



ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
And
Early Childhood Campus

7750 State. Hwy. 144 N
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 Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

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 Sunday School and Bible Class 10:15 a.m.

March 2022

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Just a Mirage

“As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.” – Psalm 42:1

Years and years ago, a guide was leading Egyptian troops through the desert looking for water. The troops thought they saw water, but the guide said it was just a mirage and tried to prevent them from running toward it. The troops killed the guide and ran toward the water. When they got there, it was all sand. They all eventually died.

The devil is so clever. He shows us “water.” But it is only a delusion. It is just sand and sand is never water. When the Egyptian soldiers arrived at the mirage, they sank to their knees in sand.

Of course, there is Water available. Jesus gives you living water. He who died on the cross for our sins and rose again three days later satisfies our thirst with the promise that *“whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” – John 4:14*

Are you thirsty? Do you yearn for hope and life eternal? Do you want to go on forever? Like those Egyptian soldiers, do you cry out “Water, Water?” Spiritual thirst sends desperate messages: tempers, waves of worry, hopelessness, loneliness, insecurity, etc. Jesus, on the other hand, fills the empty wells that we’ve dug for ourselves with living water,

the void that sinful humans try unsuccessfully to fill with all manner of things. Jesus alone is the source of Living Water who brings joy to a world thirsting for His precious love.

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 to 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 **Thursday, March 24th** to Cathy Grande at **standrewchurchwb@gmail.com**.

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

BOARD OF ELDERS

We are in the season of snow & cold temperatures. The Pastor and the Chairman of the Elders will make the decision if the church service needs to be cancelled no later than 2 hours before the start of the service and we will communicate the cancellation no later than 1.5 hours before the service. Please consult the following for the notification.

1—WTMJ 4

2—Fox 6 (also AM 920, FM 106.1, Oldies 95.7, Radio Now 97, and AM 1130 WISN)

3—St. Andrew website:

www.standrew-westbend.org

4—St. Andrew Facebook page

5—Via email from church for those who have signed up (if you have not already signed up please contact the church office with your email address.)

We have gluten free wafers for members who need to use them for Communion. Please let one of the Elders know, before the start of the service, if you want us to give you a gluten free wafer and we would be more than happy to give one to you. Just remind us before the start of the service.

March 2 is Ash Wednesday, and the start of the Lenten Season. We will again have a 6:00 Soup Supper (Elders will bring soup for Ash Wednesday) and our 7:00 worship service every Wednesday evening during Lent. Please join us for Christian fellowship with food for the body and then food for the soul as we prepare for the suffering, crucifixion and then the triumphant resurrection of Jesus. If you are a member of a board, committee or organization and would like to sponsor one of the soup suppers, please sign up on the bulletin board. You can decide if you want soup, casseroles, or something new for the main event.

We are starting a new opportunity for volunteering at St. Andrew. We have several members who could use a ride to our church services. Please let one of the Elders, or Pastor, know if you are interested in giving one of your church family a helping hand, or if you would like a ride to church, and we will get drivers and rides together as the opportunity arise. We will try to hook up drivers and riders together that live in the same direction from church to make it easier for both.

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 your concerns are. 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)

EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS

But Jesus said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14

The word suffer is an old word meaning allow or let. In the NIV Bible this verse reads as such: Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Often times we "let" our children play video games, have friends over, stay up late, or eat snacks and candy. To me, the word let, in this case, is giving them permission. Jesus was giving His disciples permission or allowing the children to come to Him, Jesus knew how important children were. The children were then blessed by Jesus, and I can imagine they sat on His lap and held His hand.

It is so vital that we "let" our children come to Jesus, or really lead our children to know Him as their Lord and Savior. So bring your children to church and Sunday School. Have family devotions together. I tell you all this because of what happened in school this week. While telling this story to our 4K children this week, the children made a discovery. One kiddo said, "we are children!" Mrs. Moser then shared with me that she was able to expand the story by letting them know; yes, you are, and Jesus loves you and cares for you so much, just like the children in our Bible story. This Bible verse is the base of our Mission Statement for our ECC. May this continue to be the reason our doors stay open, and the children gather together for Jesus Time each day.

