



ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
And
Early Childhood Campus

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Bible Class 7:45 a.m.
 Office Hours M, T, TR, F 8 a.m. – noon

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Empty Handed

At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. – Colossians 4:3-4

When people come to us and cry on our shoulders because things are upside down in their lives, we never want to send them away empty handed – without responding to their need. If they were out of sugar, would we not give them some? If they were being threatened with repossession of their home because of unpaid mortgage payments, would we not provide them with helpful information and encouragement? If they needed emergency medical attention, would we not put in a call to 911?

The answer to all of these questions should be “yes.”

And if they were discouraged, down, and depressed about life – if they said they had no hope – and if they said, “I don’t know if I even want to live anymore” – would we not tell them about Jesus and what He means in their lives (and ours)?

The hymn verse says, “If you cannot speak like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus – you can say He died for all (*Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying. LSB 826*). That’s the least we can do.

Brothers and sisters, this year we are celebrating 30 years of St. Andrew being a member congregation of the Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod. Throughout the years, St. Andrew has seen its ups and downs; its highs and lows. Yet, through it all...we proclaim Jesus Christ and Him crucified (1 Corinthians 2:2). And we give thanks...that God has put into the hearts of so many of our people a desire to serve.

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 and bring God’s Word and Jesus’ body and blood in the sacrament to you. Please do not hesitate to connect with me.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

- 11 July – Pastor O’Connor, guest pastor
- 12 July – Pizza Ranch Fundraiser
- 18 July – Sunday Sing Along
- 31 July & 1 Aug – Brat Fry
- 5 -12 Aug – Alaska Mission Trip
- 15 Aug – Pastor Korytkowski,
 guest pastor
- 8 Aug – Voters’ Meeting

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

BOARD OF ELDERS

I would like to thank everyone that helped out either one or both of the fun filled Saturdays when we took up the old carpet to get the floor ready for the new carpet. It was a lot of work but we had some good fellowship with other members of St. Andrew.

We will continue to use the box in the back of church for your offerings and we ask that you put them in before the service because the Elders/Ushers will bring them up to the front during the offertory to present them to the Lord. If you forget to put them in the box before the service, we will still be checking the box after to make sure we collect all of the offerings.

With the return of ushers for the service, they will be handing out bulletins but if you do not feel comfortable taking one from them, feel free to take one off the cabinet by the collection box. Also during the greeting before the service please stay in your pew and greet the people close to you. You can wave to people who are not close to you or see them after the service.

We can use more ushers so if you would like to help out, please give your name and phone number to one of the Elders and we will contact you to see when you are available. We also could use more volunteers to run the Live Stream equipment—no experience necessary, we will train. Anyone that is confirmed can volunteer for ushering and Live Stream equipment.

The days/hours of the church office will be changing to Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00-12:00, closed on Wednesday. If you need to reach someone on Wednesdays, you can leave a message on the phone, or call Pastor if it is an emergency. Also, please remember that Sunday morning is for worship, especially during the service, so if you have something that can wait until Monday, put a note on Cathy's or Pastors desk and they will get back to you. If it is an emergency during the service, let one of the Elders know and we will either take care of the problem or contact whoever needs to know.

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 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,
Fundraiser/Personnel (414-870-2715)

Bob Buehler—Sick/Shut-ins, Ushers
(262-334-4013)

Randy Sheffield—Secretary, Music/Reader
(262-689-5405)

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*

EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS

Our campus is getting a facelift!

Our classrooms, bathrooms and gym area have a fresh coat of paint on them and our gym/fellowship area has new carpet. Soon our classroom floors will sparkle and shine with new wax. These things have been long overdue, and I have a grateful heart for the money I was awarded from the Child Care Counts funding that made this possible.

Out of the darkness of COVID 19 came some light.

Thank you to everyone that worked 2 Saturdays to remove the old carpet in the gym/fellowship and kitchen fellowship areas! It was back breaking work, that is for sure. But we had a great group of workers! We also had many others who baked, cooked or donated items for lunch. Together we made it happen!

Praying each of you can take some time off to enjoy the summer. Relax, read a book, study God's Word, take a walk in nature, enjoy being with family and friends. I am going to try very hard to do this too!

With many thanks,
Sandy

BOARD OF EDUCATION

With Your help and support, we were able to sell all the plants that we had for sale at the 2nd Annual plant sale at St. Andrew on Sunday, June 6th, 2021. Those of you who came to purchase plants were so generous and we want to say "Thank You!" The total amount collected was \$400.00 and will go into the Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund.

The Board of Education is also planning for the Brat Fry at Sausage Plus hut in West Bend and is set for Saturday and Sunday, July 31 and August 1st. The sign-up sheets for the Brat Fry are on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. We need your help serving, cashiering and grilling and spots are open for

donation items listed also. Mark your calendars and plan on coming for some delicious grilled food!! The proceeds also go toward the Tuition Assistance.

We had a request for Christian Education material for the Cradle Roll for Josephine Muth who was recently baptized. Please let us know if you have a small child/grandchild that will be baptized and will be looking for Christian Education books and materials from the Board of Education. We want to remind you of the Power of God's Word. "The Word is God is living and active." Hebrews 4:12. It can change lives!

