



ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
And
Early Childhood Campus

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 Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Life's Catacombs

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."

– John 10:27-28

The catacombs of Rome are well known in Christian history. Situated under the streets of Rome and extending for miles from the Tiber River to the Mediterranean Sea, they are the burial places of many Christians.

No one would dare enter those dark and dreary catacombs today without a guide. If one were to become lost in them, he or she might never find the way out.

Entering each new day can be like entering the catacombs. The day stretches for hours between yesterday and tomorrow, and one could become discouraged, confused, and frightened trying to find the way through the day.

We need a guide – someone to lead us from yesterday to tomorrow. Jesus is that someone. He has traveled the way before us and offers to be our Guide. We need only to give Him our hand and say, "Lord, take my hand and lead me."

*Lord, take my hand and lead me
 Upon life's way;
 Direct, protect, and feed me
 From day to day.*

*Without Your grace and favor
 I go astray;
 So take my hand, O Savior,
 And lead the way.*

("Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me."
 Lutheran Service Book. Hymn #722, stanza 1)

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 because of concerns over COVID 19 and bring God's Word and Jesus' body and blood in the sacrament to you. Please do not hesitate to give me a call or e-mail me.

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

BOARD OF ELDERS

We finally made it to 2021. 2020 was probably the strangest, most divisive year we have lived through in a long time. As we reach the new year, we have hope. We worship our Lord and Savior who gives us hope, grace, mercy and forgiveness and delivers us from

the calamities of this world. How wonderful it is to be able to look to and trust in God.

We will continue to offer two services on Sunday mornings at 8:00 and 10:30. We understand completely if you do not feel comfortable coming in so we will still live stream the 8:00 service and have drive-in with Communion as weather permits. We miss all of you and will continue to pray for you as we hope you are praying for us. We ask that all of us continue to love and respect each other and our views as Christian brothers and sisters. The Good Lord will get us through this.

One date to remember is February 26, 2021. Youth Lock-In 7:00pm to Midnight.

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)

Did you know? St. Andrew has a Facebook page. It is a good way to get church info including upcoming events and closings. It is also a great way to share church events with friends. Check it out and give us a "Like" to see future posts.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you have not already done so, please pick up your Offering Envelopes for 2021. Please contact the office if you cannot find your envelopes.

EVANGELISM

Christmas sure looked different in many ways this year. Maybe you didn't get to see all the family you normally do, or you put up extra decorations to make this Christmas feel more special. But there was one part of Christmas that stayed the same as every other year, that we were able to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus! Remember that the Christmas season is not over yet! We will be having a 12th night party Tuesday January 5th. Food will be at 6pm with other activities like chalking the church door, Christmas carols and a bonfire, weather permitting, starting around 6:45. Please bring a dish to pass and come join us for some more Christmas cheer!

We still all have so many blessings that we can take away from the year 2020. As we welcome in the new year of 2021, reflect on all the good things that came from this past year, big and small; maybe it's learning a new skill or starting a new hobby, connecting with friends or family in different ways, or getting house projects done, God can use any situation for His plan. Telling God what our plan is for our life is a good way to get Him to laugh. Look forward to what 2021 will have to offer even if it's different than what you think.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Evangelism board
Katie, Stephanie, and Sarah

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 about the cancellation of class by 7:15 am.

Early Childhood Campus

And going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshipped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:11

As the children return from Christmas break it is a given that we will hear all about the gifts they received for Christmas. To put the focus back on God's greatest gift to us, Jesus our Savior, can be a challenge. One of my favorite (and I have many favorites) activities to do with the children is teaching them what gift they can give Jesus. As they learn about the precious gifts the wisemen brought Jesus we discuss what they could give Jesus. No doubt their answers are about material things like, a car, truck, blanket, game or some other toy they enjoy. I will tell them that is very generous, but how would we get those gifts to heaven? This now opens the door to a very important learning moment. As I take out a paper heart, I explain that Jesus just wants our hearts. He wants us to love Him as He loves us. Yes children, we can give Jesus our hearts. Then I pass out a piece of red paper

for each of them, they cut out a heart and write their names on it. We then take our paper hearts into church where each child is given the chance to walk it up to the altar and lay their love and heart on it for Jesus. This is one moving moment.... Can you give Jesus your heart too? More than anything, Jesus just wants our love.