Thanks be to God for He has led Mrs. Lindsey Moser to be our next ECC Director. You may have to pry me away from here, but I leave you all in good hands. Lindsey will begin her position as a Teaching Director on June 1st, 2022. I will remain for the 2022-2023 school year as her mentor or trainer. After next school year, I will retire.

Please consider bringing in an item for our Servant Event. Our recipient is Family Promise, and the list of needs is posted on the church bulletin board. Your donated item can be placed in the box in the gym. Thank you!

Our ECC children will be singing in church on Sunday, October 20th. As in the past, there will be no communion that Sunday due to the number of visitors. A fellowship time with coffee and snacks will be after the service. Please stay and make our ECC families feel welcomed.

In Service to God and His precious ones,
Sandy

BOARD OF MINISTRIES

Ephesians 2:10. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good

works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

A talent is something that you are instinctually born with that gives you unique skills and abilities. Talent is set apart from knowledge in that it is not a learned behavior, although it can be strengthened and practiced. The Bible tells us that we are all born with distinct talents and gifts that set us apart from each other. When you discover the talents that God has given you and you use them to glorify Him, you will experience a full life! Our loving Lord wants us to feel whole and complete, and it is through talents that we can find our unique calling in life!

St. Andrew is throwing a Birthday Bash! On Sunday March 20, the fun begins at 3PM; Supper at 4:30 (Hotdogs, chips, cupcakes) We will celebrate everyone's birthday with an old fashion party. Lots of games, laughter, fellowship. RSVP on sign-up sheet.

Some additional events we are working on
Brat Fry – July 9 & 10
Plant Sale – May 22
West Bend Farmers Market
Kewaskum Farmers Market
Summer VBS – we are looking for help
Youth Group – it will be 1.5 hours on Friday evenings.
Details will be announced as final preparations are concluded.

In the Service of the Lord
The Ministry Board

Sarah Peterson - Chair Person
Jeff Grande, Katie Vierkant, Debbie Yenter
Carla Peterson, Joanne Miller, Dan Berres
Rory Hetzel

FUTURE OF OUR CONGREGATION WORKSHOP

Join us March 3 and March 17 at 6:00 pm as we continue to explore and discover the mission of St. Andrew for today and for the future! Pastor Nathan Meador will continue to

lead the process. All church members are encouraged to attend this fun interactive and insightful workshop. If you have questions or want more details contact Pastor Jon or Kathy Muth. We hope to see you there!

SISTERS IN CHRIST

What a wonderful blessing to be back together again studying God's Word and planning activities and mission work for the springtime! We welcome all women of all ages. Please join in an activity that interests you. You do not have to come to or plan everything. It is your choice, but know that we would love to see more of our Sisters in Christ join in our activities. We really are a fun group!

What is ahead.....

The Bible study called Pew Sisters is taking place on Tuesdays at 11:30am. Join us at The Hub for lunch, sharing and study. The coffee is good, but the company is even better!

We began our Sisters Breakfast Meetings once again. On Saturday, February 26th at 9:00am we met at Cafe Floriana. Details were discussed regarding our Bridal Fashion Show in spring. We can't wait to tell you more! If you have a bridal dress, mother of the bride/groom dress, bridesmaid dress or a flower girl dress that you would like to model for us or have put on display, please contact one of us. An invitation will be sent out to all women of our congregation. Friends and family are always welcome to attend too!

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 2nd at 1:00pm

All children ages toddlers to age 12 are welcomed! Please sign up your children, grandchildren, friends and family on the bulletin board so we can be sure to fill enough eggs for everyone. Crafts and cookie decorating will take place in the gym following the hunt.

Needed: Candy donations and small toys/stickers. Place items in basket in the Narthex. Thank you!

Have an idea for an activity, mission project, or field trip...just let us know!

Celebrating our Sisterhood in Christ,
Sandy, Judi and Kathy

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 \$14.00; Lilies-double \$28.00; Mums \$15.00; Azaleas \$25.00; Hydrangeas \$32.00, Tulips \$13.50, Daffodils \$13.50, Hyacinths \$13.50. The deadline to order is March 17th.

YOU ARE THE KEY TO ST. ANDREW'S SUCCESS. (PART 3)



What can I do to help the future of St. Andrew?

