



ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
And
Early Childhood Campus

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 Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Knowing God

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me—Epiphany! Well technically, Epiphany comes the day after...and it doesn't come with as much fanfare as Christmas. Yet, it's a season not to be overlooked! For during the season of Epiphany, we make known to the whole world the newborn Christ as "God in the flesh." We uncover via Scripture just *who* Jesus is so that we may more fully understand *what* He has done for us, the focus of the Lenten and Easter seasons. And this not only for our own benefit, but for the benefit of all people as we seek to make Christ known to all nations.

Now, brothers and sisters, we all have our little candles of happiness lit on occasion whenever we experience a high moment in our life. For example: holding a child or a grandchild in our arms for the first time. Yet, as quickly as we experience these high moments in our life, so quickly are they taken away and are little candles of happiness blown out as we face new challenges and problems in life. But there is one light that is never snuffed out and that continues to shine brightly. That light is Jesus Christ whom the darkness can never overcome. He is the *"image of the invisible God...for God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things"* as it says in Colossians 1.

As we uncover the question of *who* Jesus is, we come to realize again that wonderful truth: Jesus Christ is, indeed, God in the flesh, and that YOU matter to Him. In fact, He who

was presented with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh by the Magi, presents you with a gift of greater value. He offers you forgiveness...He offers you heaven...through believing in Him. He also invites you to bring all of your disappointments and discouragement (whatever has cast a pall over your life) before Him in prayer. We can be so down, so disappointed, so discouraged, and yet when we pray, "Oh Jesus!" it is so transforming. It is as if the sun peeks out from behind dark clouds. Or as John Newton puts it in the first stanza of the song, "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds":

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
 In a believer's ear!
 It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
 And drives away all fear!
 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

BOARD OF ELDERS

The Board of Elders pray that everyone had a blessed and safe Christmas season. Remember that even after all of the "toys" are broken or lost that we still have the best gift ever given and that it is always there for us. God's unbreakable gift of Jesus and his love will always be there and all we have to do is let Him give it to us.

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

Confirmations will be sent for articles sent via e-mail. Thanks.

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.

STEWARDSHIP/EVANGELISM

We have all made it through another year being blessed by God and hurt by our sinful nature passed on down through Adam and Eve partaking of the forbidden fruit.

We have just celebrated our dear Savior's birth and revel in the knowledge of His purpose of being sent by the Lord as a sacrifice that would free us from all of our sin.

How wonderful that we know through His covenant that Jesus is preparing a home for each and every one of us who repent and believe in Jesus.

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

I know it is a bible verse that we all know, yet it is so comforting. It is like His arms are wrapped around us with wondrous love and the promise of eternal life in glorious paradise where there will be no more tears. Oh how wonderful, thank you Dear Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Revelation 21:4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death nor mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

God has blessed us with a wonderful close church family, and many members who do so much towards God's glory and our church. Thank you all so much for your selfless generosity and love. Please consider joining a board or signing up when opportunities arise, each and every person has unique gifts from God that could contribute to His Glory in your own special way. It is so fulfilling to serve with our fellow brothers and sisters and grow closer with each other and God.

May God bless our wonderful church family as we continue to work together and grow closer with Him and each other, to help spread His truth so more of His children can share in our Dear Lords promise of eternal salvation, praising and worshiping Him here on His wonderful earth unto eternity in heaven.

Sue Hetzel

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

The Board of Stewardship is planning to host Financial Peace University classes starting Friday, January 25th at 6:30 pm. It is a 9 week course to teach you how to pay off debt, save and spend wisely, and build wealth. Developed by Dave Ramsey, this program is a financial discipleship curriculum for individuals

and small groups. Check out our class link at fpu.com/1080074 to sign up for \$109 (a \$20 savings!) Or talk to Brad & Jennifer Becker or Cathy Grande about getting enrolled.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Since January 20, 1973 when the Roe vs. Wade decision made abortion legal in the United States, 60,069,971 lives have been snuffed out by abortion. It is estimated that each day 4,000 babies are aborted in our country. We'll never know how many U.S. presidents, pastors, teachers, or other special servants of God had their heart stopped because of "choice". Please pray that the Roe vs. Wade decision will be repealed and that all children will be protected.

*In His service for life,
Esther Oehme*

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

The Sunday School kids did a fantastic job celebrating the good news of Christ's birth. The variety and skill of the children's musical talent amazes me. I would like to thank the parents for getting the kids to practice during the month, and thank you to all the teachers and volunteers.

*In Christ's service
Jeff Grande*

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.

Pastor Jon and Katie Open House – Will be Sunday, January 6th at 721 Orchard St. in West Bend from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Snacks will be provided. Please join us!

Open Playdate: During the winter, kids can get cabin fever. Bring the kids, grandkids, neighbor kids to St. Andrew for a playdate on Saturday, January 5 from 9-11 am. They can make new friends while letting some of their energy out. Every parent would like a few minutes of peace so tell anyone who could benefit from this opportunity about the open playdate.

If we don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you have not already done so, please pick up your Offering Envelopes for 2019. Please contact the office if you cannot find your envelopes.

Reader Schedule

January 6

Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-6
Epistle Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12
Reader: Jodie Falk

January 13

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:1-7
Epistle Reading: Romans 6:1-11
Reader: Carla Peterson

January 20

Old Testament: Isaiah 62:1-5
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Reader: Debbie Yenter

January 27

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Reader: Randy Sheffield

January 2019 Usher Schedule

January 6

9 AM Team #5

Paul Heinz
Pete Hesprich
Mark Janz
Ted Wuebben
Elmer Frey

January 13

9 AM Team #6

Linda Konzal
Carolyn Kreis
Bob Buehler
Fred Legate
Norman Rettammel
Randy Sheffield

January 20

9 AM Team #1

Dan Yenter
Dan Fischer
Carla Peterson
Greg Knox

January 27

9 AM Team #2

Ken Betz
Rick Bruss
Blake Sommer
Josh Miller
Ron Nuoffer

WISH LIST

Approved by Church Council 10/26/2017

Organ

**Parking Lot Final Layer
(Projected 2018)**

Chimes for the Organ
(approx. \$7,200)

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)

****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 Marlene Frey
5 Bill Schellinger
6 Ken Falk
9 Blake Sommer
12 Dean Dieringer
14 Justin Kohler
15 Beryl Mauritz
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 Mann
27 Pastor Jon Vierkant
28 Raelynn Dennis
31 Amy Betz
31 Kiara Osgood
31 Al Taft



25 Curt Gnatzig

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

