



ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
And
Early Childhood Campus

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

My Anchor Holds

“We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain” – **Hebrews 6:19**

A popular symbol used by early Christians during the first century was the anchor. In fact, inscriptions on believers' tombs dating back during this time period frequently display anchors alongside messages of hope and peace, which communicated how Christians felt in their anticipation of heaven. And bearing in mind that many first century Christians experienced intense persecution for the sake of the Gospel, the anchor as a Christian symbol is most relevant. For the rougher the weather, the more important your anchor is.

There is a story about an old sailor who lay dying. Just before he died, a friend who had been caring for him, asked him, “How goes it, mate?” The old sailor replied, “My anchor holds.” That’s the purpose of the anchor. It keeps the ship safely in position...and prevents it from drifting and colliding with objects which might cause it to sink.

Jesus is our anchor. Hooked up to Him in our Baptism, He steadies our lives and keeps us safe when the waves of trials, troubles, heartache, and pain pound against us. And we always want to be “anchored” to Jesus, for the waves of life are unrelenting as they pound our lives and try to loosen our grip from the very Anchor which steadies our lives.

Now, there are many people today who anchor themselves in the love of money, worldly goods, and false teachings. However, these things do not hold up. Instead, we turn

to Jesus who says in John 8:31-32: “If you abide in my word...you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Have questions about God, creation, heaven and hell, sin and salvation? Look no further than Scripture. And all Scripture points us to Christ.

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 because of concerns over COVID 19 and 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!

Your Brothers in Christ,

Pr. Jonathan Vierkant

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have **all** newsletter articles in by **Tuesday, March 23rd** to Cathy Grande at **standrewchurchwb@gmail.com**.

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

BOARD OF ELDERS

March is here. I think it’s safe to say winter has been long enough and while we have a little cold and snow to deal with, we can see light at the end of the tunnel. Hopefully, we will see Covid under control in the near future. Wouldn’t be great to get back to some normalcy? We will still have 2 services on Sunday’s in March. 8:00am and 10:30am with

drive-in and Communion outside when weather allows. 8:00 service to be live streamed. Going forward we would like to go back to one service at 9:00am with live streaming and outside drive-in w/Communion starting the first Sunday after Easter. (April 11th). Attendance inside has been such that we should be able to keep social distance parameters. Masks will be highly encouraged. More details to follow in April's newsletter.

Keep in mind that we celebrate Lent with services every Wednesday at 7:30pm with soup supper starting at 6:00. The only Wednesday night we do not have service is March 31st as we will be having a service on Maundy Thursday at 7:30 w/Communion (April 1st) and a service Good Friday no Communion (April 2nd). 2 services planned for Easter Sunday. 6:00am Sunrise and 9:00am. Would like to do breakfast in between services.

Confirmation class is going well. 2 classes per month. Date for Confirmation tbd.

We are looking for a few lay readers for our 10:30am service. If you are interested, please see any elder or Pastor.

We are still looking for someone to oversee our Live Streaming for our services. If you are good with computers, sound systems, cameras and microphones, we need your help. Extensive knowledge not necessary, we can train you. If you are interested, please see Cathy, Pastor or Craig Falk.

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

EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS

The Hope of Easter

If you google the word hope you would find that hope is a noun and its meaning states that it is a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen. Also, hope is commonly used to mean a wish. Merriam-Webster's definition of hope is to want something to happen or to be true. But in the Bible hope is the confident expectation of what God has promised and its strength is in His faithfulness. I know for me, hope is what I cling to as I journey through this life. There have been times in my life where all I had left was hope. That hope has brought me through some dark storms. No matter how hopeless your life may seem, Easter has a word of hope for you. Jesus, the Son of God, is not dead, He is alive. Jesus' resurrection has tremendous implications for us all. Because Jesus is risen, He is present with us, and that means hope, strength and encouragement. As we continue our walk with Jesus to the cross this Lenten season, we can be filled with hope, for Jesus lives, and so we too will live for eternity with Him.

Recently, I was sent an update from the Department of Child and Family Services on the Child Care Counts Program. For those of you that don't know, our campus was awarded state money for providing safe, healthy, and high-quality child care opportunities and also

for funding staff recruitment and retention efforts. Originally there was not a set time that these funds had to be used. That has now changed, and I have until March 31, 2021 to use these funds up or show a signed contract for work to be done in the near future. With that said, I have \$10,430.00 that I had allocated to be used on new flooring in the gym/fellowship area. I have received quotes for painting and flooring and will be having meetings regarding the use of these funds. If you have an interest in being part of this discussion or donating to this project, please contact me.