One sure way to help St. Andrew is through prayer. Set aside a permanent time to pray daily. Pray in your mind or out loud, but pray **God doesn't answer my prayers.** Well actually He does, just not always the way or timing we want. To pray means to **Push Until Something Happens.** Prayers do not always get answered the way we want them to. Pastor O'Connor used to say prayers are answered one of 3 ways. 1) No, I have something better in mind, 2) No, not now, and 3) Yes, and here's a lot more. It is all in His timing.

Praying involves both Praising God and then asking for help. Praise him first and foremost. The people in the Old Testament praised God before asking for help. So, let's model them. If you can remember this acronym it will help you

to pray as we are taught: ACTS- Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication or asking for help.

Who do I pray for? Just the church? Well, yes and no. We need to pray for the church, its leadership, the pastor, as well as our fellow congregational members. We also need to pray for leaders around the state, country and world.

Start with your own family. Pray for your spouse. That person was chosen for you by God and He wants you to pray for them daily.

Really? My spouse ignores me or criticizes me all the time. Why should I waste my time praying for my spouse? In the movie and bible study called the "War Room" it talks about fighting the real enemy- Satan. So, pray that God helps to protect them from Satan and his evil ways. Pray for the marriage you want and pray for yourself to not be negative. That is what the devil wants.... You to give up.

In addition to your spouse pray for your children. It doesn't matter how old they are, their life style choices or problems they are having. Again, ask God to be with them and guide them. Pray that your children feel yours and Gods love and acceptance.

Now we can start praying for others. Look at your bulletin and pray for those mentioned in there. **Didn't we pray for them already at church?** Yes, we did. Would you want people to only pray once for your health or your loved one's safety? No. So we need to do our part. Ask that if it be God's will they would be healed, comforted or kept safe.

Next, pick names out the directory that you do not personally know and pray for them. Pray that God shows them His glory and that He is there for them. And pray for those you know who have been absent from church for whatever reason. If you know their situation, pray that God helps them with their situation and opens their hearts to return to fellowship. Pray for their health. Ask God to guide them to be by His side.

Next, pray for visitors or people you invited to join us at church. Pray that they will see St. Andrew as a place full of God's love and peace. Pray for Pastor. **What??? Doesn't he have an 'in' with God?** Yes, he does know God and God knows him, but he is human. He has doubts and concerns. Sometimes he doesn't think he is reaching his flock, or doing enough. We all have doubts and need bolstering up. Please pray for him.

Pray for our church leadership. The boards are only human and comprised of a small percentage of the church membership. If you want us to grow, we need God's guidance and your prayers.

Pray for our local, state and national leaders as well. Pray that God would help them lead in a Christian fashion. Pray that the devil and his minions would leave and allow these people to do what is right for all involved.

Pray for yourself as well. Ask God to help you with whatever is troubling you. Ask Him for strength and ask Him what else you could do for St. Andrew.

Life Thought from Lutherans for Life

The fruits of the ground belong to the Lord (Deuteronomy 26:10); how much more the fruit of the womb! Children aren't ours to do with as we wish. We must treat them even before birth as the Father Almighty wills. He holds every human life precious enough (Romans 10:12) to meet the needs of all our bodies (Psalm 91:5-6, 12). It's an invitation for us to do the same.

Please **mark your calendar and consider joining us** for the next gathering of Lutherans for Life Ozaukee County Chapter. Tuesday, May 17, 7:00 p.m., River of Life Lutheran Church, 598 W Hillcrest Rd, Saukville 53080.

Check out the latest LifeDate at lutheransforlife.org resources!

USHER SCHEDULE

Week 1: Josh Miller, Jeff Schmidt, Mark Ruback & Leo Ruback

Week 2: Dan Yenter, Miles Yenter, Kabel Wuebben

Week 3: Hua Family, Paul Heinz

Week 4: Curt Gnatzig, Matt Gnatzig, Mark Janz

(Week 5) – In the event that there is a 5th week in the month, volunteers will be Coordinated

3/14-3/19	Sue Pam Rory Paul Cindy	Hetzel Beaupre Hetzel Heinz Heinz
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3/21-3/26	Pastor Jon Katie Myron	Vierkant Vierkant Kraft
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Reader Schedule

