



ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
And
Early Childhood Campus

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The Greatest Enemies of Confession and Absolution

In his Small Catechism Martin Luther writes that confession has two parts. "First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven."

Confession and absolution are the bedrock and basis for our Christian faith. Without them, our hearts grow cold and our spiritual fervor dies. That's why during the month of July I will be doing a three-part sermon series called: "The Greatest Enemies of Confession and Absolution."

Sermons

Moralism: "I Have *no* Sin to Confess"
 (July 5)

Individualism: "It's all about *me*. Why Confess?" (July 12)

Hedonism: "Pleasure is my God. I'll Never Confess" (July 19)

Plan to rediscover the peace and joy that God gives when we confess our sins and receive his gracious absolution.

Please feel free to join me for Bible study online Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. (please contact me for further instructions if interested). Also, if you would like to receive a pastoral visit including for purposes of private confession and absolution, to receive the Lord's Supper,

or just to chat, please do not hesitate to give me a call or e-mail me.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

- 12 July – Highway cleanup
- 18 July – Rummage Sale
- 1 & 2 Aug – Brat Fry
- 8 Aug – Blood Drive & Ice Cream Social
- 9 Aug – Voters' Meeting

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have **all** newsletter articles in by **Thursday, July 23rd** to Cathy Grande at standrewchurchwb@gmail.com. **Confirmations** will be sent for articles sent via e-mail. Thanks.

BOARD OF ELDERS

July is here and we have been fighting covid-19 and its consequences for 3 1/2 months. Needless to say, we are all pretty weary and tired of the implied rules, isolation and uncertainty that goes along with it. Our country is being torn apart by virus, politics and race and we don't know what to do. Well, we have Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who's light shines brightly throughout all of this darkness. While our media insists on giving us misguided information (and I am being generous here) Jesus points us to the absolute truth. While our politics lead us to dark places that nobody

should be, Jesus leads us to The Father, to HIS peace and to everlasting life, forgiveness and joy. Thank you, Lord for loving us, for your forgiveness for your salvation for us. Amen!

We are currently utilizing 2 services on Sunday. 9:00am is our “drive-in” service with Communion (weather permitting). 10:30am is our standard “in-house” service with social distancing. People have a lot of room to keep distance. Communion is single file as is release at end of service. There is a collection basket at the door for you to drop your tithe in if you are so inclined. Attendance has been low the 1st few weeks. 25-35 people per service. Hope to have more people attend as they feel safe and comfortable. Goal is inside services at 9:00am for all down the road.

Please feel free to wear masks if you like. Please bring your own as we cannot provide for all. We have hand sanitizer at the door. Pastor and elder wear mask and gloves for communion.

We are happy to announce our search for a permanent organist is over. Josh Hua has accepted our offer to be our full-time organist. Thank you Josh for stepping up and sharing your great talent with us. Josh will officially start Sunday August 2nd. In the mean time, Shannon and Caleb Kreuger and Charlie Hess will help us out. Thank you to all of you for making this work.

Thank you for attending, giving and supporting St. Andrew thru this unforgettable time in our lives. Thank you to all who have worked so hard to make this happen.

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)
Joseph Gutschmidt (Sick/Shut-Ins)
Bob Buehler (Ushers & Sick/Shut-Ins)
Rick Bruss (Sick/Shut-Ins)
Craig Falk (Youth & Confirmation)
Dave Brehmer (In-actives & Fund
Raisers/Personnel)
Randy Sheffield (Secretary & Music/Readers)

TUITION ASSISTANCE POLICY

We provide tuition assistance as a portion of our budgeted amount each year, funds permitting. Children who are attending elementary school, middle school, or high school at a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod place of learning, we provide tuition assistance up to 50% of the cost.

So that we may plan a budget for tuition, we ask that all families apply for tuition assistance by August 1st, annually for the following school year.

Those who request tuition assistance should be St. Andrew members who are regular in their worship attendance and financial assistance. *Board of Education*

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education is having their annual Brat Fry. This summer the Brat Fry is at Ries Sausage in West Bend on Saturday, August 1st and Sunday, August 2nd. This is the main fundraiser the Board plans for to support St. Andrew’s Tuition Assistance. If you are interested in being a griller, a server or work as cashier please SIGN UP on the sheet on the bulletin board in the correct date and time slot. We could also use some additional

help at the end of Sunday cleaning up. If you would rather donate an item or two we have a donation list also on the bulletin board with some items we are still in need of. Thank you so much for your help and support!

Our plant sale was very successful - we sold every last plant! We took in \$389 and we would like to thank those who purchased plants.

All of the St. Andrew fundraisers we have had support the Tuition Assistance fund for Christian Education.

