Mark Janz  
Ted Wuebben  
Elmer Frey

**February 24**

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

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

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Kristi Leipold  
1 Claire Schilling  
4 Lauraine Bruss  
4 Peggy Kriefall  
5 Jeff Grande  
7 Evan Schmitz  
13 Beverly Struebing  
14 Jerry McWilliams  
14 Kathy Muth  
14 Grant Schellinger  
15 Dan Woods  
17 Debbie Yenter  
20 Nathan Eichhorn  
20 Harvey Jaeger  
21 Jean Keaton  
21 Paige Ruback  
23 Sharon Oelke  
24 Melissa Knox  
25 Myron Kraft  
25 Olive Woods  
27 Jennifer Schmitz  
28 Larry Hammen  
28 Harper Kirchner  
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  
16 Sara Schilling  
22 Raelynn Dennis  
25 Beryl Mauritz  
27 Tonia Keaton  
28 Kathy Muth



## FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2 Larry & Karen Hammen  
12 Jim & Joyce Schmoltdt  
23 Nick & Allison Thill  
26 Todd & Nancy Waechter

