



**ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**And**  
**Early Childhood Campus**

Sunday Worship 9 a.m.  
Bible Class 10:15 a.m.

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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

**Practice Makes Perfect**

About 4 years ago I was taking acoustic guitar lessons at a music shop in Lake Zurich, Illinois. It was my desire to learn a new musical instrument, and perhaps have some tunes ready for when baby number three (Joshua) finally arrived. The only problem is that I was never completely faithful in practicing the guitar apart from the lessons I received. And, of course, there was also the pleasant distraction involving the move up north to Wisconsin that took place during the months of March/April 2017. However, the biggest culprit of all is the lack of practice (and I do believe that practice makes perfect). So, after collecting dust in my office for almost three years, I finally gave my guitar over for my oldest to try his hand at.

Practice makes perfect. This is especially true in the context of the times we are living in today. With the spread of the coronavirus, we have been reminded to practice good hygiene—wash your hands, use sanitizer, and disinfect surfaces. We have also been taught the merits of social distancing – though, unlike the others, I prefer to see this as only a short-term practice and solution.

But now, what about fear? No amount of washing your hands can scrub away the fear that many people have been facing during the past couple months. And it doesn't help reading the doomsday headlines in the newspaper or on the TV screen that some folks in the media seem to enjoy peddling. Well, as a people of faith, we are called to trust God, rather than give in to fear and panic. All

throughout scripture “Be not afraid” is a common theme. Whether it involves the Israelites being trapped on the shores of the Red Sea with the Egyptian army coming up behind them...or facing a new enemy who were as terrifying giants in their own eyes (Numbers 13) — the word was, “Do not be afraid.” That was also the message communicated by Christ and to Christians throughout the New Testament: “Do not be afraid.” For God is with you...God is in charge...God is able.

Practice makes perfect. And it is much the same way with faith and prayer. The more you are focused on God rather than the problem, the more manageable the problem becomes. Now, fear can be a good thing. For example, you want your children to fear talking to strangers...and fear can keep you from walking into danger that could have been avoided. But most especially, fear can also take you to Jesus who forgives your sins and who promises to never leave you nor forsake you. It will be interesting to see where everything stands in our nation concerning the coronavirus, the deaths, and all of the restrictions. It seems to be changing every week (and for the better). Yet, come what may...Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Until worship resumes inside the church building, we will continue to have drive in worship services here at St. Andrew. We will let you know when this worship arrangement will change. I also continue to lead 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!  
Pastor Jon Vierkant

## **BOARD OF ELDERS**

Another month has gone by since our last letter and we are still fighting a dreaded disease. Hoping for a quick end so we can get back to normal. Not easy having to adjust sometimes. Nobody likes change. But maybe if we look, there might be a silver lining or 2. What a great time to get into our bibles. Spend extra time in prayer, connect with those we haven't seen in awhile. Take heart and be strong, our Loving, Merciful God will get us through this.

We will continue our parking lot services at 9:00am on Sundays as they have been very well attended. Thank you to all for your help in making this work. Thank you all for attending. We will continue offering Communion wherever possible. Trying to work around weather issues but think we are closer to having Communion most Sundays. Obviously, this can change almost daily and we will do our best to keep this going unless our government mandates something different. If so, we will come up with a new plan. Please check our website as any changes will be noted there.

We have 1 meeting left for confirmation class with minimal make-up to do. Confirmation Sunday has been moved out to a date to be determined in June.

Our search for a permanent organist continues. We do not have any good leads at this time. However, Josh Hua, Shannon and Caleb Krueger and Charlie Hess will continue to help us out.

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)

## **EVANGELISM**

Evangelism is planning the following events in the months to come (dependent on quarantine standards at that time):

- Kewaskum Farmers Market
- Flag Day Parade in Waubeka (June)
- Rummage Sale July 18
- West Bend Farmers Market Oct. 10
- West Bend Christmas parade
- Each One His Witness workshop (date TBD)
- Blood Drive (date TBD)
- Church Cookbook fundraiser (funds to go to church sign and/or local charity)
- Possible other church sign fundraiser

We welcome suggestions and other ideas, as well as any interested committee members!

Katie Vierkant

## **STEWARDSHIP**

What does it mean to be God's steward? This is the seventh article in an eight month series. We'll continue to look into different principles of being God's stewards based on His revealed

word. 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 Are Served and Serving

This is a recognition that we live a Gospel-powered life of service. Our servant-hood is demonstrated in all aspects of our life.

Who comes to mind when you think of the word "servant"? Are they people who have impacted your life personally or impacted the congregation? The greatest example of a servant comes from Christ himself. His ultimate act of service for the whole world was his sacrifice on the cross. But his whole earthly life leading up to that also set the standard for us. He lived his life as a servant, washing feet, caring for the sick, and reminding us that the road to greatness is achieved by serving others first. We should challenge and encourage each other in compassion, love and charity that brings honor to God. It can be difficult to put others needs ahead of our own, but we have the benefit of our church family to help support each other.

One last thing to remember, our service is not bound to "church" activities. Our whole-life should be a reflection of God's Grace. Our lives should be a benefit to all of God's creation.

Review and pray over the following verses: *Mark 10, Matt 20, Phil 2.*

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?

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS

*Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

*Ephesians 3:20-21*

What a month we have all had! Our normal everyday life for many, and for our school, has been radically different in the past 4-6 weeks. The school doors have been closed, no sound of children's laughter has been heard, no children waiting each morning at the school doors for them to be unlocked and to enter into their school world of learning and growing in God's love. Yes, different that is for sure. Many thoughts of what will become of our children's ministry has crossed my mind. But In Ephesians 3:20-21 we can find the best defense for worry by staying in prayer and communication with God. I trust that God can and will do far more than we can imagine! God has got us, and His plan for our campus, our church, and for each of us will be made known. So stay in prayer, trust in Him, and give the control back to God.

