



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.

January 2022

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Wannasink

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

– Hebrews 12:1-2

I've been told that there is a lake with an interesting name over in the state of New York. It is called Lake Wannasink. No, actually the name of the lake is Lake Wanaksink. However, at a quick glance at the name while driving past a road sign, it is very easy to see how a person could get the name wrong. I've done that many times before myself!

I think of the time that Jesus walked on water and approached His disciples as they were struggling to keep their boat afloat as they battled strong winds on the Sea of Galilee. After assuring them that it was, indeed He, Peter asked Jesus for permission to come to Him. "Come," Jesus said. And although He did not say it to Peter, He could have added, "Wannasink? If you take your eyes off me, you will." Peter did, of course, and he began to sink in the water.

Jesus could ask us each day as we paddle through life, "Wannasink? You will if

you take your eyes off me and try to paddle your own canoe." I think we have sunk enough times already to last us a lifetime. Today, let's keep our eyes on Jesus. For Jesus Christ who died on the cross and rose from the dead is our Savior who grants us eternal life through faith in Him, and who daily provides for you and me.

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, January 25th** to Cathy Grande at **standrewchurchwb@gmail.com**. **Confirmations** will be sent for articles sent via e-mail. Thanks.

BOARD OF ELDERS

January is here. The Board of Elders prays you all had a very blessed Christmas this year and that is getting back to normal. Thank you to all who made it to many of the church services, programs and events we had at St. Andrew. Thank you for our Lord and Savior

Jesus Christ. HE is the greatest gift we could ever receive.

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.

Due to the snow, ice and cold windy weather we can expect during the winter months it has been decided that, for the safety of Pastor and the Elders, starting January 2 we will not be bringing Holy Communion out to the people who are in their vehicles. We urge you to come into church and join your church family worshipping our Lord & Savior. If you decide to stay in your vehicle, we will still be broadcasting the service and you can either come into church for communion or call Pastor for communion during the week.

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,

Fundraisers/Personnel (414-870-2715)

Bob Buehler—Sick/Shut-ins, Ushers

(262-334-4013)

Randy Sheffield—Secretary, Music/Reader

(262-689-5405)

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 2022. Please contact the office if you cannot find your envelopes.

EVANGELISM

As the New Year begins the Ministry Board has many things planned at St. Andrew to enjoy and get involved in 2022. We know it's all about Jesus! The things we do are planned to help others; both St. Andrew members and to outreach to benefit others in our community. Some of these things planned for 2022 are listed below.

Ongoing Eaton's pizza sale - (to date we have made \$240! We have a few coupons left for you to purchase by the Script table if you would like).

We will also plan again for the 2022 Candy Cane Hunt, and the Christmas Parades in West Bend and Kewaskum. This has been an excellent outreach in the community. Many fliers were passed out in the community inviting others to St. Andrew and advertising the Candy Cane Hunt and other events.

The 12th Night Party is Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 5:00 pm at St. Andrew. We are excited that Texas Road House will provide a delicious buffet of food for the dinner. You will love the meal! We will have available a freewill offering basket to benefit Tuition Assistance. Pastor will have a church blessing and the children will de-decorate the tree. If weather permits, a Christmas tree will be provided for a bonfire and Christmas carols will be sung for the last time! We hope you can come!!!

A Senior Retreat is an idea for this Spring taking place at St. Andrew. More info to come on the details.

On May 22nd we are having the Annual Plant Sale again. This year Brat sandwiches will be available too for lunch. If you are hungry, stay after service and get your plants

and lunch at the same time in the parking lot!!

Members served food at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, which fed the hungry. Members car pooled and were touched by the people who attended. Mission Trips are also make an impact and are important in serving others.

As you can see there is a lot of Gods work that needs your help and support in 2022. A lot of the events will benefit Tuition Assistance or help serve the needs of people at St. Andrew and in the community. Please let us know if you have questions. Thank you so very much and Happy New 2022!

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

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

We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you. Psalm 33:20-22

A Very Happy, Healthy and Hopeful New Year!

The above verses from Psalm 33 reminds us, as we enter a new year, to place our hope in the Lord. We do not know what 2022 will bring us, but we do know that God's love for us is unfailing, that God is our help and shield, and that we can rejoice and trust in Him always. So bring on 2022, we are filled with hope!

