



ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
And
Early Childhood Campus

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Heartbreak Hotel

Howard Rutledge, an American fighter pilot, was shot down over North Vietnam, and then finally captured by the North Vietnamese Army. Soon after his capture, Rutledge was tossed into an infamous prison in Hanoi, which came to be called "Heartbreak Hotel." (due to the attempts made by the captors to break the will and spirit of those who were captured). Rutledge ended up spending several, long, miserable years there before finally being released with the closing of the Vietnam War.

In his book entitled, "In the Presence of Mine Enemies," Rutledge reflects on his experience at Heartbreak Hotel. He writes, *"When the door slammed shut a feeling of utter loneliness swept over me. I was locked in a six by six cell. It's hard to describe what solitary confinement can do to defeat a person. There are no books, no magazines and no newspapers. The only colors you see are drab gray and dirt brown. You're locked in your filthy cell, trying to keep your sanity."*

Maybe you've never found yourself locked up in six by six prison cell before, but perhaps you do know what it feels like to be locked up in Heartbreak Hotel. Pain, suffering, and heartbreak are familiar topics in our nation today following the emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic. Not only do we encounter the loss of life, but we also see the devil's hand in dividing us in ways that seem to have only intensified as of late. In truth, heartbreak is around every corner of our lives today just waiting to jump out and rob us of joy. Yet, our Lord says in John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be

troubled, neither let them be afraid." Only Christ Jesus can crawl into the middle of your hurt and comfort you right where you are at.

Now, Howard Rutledge had more to say about Heartbreak Hotel. He writes, *"I prayed for strength to make it through the ongoing night. Then, one day, a glimmer of light dawned through the bottom of my prison door. I knew that God would set me free. And he did!"*

As Christians, we have experienced the light of God's deliverance in the person of Jesus Christ who died on the cross for our sins and who rose again for the justification of all who believe in Him. And we continue to encounter His light as daily we are fed by His Word and promises.

I would encourage everyone to read Ken's Elders report as it speaks on the matter of reopening our church for worship services in June. There will likely be a number of questions that arise as we approach that day. We will seek to address them together. Please feel free to join me for Bible study online Wednesday nights at 7 (please contact me for further instructions if interested). If you would like to receive a pastoral visit including for communion purposes 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

ELDERS

Another month has gone by since our last letter and again change is upon us. As our government is allowing some things to open up, we will be opening the church for service inside. On **June 14th** we will have service at 9:00 am inside with some changes. Pastor sent

out an email documenting the changes but basically we can safely allow 62 people in the sanctuary with another 94 in the ECC gym. We will continue to stream in the parking lot for those who do not feel comfortable coming in. Radio station 103.9.

Every other pew will be used. Families can sit together with social distancing guidelines in place for all others. We will be cleaning pews, door knobs etc before and after service. Hand sanitizer will also be available.

Communion will be distributed by single file line, spaced and distributed at the Baptismal font. There will not be common cup for now. Please place your used cup in the baskets provided. 2 elders will distribute in the gym if needed. Pastor and elders will wear masks and gloves.

The collection basket will be placed at the back of church instead of passing between people.

Please feel free to wear masks if you would like, however we cannot provide for all. Please provide your own mask.

This is just a basic snapshot of how we want to re-open. Some things may change. We are getting used to change, aren't we.....We will keep you informed of any updates.

Confirmation Sunday is June 7th. A private service for confirmands and their families will be held at 10:30 am. Their exam is scheduled to be Tuesday night June 2nd.

Our search for a permanent organist is ongoing, but we might have a permanent organist for Sundays. Still working on it. In the meantime, Josh Hua, Shannon and Caleb Krueger and Charlie Hess will continue to help us out.

Thank you for attending, giving and supporting St. Andrew through 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)

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

EDUCATION

On Sunday, June 7th the Board of Education will have a variety of annuals and perennials for sale. All proceeds from the sale will go to the Tuition Assistance fund. The sale will take place outside by the garage. Please stop by after the 9:00 am service. We think you will find some beautiful plants for your

garden or for a gift for someone. It's almost here!

We would like to congratulate the Confirmation students. God bless them and keep them in their life of faith. We turn to God knowing that "With God all things are possible."

Also remember the Brat Fry that is still scheduled for August 1 & 2. More information and a volunteer sign-up sheet will be coming soon!

The Board of Education appreciates your help and support of the sales we have that help support Christian Education. God bless you and thank you!

Rory Hetzel, Joanne Miller, Judi Riedel, and Debbie Yenter

TUITION ASSISTANCE POLICY

We provide tuition assistance as a portion of our budgeted amount each year, funds permitting. For 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*

ARE YOU GRADUATING?

If you (or one of your children) will be graduating from either high school or college this year we would like to know the following:

- the name of the school you will be graduating from,
- the date of the graduation,
- your plans for the future,

We would like to include this information in our Sunday bulletin and monthly newsletter. Please give this information to the church office. Thank you.