Our campus will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. It is my plan to have a closing family picnic and 4K graduation program in early summer. Many little hearts are sad and some big hearts too! But my staff and I will continue to praise God for the blessings we have received. Our church and school have been approved for the Payroll Protection Plan which will help us continue to pay all our staff and keep our school up and running for the 2020-2021 school year. Thanks be to God!

In the next weeks ahead our ECC staff will pack up all the children's belongings and their art work and homework/activity packs for pick up. We will clean and sanitize our classrooms and the gym and close up the classrooms for the summer. Our school year may have come to an end rather quickly, but knowing that God has been with us along the way has given us comfort and peace for the future.

May you also find comfort and peace knowing that God can do more than you can imagine in your life too.

In His Grip,  
Sandy Ruback

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In March Covid 19 Pandemic stopped our Education Hour Bible Study, Sunday School, ECC, worship and BOE meetings inside the church due to Safer At Home guidelines and social distancing that were required by the State of WI.

The families enrolled in the St. Andrew Tuition Financial Assistance Program have stated their child's teachers from St. Johns, St. Paul's and Living Word have been wonderful providing resources and materials for home schooling.

Technology and computer programs have been utilized in the home setting to attain skills and complete work.

Pastor has a blog that is wonderful in summarizing Sunday Sermon and Bible lesson for each Sunday. Members have been encouraged to participate and join Interactive Bible Class.

Brat Fry is scheduled for August 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will ask for some donations to help save \$. God bless everyone for your help and support.

We are rescheduling the Spring Plant Sale to early June instead of the May 17th date. More to come on the exact date. Although it would be nice to have these plants earlier for planting, the committee decided that you would

like to see the plants before you purchase them. We will have 50 plants - a nice variety of perennials and some annuals. All the plants will be \$7.00 to 8.00 each. The sale benefits the Tuition Assistance Program. Planting is something we can do to help keep God's earth beautiful. If you don't have a garden you may want give it as a gift to someone who needs a happy reminder that God loves them!

*In Christ,  
Rory Hetzel, Joanne Miller, Judi Reidel  
and Debbie Yenter*

### **SISTERS IN CHRIST**

As we walk together through this time of struggle and uncertainty, Sisters in Christ want you to know that we are here for you. If your family, a friend, or a neighbor is in need of food or basic health care supplies please, let Sandy Ruback or Judi Bastian know. Sisters are here to help! Call Sandy at 262-689-3709 or Judi Bastian at 262-388-4806.

May God continue to watch over you keeping you healthy and strong,  
Sandy and Judi

### **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,
- the correct spelling of your (your child's) name.

We would like this information for our Sunday bulletin and monthly newsletter. We also would like to let the graduate 'say a few words' after a Sunday service about their plans for the future. Please give this information to the church office. Thank you.

## May 2020 Usher Schedule

**FOOD PANTRY ITEM** for the month of May is meal helpers and rice. For example, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, and Rice-a-Roni. All month long, we will be collecting these items on the table in the Narthex (next to the ushers room).

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all newsletter articles in by **Tuesday, May 26th** to Cathy Grande at [standrewchurchwb@gmail.com](mailto:standrewchurchwb@gmail.com).

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

#### **WISH LIST**

Approved by Church Council 5/23/2019

#### **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 the Front Yard**

*\*\*\*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.*

#### **Team #5**

Paul Heinz

**May 3**

Pete Hesprich

Mark Janz

#### **Team #6**

Bob Buehler

**May 10**

Norman Rettammel

Randy Sheffield

#### **Team #1**

Dan Yenter

**May 17**

Miles Yenter

Carla Peterson

Greg Knox

#### **Team #2**

Ken Betz

**May 24**

Rick Bruss

Blake Sommer

Josh Miller

#### **Team #3**

Mark Ruback

**May 31**

Myron Kraft

Jeff Schmidt

Dave Brehmer

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

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Dorene Betz  
1 Henry Dummann  
2 Melissa Arps  
5 Austin Legate  
5 Debra Oehme  
6 Dave Kelln  
6 Angela Sommer  
7 Faith Sommerfeld  
9 Peter Dummann  
11 Chad Bruss  
11 Brady Falk  
11 Josh Kraft  
12 John Unruh  
13 Owen Hua  
16 Samuel Kelln  
17 Riley Falk  
21 Kailyn Arps  
23 Josh Miller  
24 Amy Justman  
25 Mark Ruback  
26 Mark Oehme  
31 Peter Muth



22 Brooke Dieringer  
22 Tom Schilling  
24 Henry Dummann  
26 Debra Oehme  
27 Melissa Arps  
30 Jodie Falk

## MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1 Roger & Sheriane Sauter  
12 Brad & Jennifer Becker  
21 Jennifer & Gary Kohler  
27 Adam & Alison Ruback  
29 Craig & Jodie Falk  
30 Gary & Lisa Baertlein



## MAY BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

1 Paul Heinz  
1 Debbie Puestow  
4 Caleb Falk  
4 Jeff Grande  
5 Grant Schellinger  
6 Pat Nysse  
7 Larry Schilling  
9 Ken Betz  
10 Cathy Grande  
11 Rick Bruss  
11 Aaron Heinz  
12 Al Taft  
13 Corbin Becker  
13 Shary Kraft  
13 Miles Yenter  
19 Jonah Gutschmidt  
20 Linda Derse  
20 Lee Sommerfeld