Mark your calendars! Aug. 1st and Aug, 2nd at Ries!!! See you there!

Have a safe and happy summer!

Rory Hetzel, Joanne Miller, Judi Riedel and Debbie Yenter

EVANGELISM:

This time of physical distancing has provided so many unique opportunities for St. Andrew to reach the community! Between increased publicity in local media and many visitors who were happy to hear God's Word preached in person (from the comfort of their cars), we have had many opportunities to share God's Word with people who otherwise may not have heard about the congregation. Additionally, St. Andrew continued to have generous food pantry donations throughout the shutdown period, particularly when the food pantry was especially asking for toiletry items.

We want our community to know that they are welcome at St. Andrew! Please participate in and invite friends, family and neighbors to the following activities:

- **Church Rummage Sale: July 18 from 8-3.**

We are still accepting donations during weekday mornings or by appointment (evang_board@standrew-westbend.org).

While we welcome help with manning the sale, we need the most help in the weeks before the sale (sorting, organizing, pricing) and in the week after the sale (transporting remaining items to resale stores). Even an hour or two of your time would be greatly appreciated, and physical distancing would

be very easy to maintain during those times. Sign-ups for time slots will be posted on the church bulletin board.

- **Church Cookbook:** We will be collecting recipes until July 12. There is no limit to how many recipes a person can submit, and we welcome recipes in any category. Envelopes are available both inside and outside at church to drop off recipes, or you can email your recipes to evang_board@standrew-westbend.org. We hope to have the cookbook ready to be sold during the rummage sale and in the following weeks. Proceeds will go toward a new church sign.
- **Blood Drive and Ice Cream Social:** St. Andrew will be hosting a blood drive on **August 8** from **9-12**. Sign-up opportunities will be posted soon. In conjunction with the blood drive, we will host an ice cream social from **11-12**. Physical distancing will be observed throughout both activities! More details will follow soon!
- **Food Pantry Donations** continue to be collected for the Full Shelf Food Pantry in West Bend. The July item is peanut butter and jelly.
- **Highway Cleanup** will be on **July 12** from 11:30 – 2pm. By completing this three times per year, we are able to keep our name posted on road signs in the Boltonville area for free! The more helpers we have the faster it can be completed. We will be meeting at the BP in Boltonville on 144. We have safety equipment, gloves and bags.

Live Video Streaming – The elders are hoping to get equipment for live video streaming. This will be useful if we are still social distancing in the fall as temperatures drop. It would also be beneficial to our shut-ins who cannot make it to church. You can mark your donations for this purpose and put them in the offering basket.

Reader Schedule

July 5

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 7:6-8

Epistle Reading: Galatians 2:16-21

Reader: Michele Buehler

July 12

Old Testament: Hosea 6:1-3

Epistle Reading: Colossians 3:1-5

Reader: Randy Sheffield

July 19

Old Testament: Psalm 16:1-11

Epistle Reading: 2 Timothy 3:1-5

Reader: Craig Falk

July 26

First Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:28-39

Reader: Jodie Falk

WISH LIST

Approved by Church Council 6/18/2020

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)

Sign for Front Yard

(Update and Move)

Video Streaming Equipment

(approx. \$3000)

****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.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Erica Cottrell
2 Makinley Kirchner
3 Brian Brusky
3 Glenn Grothman
6 Bob Miller
7 Hannah Betz
7 Todd Waechter
8 Michelle Gnatzig
8 Sue Hale
8 Dan Nysse
11 Gage Ratzel
14 Ron Bastian
16 Jason Betz
16 Jolene Solko
16 Carolyn Kreis
17 George Muth
17 John Schlicht
19 Jacquelyn Beaupre'
19 Erik Johnson
19 Jim Schmoltdt
22 Kris Sheffield
22 Daniel Vierkant
23 Stephanie Gutschmidt
23 Linda Konzal
23 Jess Jug
24 Suzanne Woods
27 Dan Arps
27 Kara Ruback
27 Dawn Schneiter
28 Rory Hetzel
29 Kabel Wuebben
29 Kaitlyn Wuebben
29 Kennedy Wuebben



JULY BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

1 Riley Falk
1 Carolyn Janz
3 Glenn Grothman
4 Joshua Kraft
10 Fred Legate
10 Simone Manns
15 Ruthann Gray
17 Jim Peterson
18 Karen Hammen
18 Todd Waechter
19 Brian Brusky
20 Donald Keaton
20 Jim Konzal
24 Evelyn Nuoffer
31 Adam Ruback
31 Jim Schmoltdt

JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1 Erik & Sue Johnson
6 Dave & Laurie Kelln
20 Dean & Christie Dieringer
23 Rory & Sue Hetzel