So far, our list of graduates include: **Zachary Brehmer** graduating from West Bend East and will be attending Moraine Park Technical College enrolling in the Electricity Program and moving on to an Electrical Apprenticeship. **Sydney Brehmer** graduating from West Bend East and will be attending Moraine Park Technical College enrolling in the Interactive Media Design Program. **Brady Falk** graduating from West Bend West and will be attending Moraine Park Technical College enrolling in the CNC/Tool & Die Technologies program. **Aaron Heinz** graduating from Marian University. He majored in Criminal Justice and Forensic Science with a minor in Chemistry. He plans to attend Police Academy in the fall. **CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!!!** Also, please notify the office if there are any additions to this list.

STEWARDSHIP

What does it mean to be God's steward? This is the last article in an eight month series. Our lives are lived to make a contribution to others in Christ's name.

Each month we will review one of the principles with a brief article, scripture to pray on, and a few questions to encourage growth.

1. God's stewards are God's stewards
2. God's stewards are managers, not owners
3. God's stewards are saints and sinners
4. God's stewards are uniquely singular, yet profoundly plural
5. God's stewards are in the world, but not of the world
6. God's stewards are loved and loving
7. God's stewards are served and serving
8. **God's stewards live with an awareness of the present and the future, of time and eternity**

God's Stewards Live with an Awareness of the Present and the Future, of Time and Eternity

This means we live intentionally in the light of the Lord's eternal promise, but are still committed to His rule in the here and now.

When you have the promise of heaven to look forward to, it's easy to dream of leaving the troubles of this world behind. God's stewards understand that we are privilege to live in this world. It is our responsibility to care for the lives of others and steward God's creation. God physically came into this world in the person of Jesus Christ to show us how precious life is.

With the knowledge above, it makes it easy to do a log of good. Our faith and strength begins with God. God did all the heavy lifting to set our lives free. Free to live life fully for God. We are not just consumers or accumulators of stuff. We are blessed with time, treasure and talents, to be a blessing to others. When we are a blessing to others in the name of Christ, we are living a stewards life.

You can boil down the 8 principles we reviewed over the months to this simple idea: *Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.*

Review and pray over the following verses: *Gen 12, Matt 6, Gal 5-6, Rev 14.*

A great way to encourage self growth and reflection is to ask 3 simple questions.

- What should I start doing?
- What should I keep doing?
- What should I stop doing?

Yours in Christ
- Jeff

VBS

There will be no traditional VBS service this year. Jeff Grande is trying to plan a one-day community VBS in the park. More details to come on this option later.

Mauthe Lake

Our Mauthe Lake park outing is coming up on June 28th. After service, join us at Mauthe Lake, which is part of the Kettle Moraine North State Forest. You will need a state park sticker or pay for a day pass. We will have a picnic area reserved with grills available. Bring food for our potluck of snacks or pack your own lunch, but come have fellowship with us. It is a great low-key way to get to know each other.

Reader Schedule

June 7

**Old Testament: Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Epistle Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-36**

June 14

**Old Testament: Exodus 19:2-8
Epistle Reading: Romans 5:6-15**

June 21

**Old Testament: Jeremiah 20:7-13
Epistle Reading: Romans 6:12-23**

June 28

**First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9
Epistle Reading: Romans 7:1-13**

June 2020 Usher Schedule

June 7

9 AM Team #4
Thai Hua
Margie Hua
Josh Hua
Craig Falk
Brady Falk

June 14

9 AM Team #5
Paul Heinz
Pete Hesprich
Mark Janz
Ted Wuebben

June 21

9 AM Team #6
Bob Buehler
Norman Rettammel
Randy Sheffield

June 28

9 AM Team #1
Dan Yenter
Miles Yenter
Carla Peterson
Greg Knox

**If you cannot make the Sunday you
are scheduled to usher, please find a
replacement. Thank you.**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3 Bob Lompa
4 Norm Bandler
5 Jim Konzal
5 Evelyn Nuoffer
6 Amber Schellinger
10 Carolyn Janz
11 Donald Keaton
11 Charlotte Legate
12 Ron Nuoffer
14 Elizabeth Schultz
15 Karen Hammen
16 Ruthann Gray
18 Paige Kirchner
18 Dan Yenter
19 Megan Johnson
23 Benjamin Kelln
23 Jameson Schellinger
24 Lucille Woods
27 Adam Ruback
29 Jim Peterson



28 Chad Bruss
28 Amber Dieringer
28 Owen Hua
28 Charlotte Legate
28 Peter Muth
30 Bob Lompa

JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2 Tom & Katie Schilling
11 Dan & Nancy Legate
17 Paul & Cindy Heinz
19 Ron & Evelyn Nuoffer
19 Josie & Mike Pfeiffer
22 Thai & Margie Hua
26 Beverly & Dan Struebing
27 Dan & Deb Yenter



JUNE BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

1 Peter Dummann
1 Michelle Sommerfeld
3 Violet Justman
6 Dan Arps
9 Amy Justman
9 Mark Ruback
11 Dorene Betz
12 John Unruh
13 Monica Jantz
15 Mark Oehme
16 Josh Miller
17 Michaela Grande
18 Kailyn Arps
18 Faith Sommerfeld
18 Dan Yenter
20 Jeff Schmidt
21 Bob Buehler
22 Alexander Betz
23 Brady Falk
24 Norm Bandler