My heart filled thank you goes out to the ECC Board members, congregation members, Pastor Vierkant and Charlie Hess for helping with our ECC Christmas program. Little hearts telling the good news of our Savior's birth brought joy to many that night!

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year will begin in February. This month I will be working with our ECC Board to set tuition costs for fall and to put together a Director package so that we can begin to prayerfully seek a new Director for our Early Childhood Campus. Please keep our board members and myself in your prayers as we seek to follow God's will.

May your New Year be filled with hope and happiness,

Sandy

You are the key to St. Andrew's success.
(part 2)



Who is the future of St. Andrew?

The children, most would say. Then how come they are all not attending? Is it because they don't feel welcome? Is it because their parents hear things said about their children's behavior?

Yes to both. Some people have different opinions on whether children should or should not be talking in the pews, or running up to children's lesson. Jesus would be glad they were there and have the opportunity to hear God's word.

The bible mentions children many times. **Matthew 19:14** says: "Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.'"

We should never hinder a child's enthusiasm to hear God's word. Some see it as bad manners on the child's part to run up for children's message, but other's see it as they are excited to hear what Pastor has to say. When the children run back to their parents, they are showing the joy of what they are hearing and want others to join them. Let's join them if they ask... sit on the floor if you are able or in the first pew. Participate like they do. That is how children learn.

Proverbs 22:6 says: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Training begins before we enter church. It begins at home, during meal time or bedtime prayers, when we teach them a simple prayer that they copy and repeat. We ask them to be quiet if someone is on the phone or when they are at the library,

so we can do the same thing at church. We need to talk to them about this being God's house and we are to listen to Him. We explain that they can whisper to us and we will answer them in kind. Can we expect children to sit idle during a church service and not make a sound? No, but we can assist them in sitting quietly by guiding their coloring, or looking at books. Some congregations have Sunday School during the service times so kids can be a bit loud and wiggly, while parents can sit in peace. But is that truly training them in the way they should go? Is this what Jesus would want? Attendance during service is just as important as Sunday school is for ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN. That includes us adults. Instead of sitting in the back of church, have families sit up front. Children get bored if they can't see what is going on. You can use this as a way to talk to them about the differences in the Altar area from season to season, or point out different things. When the children get a bit older have them count the number of crosses in the altar area. Yes, we have a quiet/cry room if children need a time to relax by rocking with mom or dad, or just move around a bit. By sitting in there with them, we can still hear the service and participate. The children will see that we feel this is important, as they watch the adults and other children in church stand, sing and pray. This room should not be a toy room for them to just play. You could grab a quiet bag or 2 or explain to visitors that we have them. Encourage parents to engage them in the activities.

Psalms 127:3 states: "Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward." What does this mean? **Children** are our future and the future of our Church. Please help raise them to be good Christians. Lead by example.

USHER SCHEDULE

January 2--

Josh Miller/ Jeff Schmidt/ Mark & Leo Ruback

January 9 –

Dan & Miles Yenter, Kabel Wuebben

January 16 –

Hua family, Paul Heinz

January 23 –

Curt & Matt Gnatzig, Mark Janz

January 30 –

TBA

Reader Schedule

January 2

Old Testament: 1 Kings 3:4-15
Epistle Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14
Reader: Debbie Yenter

January 9

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:1-7
Epistle Reading: Romans 6:1-11
Reader: Kris Sheffield

January 16

Old Testament: Isaiah 62:1-5
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Reader: Karen Gnatzig