March 6

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Epistle: Romans 10:8b-13

March 13

Old Testament: Jeremiah 26:8-15
Epistle: Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

March 20

Old Testament: Ezekiel 33:7-20
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

March 27

Old Testament: Isaiah 12:1-6
Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

CLEANING SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

2/28-3/5	Melissa Carla Sandy	Knox Peterson Lompa
3/7-3/12	Randy Kris Stephanie Cathy	Sheffield Sheffield Gutschmidt Grande

ST. ANDREW WISH LIST

Approved by Church Council 10/28/21

Organ

White tables
(type that we have in the fellowship hall)

Carpet cleaner
(contact a Trustee for specifications)

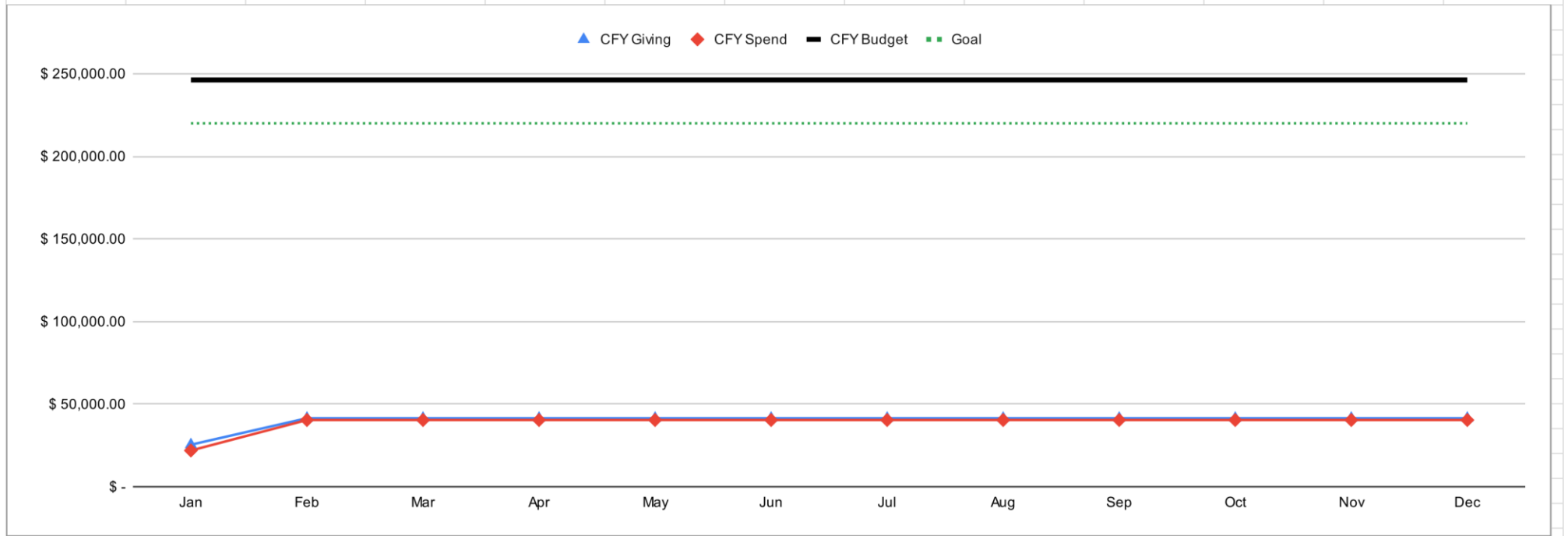
HandBell Maintenance
(approx.. \$2,000)

Church Sign for Front Yard
(Update and/or Move)

***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.

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Givings	\$ 25,476.65	\$ 16,052.03										
Spend	\$ 21,973.51	\$ 18,440.06										
CFY Giving	\$ 25,476.65	\$ 41,528.68	\$ 41,528.68	\$ 41,528.68	\$ 41,528.68	\$ 41,528.68	\$ 41,528.68	\$ 41,528.68	\$ 41,528.68	\$ 41,528.68	\$ 41,528.68	\$ 41,528.68
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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 Sandy Berres
- 19 Harper Ratzel
- 20 Beverly Struebing
- 22 Chris Struebing
- 23 Darrell Harrison
- 26 Sheriane Sauter
- 26 Joshua Vierkant





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