



**ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND
EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS**

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Sunday School and Bible Class 10:15

January 2023

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Left Behind

The title above has nothing to do with the movie "Home Alone," in which a father and mother went on vacation and forgot their youngest son. Instead, the title refers to three things the Lord left behind when He ascended into heaven.

The first thing He left behind is the stable. As a result, we are able to visit it each Christmas to see and celebrate anew the lowly birth of our Lord.

The second thing He left behind is the cross on which He suffered and died, so that we might gaze upon it and know that on the cross He paid for all of our sins.

The third thing He left behind is His tomb, so that we might visit it from time to time, see that it is empty, and know that our graves, too, will be empty and that we shall join the Lord in a life that will never end.

However, there is a fourth thing, too, which we might add to the other three. He will not leave us behind. Oh, we are still here, but not for long! As He said to the thief on the cross, so He says to us: "You shall be with me in paradise."

Baptized into Christ you belong to God!

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 24th** to the office 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 all 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 and 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.

God is good and is watching out for St. Andrew. As you may know, we have been looking for a person to replace Cathy as our church secretary and He came through as He always does. We offered the position to Ginger Careros, and she accepted so she will start her training with Cathy on January 3rd. I would like to thank Cathy for all of the help she gave so many people at St. Andrew during her time as church secretary. We will miss her as secretary but we are grateful that Cathy, and the family, will remain members at St. Andrew and will be volunteering their time as they always do. Make sure you introduce yourself to Ginger when you see her in the church office.

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 & Youth/Confirmation

(262-338-8149)
Randy Sheffield—Secretary, Music/Reader
(262-689-5405)
Bob Buehler— In-Actives,
Fundraiser/Personnel (262-334-4013)
Thai Hua—Ushers (262-388-6434)
Dan Berres—Sick/Shut-ins & Care Ministry
(262-689-4584)

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 2023. Please contact the office if you cannot find your envelopes.

BOARD OF MINISTRIES

The new year will offer many new opportunities to use our talents which God has blessed each of us with. Maybe one of your New Year's resolutions will be to get more involved in your church. The Board of Ministries has a few ways coming up where you can serve, evangelize, and help someone in need.

Twelfth Night Dinner will be January 8th from 5-7pm. Come enjoy some fellowship while we enjoy delicious meal catered by Pizza Ranch (chicken and sides), bless the church for the new year, sing Christmas carols, and help de-decorate the church. Invite friends! A sign up sheet is on the church bulletin board or you can sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4CABAC2FA2F58-twelfth> by January 4th.

If you are interested in learning more about Evangelism and how to better share the Gospel with people you may encounter in

your everyday lives, **Everyone His Witness** is the workshop for you! There will be two sessions, January 22 and January 29 from noon (after Sunday School/Bible Class) to [about] 2:30pm. A workbook is strongly encouraged for each person and will cost \$12.50/ book. If the cost is what keeps you from taking the class, please let us know. Look for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board so we can make sure to order enough material.

We will be conducting a **food drive** in the new year. If you know of someone who could use some extra help with food, please submit their names to the church office. We will have a sign up sheet on the bulletin board soon for food donations. We will deliver food around Valentines Day. If you are interested in helping sort/bagging food or helping to deliver food, please let someone from the Board of Ministries know. Those that receive food will also be getting an invitation to our **Friendship Sunday** which will be February 26th; plan to invite friends, coworkers, neighbors, etc!
Have a blessed and healthy New Year, Sandy, Rory, Joanne, Carla, Sarah, Katie and Debbie

Early Childhood Campus

Dear St. Andrew Congregation,

I am very happy to say that the ECC Christmas program was wonderful. It is such an beautiful way for our ECC children to tell the story of Jesus' birth. I am so appreciative to everyone who helped make it such a success before, during, and after. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!!!

I pray that you all had a blessed Christmas and that the New Year will be bring you much health, happiness, and love.

Sincerely,
Lindsey

Reader Schedule

January 1

Old Testament: Isaiah 63:7-14
Epistle Reading: Galatians 4:4-7
Reader: Kris Sheffield

January 8

Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-9
Epistle Reading: Romans 6:1-11
Reader: Debbie Yenter

January 15

Old Testament: Isaiah 49:1-7
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Reader: Karen Gnatzig

January 22

Old Testament: Isaiah 9:1-4
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Reader: Carla Peterson

January 29

Old Testament: Micah 6:1-8
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Reader: Mason Falk

HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE!

Life Week 2023 is Sunday, January 15, through Saturday, January 21! National Lutherans for Life has outdone themselves on the resources and information available about all aspects of life based on daily themes! See <https://lutheransforlife.org/life-week-2023/> and scroll down to each day's theme. You will not be disappointed!

You are personally invited to join others around the country online (more information below) in celebrating that you are ... "Blessed For Life!" The theme, "Blessed For Life" is based on Psalm 41 (with an emphasis on verse 2). Pick up a copy of the Winter 2022 LifeDate magazine in the Narthex (or online at <https://lutheransforlife.org/resources/journal/>) to pray through Psalm 41, pages 10-12, and

read short articles about being blessed for LIFE.

We are ...

- Blessed with the gift of life.
- Blessed by God for one's entire life.
- Blessed to be a blessing to others.