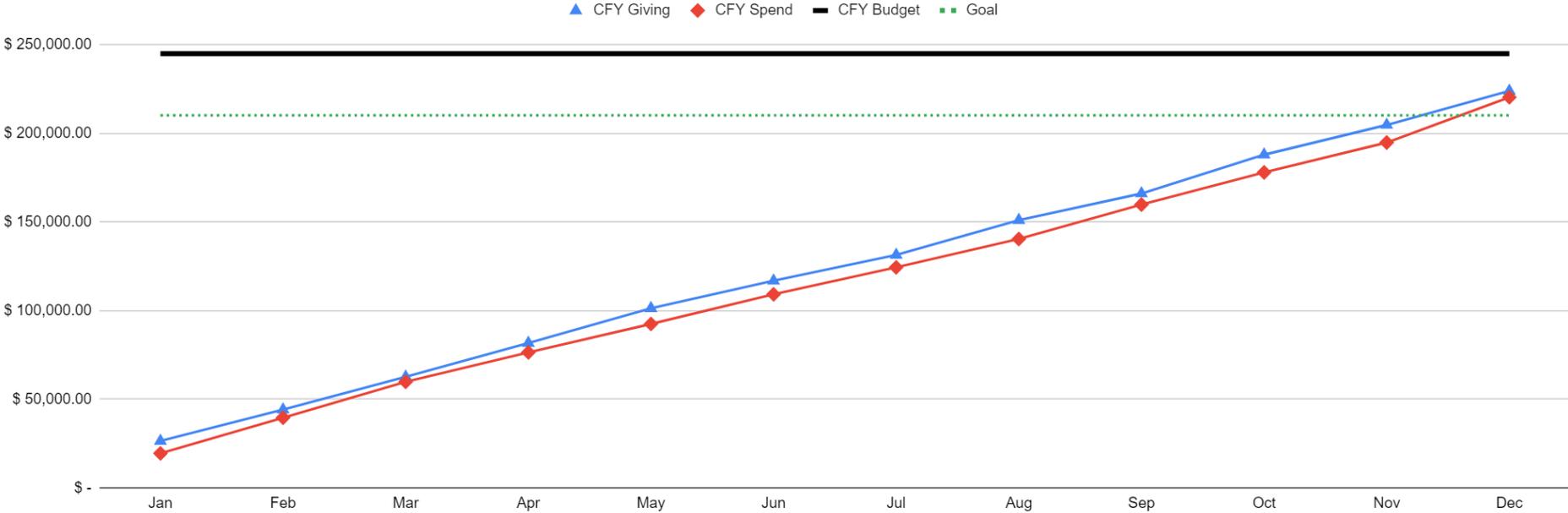
January 23

Old Testament: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Reader: Bob Buehler

January 30

Old Testament: Jeremiah 1:4-10
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31b—13:13
Reader: Jodie Falk

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Givings	\$ 26,501.00	\$ 17,708.28	\$ 18,477.00	\$ 19,050.00	\$ 19,598.06	\$ 15,473.00	\$ 14,548.00	\$ 19,619.91	\$ 15,010.00	\$ 21,846.74	\$ 16,767.65	\$ 19,190.00
Spend	\$ 19,523.33	\$ 20,113.80	\$ 20,207.40	\$ 16,593.93	\$ 16,019.41	\$ 16,685.36	\$ 15,204.94	\$ 15,997.52	\$ 19,395.44	\$ 18,120.63	\$ 16,841.57	\$ 25,498.55
CFY Giving	\$ 26,501.00	\$ 44,209.28	\$ 62,686.28	\$ 81,736.28	\$ 101,334.34	\$ 116,807.34	\$ 131,355.34	\$ 150,975.25	\$ 165,985.25	\$ 187,831.99	\$ 204,599.64	\$ 223,789.64
CFY Spend	\$ 19,523.33	\$ 39,637.13	\$ 59,844.53	\$ 76,438.46	\$ 92,457.87	\$ 109,143.23	\$ 124,348.17	\$ 140,345.69	\$ 159,741.13	\$ 177,861.76	\$ 194,703.33	\$ 220,201.88
CFY Budget	\$ 244,839.00	\$ 244,839.00	\$ 244,839.00	\$ 244,839.00	\$ 244,839.00	\$ 244,839.00	\$ 244,839.00	\$ 244,839.00	\$ 244,839.00	\$ 244,839.00	\$ 244,839.00	\$ 244,839.00
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Brittany Neumann
- 5 Bill Schellinger
- 6 Ken Falk
- 9 Blake Sommer
- 12 Dean Dieringer
- 14 Justin Kohler
- 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



- 19 Jennifer Becker
- 19 Judi Riedel
- 20 Greg Knox
- 20 Tina Ratzel
- 25 Curt Gnatzig
- 31 Debbie Benz

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'