We welcome a new student to our 3K class! Gus will begin learning and growing with us on January 5th. May your first school experience be filled with friendship, discovery, fun, and faith building!

February 1st begins registration for the 2021-2022 school year. Registration packs will be available in the narthex and in the gym area by the end of January. Please help get the word out that St. Andrew is the place to go for 3K and 4K. If anyone is able to place a flyer on a bulletin board at your place of employment, please, let me know so I can get a flyer to you. I also ask you to please pray for our campus, that God would lead families to us so His word can be taught and our Children's Mission can continue. I will still be giving personal tours of our campus, I will not switch to virtual tours.

We are in need of new flooring in our gym/fellowship hall. We must gather quotes from several companies and begin the task of raising funds for this big job. Please consider giving a gift for new flooring, and if you have the name of a company you feel we should check out, please let me know. Many thanks!

As we close the door to 2020, we bid goodbye to a very trying year and we look forward to the blessings ahead in 2021. Stay strong, stay healthy, stay connected, and give your heart to Jesus!

A Happy and Blessed New Year,
Sandy Ruback

EDUCATION

As I put up my new 2021 calendar, I thought of all the new upcoming dates and opportunities that will come our way to learn more about God and what He can do when we love and worship him, read His word and spend time in prayer. We don't know for sure what the year ahead will bring but God is all knowing and He does. God is good and is watching over us! We are a people filled with hope and He knows what is best for us. The Board of Education is hopeful that in 2021 we will see members of all ages become more and more involved in a Bible Study, Family Education Hour or attend a fundraiser that is planned by the BOE to support Tuition Assistance. Please contact a board member if you have any questions or concerns. Happy 2021!!!

Gods blessings in the year ahead,
Rory Hetzel, Joanne Miller, Judi Riedel and
Debbie Yenter

Reader Schedule

January 3

Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-6
Epistle Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12
Reader: Debbie Yenter

January 10

Old Testament: Genesis 1:1-5
Epistle Reading: Romans 6:1-11
Reader: Craig Falk

January 17

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 3:1-10
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Reader: Karen Gnatzig

January 24

Old Testament: Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Reader: Carla Peterson

January 31

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Reader: Jodie Falk

WISH LIST

Approved by Church Council 5/23/2019

Organ

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)

Church Sign for Front Yard
(Update and/or Move)

New flooring for gym and fellowship hall

Parking Lot sealant layer

****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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Elmer Frey
- 3 Brittany Neumann
- 5 Bill Schellinger
- 6 Ken Falk
- 9 Blake Sommer
- 12 Dean Dieringer
- 14 Justin Kohler
- 15 Beryl Mauritz
- 18 Cheyenne Osgood
- 19 Lois Dumann
- 20 Greg Knox
- 20 Grace Thill
- 21 Sophia Justman
- 23 Christie Dieringer
- 23 Henry Grande
- 23 Esther Oehme
- 24 Bruce Koenig
- 24 Simone Manns
- 27 Pastor Jon Vierkant
- 28 Raelynn Jantz
- 31 Amy Betz
- 31 Kiara Osgood
- 31 Al Taft



JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Mark & Deb Oehme
- 10 Bob & Michele Buehler
- 14 Pastor Jon & Katie Vierkant
- 18 Jim & Linda Konzal



JANUARY BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 James Keaton
- 1 Tracy Neatherlin
- 3 Lisa Baertlein
- 7 Ali Koenig
- 8 Samantha Gnatzig
- 14 Justin Kohler
- 14 Sarah Peterson
- 15 Diane Nelson
- 15 Norman Rettammel
- 15 Blake Sommer
- 16 Tim Struebing
- 18 Jennae Beaupre'
- 19 Jennifer Becker
- 19 Judi Riedel
- 20 Greg Knox
- 20 Tina Ratzel
- 25 Curt Gnatzig
- 31 Debbie Benz