Blessings to you,
Rory Hetzel, Joanne Miller, Judi Riedel and Debbie Yenter

EVANGELISM:

The weather has been unpredictable this summer! I have watched my lawn flourish with spring rains, wither under a hot drought, and be revived by the return of frequent rainfall. It has brought to mind Isaiah 40:6b-8—*All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.* Our lives are short on this earth, and we so easily wither when we try to stand on our own. The good news is that God's Word stands forever—it does not wither through the trials of life. This past year has been difficult in so many avenues of life, but God's Word has stood constant through it all. We can find peace and joy and hope in that Word—it helps us to stand forever in the love God gives us through Christ. Do you need God's Word to constantly rain down on you to keep up your hope despite life in this broken world? I do! Chances are, there are many friends, neighbors, coworkers, and random people you encounter who desperately need the rain of God's Word (perhaps they feel as if they are withering away). May God grant you the opportunity to shower those you meet with his Word—it stands forever.

As approved at the May voters' meeting, we are working to combine the Board of Education, Board of Evangelism, and Board of Stewardship into one Board of Ministries. We are working out details of how to do this, but hope to provide more information by the next voters' meeting.

Please join us for these upcoming events:

-West Bend Farmers Market: St. Andrew will host a booth near Sal's Pizza on July 10. If you are available to help staff the booth for any time between 7:30 and 11, please sign up to help on the bulletin board, contact Katie Vierkant, or watch your email for a sign up link.

-Brat Fry will be held on July 31 and August 1 at West Bend Sausage Plus. Please stop by for a meal (or two...), come help man the booth, or donate some of the food items. Please check the sign up sheets in the fellowship hall. Proceeds go toward the tuition assistance fund.

-Rummage Sale has been scheduled for August 28 & 29. Proceeds will be split between the church sign fund and the tuition assistance fund. Now that the carpet is in place, we can more easily accept donations! Please drop them off during church office hours, or let Cathy know if you need to schedule a different time. We will need many helpers to sort/organize/setup, run the sale, and clean up afterward—please watch your email and the bulletin board for sign up opportunities!

-Blood Drive has been postponed until a later date due to blood center staffing issues. We will keep you updated once we have confirmed another date.

-Alaska Mission Trip will be from Aug 5 to Aug 12. St. Andrew is sending 8 people to help a mission program in Alaska! There will be another Pizza Ranch fundraiser night July 12 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Dine-in, carry out, or delivery, we receive 10% of sales. Please keep all of the participants in your prayers as they go to serve and share God's Word with the community there.

Thank you!

St. Andrew thanks all those who helped strip carpet and prepare our floors for some beautiful new flooring. Many hands made the load lighter! It was a tough job, but our workers were even tougher!

Thank you to all the women that supplied food for our workers. It was very much appreciated!

I hope you like the new carpet and freshly painted walls. It looks amazing!

May you be blessed,
Sandy

30TH CELEBRATION!

This year marks the 30th year that St. Andrew has become part of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. It's hard to believe that what once started as a small mission church of about 20 people has grown to the church we have today. God has blessed and led St. Andrew faithfully and we want to celebrate those blessings from the past and the good things He has in store for us today and in the future. The Celebration Committee would like for you to mark your calendars for the following events. More will follow throughout the year!

JULY 11 – SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE to recognize our beginnings! To start the service, we will meet in our original sanctuary, the preschool gym. From there we will walk together to our present sanctuary while singing praises! The service will continue in our present sanctuary.

Our guest pastor will be Pastor Bryan O'Connor who started our mission church and was part of St. Andrew becoming a member of the LCMS. A light reception will follow the service. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to bring a refreshment.

Invite any friends, family or past members who might like to be part of the celebration!

**JULY 18 & AUGUST 15 SUNDAY NIGHT
SING ALONGS!**

Meet around the campfire at 6:00pm on these Sunday evenings while we sing some fun praise songs on our beautiful grounds! Bring along lawn chairs and your favorite snacks and drinks while we sing, laugh and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We can always use another guitar, harmonica, ukulele and any kind of instrumentand of course voices of all types. Have a favorite song? Bring it along and invite a friend to join you!

Watch for more details about a special celebration in fall! Give thanks to God for our bible believing church. Many in this world can only hope for the privilege to worship openly with other believers. We are so very blessed. Invite friends, it's how we grow.

UPDATES FROM SIGN COMMITTEE

The sign committee learned many things about the different types of signs and how they can be used to evangelize to our community. After much information gathering, the committee has decided that an LED sign would be the best match for our sign goals. Though a bit more costly, this type of sign can allow us to reach thousands of those passing by our church. Our sign might be the only bible they ever read. The projected cost is about \$23,000 to \$28,000. God has already generously blessed our sign fund with nearly \$10,000 at this time. Please prayerfully consider supporting this new method of ministry. Once we have reached our financial goal, the committee will share a few renderings of a sign for the church to see.

Reader Schedule

July 4

**Old Testament: Ezekiel 2:1-5
Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Reader: Bob Buehler**

July 11

**Old Testament: Amos 7:7-15
Epistle Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14
Reader: Debbie Yenter**

July 18

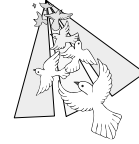
**Old Testament: Jeremiah 23:1-6
Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22
Reader: Karen Gnatzig**

July 25

**Old Testament: Genesis 9:8-17
Epistle Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21
Reader: Kris Sheffield**

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Erica Cottrell
2 Makinley Kirchner
3 Brian Brusky
3 Glenn Grothman
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'
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

JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