Plan to join Lutherans For Life **ONLINE from Sunday, January 15, through Wednesday, January 18**, to learn about life issues from the comfort of your home. Log in to Zoom each evening (Zoom Meeting ID: 845 7061 0394, Passcode: 501680) for a Gospel-motivated presentation from the following speakers:

- January 15 – Rev. Michael Salemink – Blessed as a Gift
- January 16 – Rev. Steven and Stephanie Cholak – Blessed in Longing
- January 17 – Delores Desemone – Blessed Together
- January 18 – Deaconess Chrissie Gillet – Blessed with Healing

Your local chapter of Lutherans for Life is excited to renew our commitment to our LFL **MISSION** of *equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices for LIFE*, and our **VISION** that *every Lutheran, both individually and in community, uphold the God-given value of human life and influence society to do the same.*

Lutherans for Life believes that the Church is compelled by God's Word to speak and act on behalf of those who are vulnerable and defenseless. The crisis of our times is the repudiation of biblical truth manifested in the wanton destruction of innocent human life through abortion and the growing threat to the lives of others through legalized assisted suicide and euthanasia. As Lutherans for Life, we will strive to give a Gospel-motivated witness to the Church and society on these and other related issues, such as chastity, post-abortion healing, and family living. We will call God's people to compassionate

action and foster life-affirming alternatives for those facing difficult situations.

Please bless us with your presence **Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 7:00 p.m., River of Life Lutheran Church, Saukville,** for the next gathering of **LFL of WI, Ozaukee County Chapter**. Concordia's Students for Life will share their experience at the January 2023 March for Life in Washington D.C.

ST. ANDREW WISH LIST

Approved by Church Council 7/28/2022

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

Church Sign for Front Yard

(Update and/or Move)

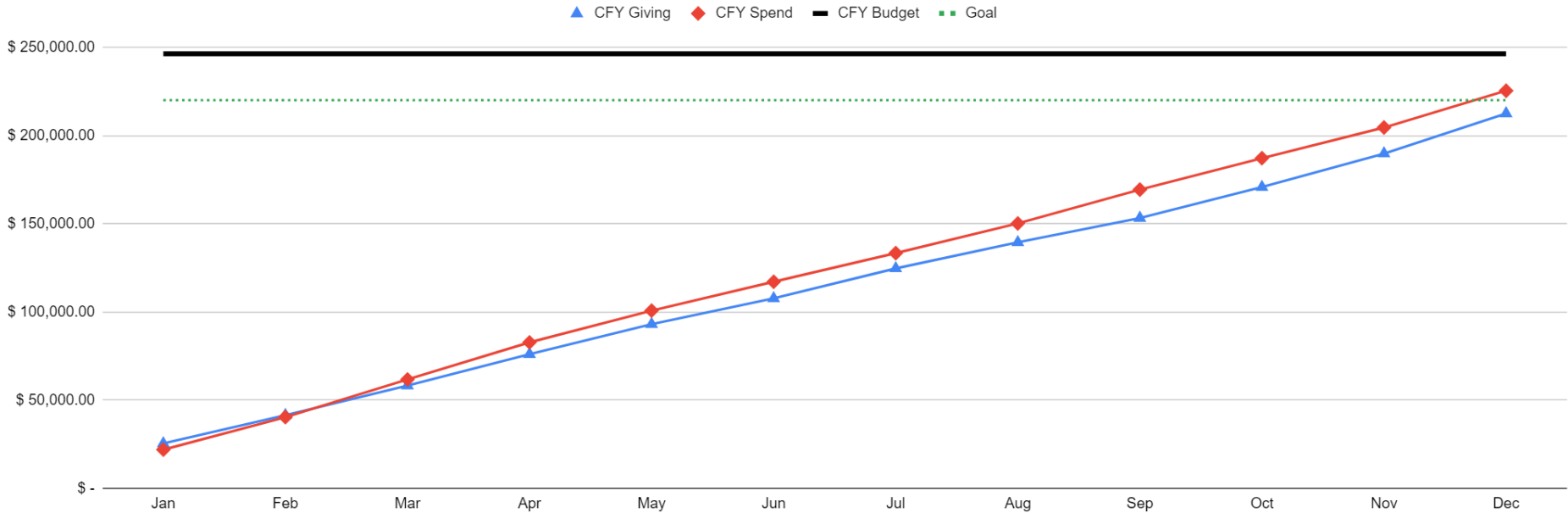
Refillable Altar Candles

(~ \$80 each)

***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.

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Givings	\$ 25,476.65	\$ 16,052.03	\$ 16,772.62	\$ 17,768.00	\$ 17,012.14	\$ 14,597.84	\$ 16,978.50	\$ 14,784.50	\$ 13,795.45	\$ 17,497.00	\$ 19,000.95	\$ 22,722.30
Spend	\$ 21,973.51	\$ 18,440.06	\$ 21,359.67	\$ 20,995.79	\$ 17,980.69	\$ 16,359.70	\$ 16,220.33	\$ 16,804.53	\$ 19,187.62	\$ 17,794.41	\$ 17,374.85	\$ 20,841.96
CFY Giving	\$ 25,476.65	\$ 41,528.68	\$ 58,301.30	\$ 76,069.30	\$ 93,081.44	\$ 107,679.28	\$ 124,657.78	\$ 139,442.28	\$ 153,237.73	\$ 170,734.73	\$ 189,735.68	\$ 212,457.98
CFY Spend	\$ 21,973.51	\$ 40,413.57	\$ 61,773.24	\$ 82,769.03	\$ 100,749.72	\$ 117,109.42	\$ 133,329.75	\$ 150,134.28	\$ 169,321.90	\$ 187,116.31	\$ 204,491.16	\$ 225,333.12
CFY Budget	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00
Goal	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00





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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Brittany Neumann
- 5 Bill Schellinger
- 6 Ken Falk
- 9 Blake Sommer
- 12 Dean Dieringer
- 18 Cheyenne Osgood
- 19 Lois Dummann
- 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



- 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 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