Registration for the 2021-2022 school is open and is doing well. Thank you, St. Andrew friends and members for keeping our campus in your prayers. Thank you for your generous gifts given throughout the years. You are a blessing to our precious ones. God is good, and continues to bless our children's ministry.

May you be filled with the Hope of Easter,

Sandy

BOARD OF EDUCATION

During Lent we should be spending more time in prayer as well as studying God's Word at a deeper level. When we do this, we walk with Jesus to the cross and develop a more meaningful and personal relationship with Jesus Christ. This time reading and reflecting on God's Word and prayer during Lent is an intricate part of Christian Education. I am reminded during these days of Lent that God gives strength to the weak. Our strength comes from God and it is because of Christ's death and resurrection that faith can mature and grow to the understanding of the real joy of Easter!

The Board of Education is planning for our Annual Plant Sale. The date is to be determined for our first fundraiser but it will take place late May or early June and the beautiful plants will again be a mix of perennials and some annuals. This sale will benefit Tuition Assistance. More to come on

the plant sale! The Brat Fry date will be the weekend of July 31st - August 1st, 2021. That date is reserved at Sausage Plus and this 2nd fundraiser will also benefit Tuition Assistance. We are so grateful for your support of these fundraisers and will keep you informed of upcoming events. We are also looking for additional members to join the Board of Education. You may contact a board member if you have any questions. Thank you!

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

Board Email Addresses

If you need to reach all members of a board, the tech committee has created an email address for each board that will reach all members.

Finance: fin_board@standrew-westbend.org
Elders: elder_board@standrew-westbend.org
Evangelism: evang_board@standrew-westbend.org
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Parking Lot Sealant Layer The final step in our parking lot is getting the top layer of sealant. While using the parking lot for services last summer, we felt it best to postpone until 2021, but now it is needed. The initial quote is \$6,400, but that could change depending on spring prices. If you would like to donate to this project, please designate "Parking Lot" on your check or envelope.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER: Once again we will have beautiful plants available for you to order to beautify the altar and give glory to our risen Lord and Savior on Easter Sunday. To place your order, pick-up a specially marked envelope from one of the ushers. The cost this year is: Lilies-single \$12.00; Lilies-double \$24.00; Mums \$15.00; Azaleas \$24.00; Hydrangeas \$30.00, Tulips \$12.50, Daffodils \$12.50, Hyacinths \$12.50. The deadline to order is March 10th.

Reader Schedule

March 7

Old Testament: Habakkuk 1:12-2:4

8 a.m. Debbie Yenter

10:30 a.m. Pastor

March 14

Old Testament: Habakkuk 2:5-12

8 a.m. Karen Gnatzig

10:30 a.m. Bob Buehler

March 21

Old Testament: Habakkuk 3:1-19

8 a.m. Jodie Falk

10:30 a.m. Pastor

March 28

Old Testament: Zechariah 9:9-12

Epistle Reading: Philippians 2-5-11

8 a.m. Carla Peterson

10:30 Bob Buehler

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WISH LIST

Approved by Church Council 10/22/20

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)

Church Sign for Front Yard

(Update and/or Move)

New flooring for gym and fellowship hall

Parking Lot sealant layer

***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.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 Patty Jantz
4 Craig Falk
4 Abigail Kelln
5 Sheriane Sauter
5 Joshua Vierkant
8 Bryan Woods
9 Deborah Osgood
11 Mary Bandler
12 Sue Johnson
12 Willow Krueger-Jantz
15 Amy Brehmer
15 Caleb Sommer
16 James Keaton
17 Lori Turenske
18 Aaron Heinz
21 Emma Sommerfeld
29 Cliff Hetzel
31 Fred Legate



MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

6 Jess & Nick Jug
12 Pamela & Gary Beaupre'
20 Ken & Dorene Betz



MARCH BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

1 Dan Woods
3 Bradley Sommer
5 Mark Kraft
6 Lois Dummann
9 Darren Keaton
10 Melissa Knox
11 Brittany Neumann
12 Debbie Yenter
15 Henry Grande
16 Myron Kraft
17 Brittany Osgood
17 Cheyenne Osgood
17 Kiara Osgood
19 Harper Ratzel
20 Beverly Struebing
22 Chris Struebing
23 Darrell Harrison
26 Sheriane Sauter
26 Joshua Vierkant

