



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

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.  
Bible Class 10:15 a.m.

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**May 2022**

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

*The End of the Rope*

*“Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.” -Psalm 25:6*

Someone once said, “When you get to the end of your rope, be thankful – God is there!”

He was there one morning when the disciples were at the end of their rope. They had fished the whole night and caught nothing. Suddenly they heard Jesus calling to them from the shore. “Let down your nets for a catch,” He said. They did and there were so many fish, their nets began to break.

When the disciples of Jesus were in the upper room following His death, they again seemed to be at the end of their rope. Jesus was dead. They surely thought they would be next. Suddenly Jesus appeared! He comforted them and gave them heart and courage.

There are days when things will go badly for us. We won't be able to get anything going. Nothing will work out right. We will be all thumbs, our toleration level will be at zero, and we will be at the end of our rope. But when we get there, Jesus will also be there, just as He was there with the disciples when they were at the end of their rope.

My encouragement for you today is to remain in tune with Jesus. His words and

promises are the source of your strength. Jesus who took your rags of sin and had them nailed to the cross with Him has given you the perfect clothes of His righteousness. And so it is, as we bed down for the night, or rise again to the new day, we have in our possession all the riches of God's love and grace, the peace of mind which surpasses all understanding, and His many promises.

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!  
Pastor Jon Vierkant

**BOARD OF ELDERS**

Jesus is risen, He is risen indeed, hallelujah. We pray that everyone had a blessed Easter and are rejoicing in the knowledge that Jesus has risen from the dead to take away our sins so we can join Him in heaven.

St. Andrew has three youth that will be Confirmed this month—Charlotte Grande, Owen Hua & Emma Sommerfeld. The examination will take place on Tuesday, 5/10 with Confirmation being held on Sunday, 5/15 at the 9:00 service. Please keep these youth

in your prayers as they continue their walk with God.

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. Also please let the Elders know if you would like to take Communion in the pew and we would be more than happy to do that for you.

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 & Youth/Confirmation  
(262-338-8149)  
Randy Sheffield—Secretary, Music/Reader  
(262-689-5405)  
Bob Buehler— In-Actives,  
Fundraiser/Personnel (262-334-4013)  
Thai Hua—Ushers (262-388-6434)  
Dan Berres—Sick/Shut-ins & Care Ministry—  
(262-689-4584)

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS**

*Father welcomes all His children  
To His Family through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation  
Life forever has been won.*

*Verse 1- Little children, come to Me,  
For My Kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give,  
Mercy for your sin.*

*-Lutheran Hymnal 605*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write my final newsletter article as St. Andrew's Early Childhood Campus Director, I leave you with the words of one of my favorite hymns. This hymn sums up why God called me to do His work, in this place, and for the past 25 years. God welcomes His children to St. Andrew ECC where they can become part of His family, where they find God's love, where His salvation and forgiveness is given them, and where life forever has been won. Thank you for blessing me with the opportunity to serve my Lord here at St. Andrew. My heart is full of gratitude and love for St Andrew and the almost 1,000 precious ones that have walked through our school door. I have been blessed abundantly!  
To God Be The Glory!

St. Andrew...you will forever be in my heart,

Sandy

## **BOARD OF MINISTRIES**

God has called St. Andrew to live in Christ so that all may know and trust in Jesus. We have heard the Easter message, He is Risen! Christ's victory over death is what believe and is His promise to us! At times, however in our imperfect life we face adversities that challenge our faith. Jesus comes to us in our moments of adversity and in times of doubt. In John 20, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." A few verses later Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven then. If you withhold forgiveness from any it

is withheld.” We are called to live our life as faithful Christians. Jesus sends us out to help others invite them to church, listen to them and share the Good News of Jesus! Through Gods Holy Spirit he will direct our feet to new challenges and blessings. He will guide us and take us through each experience for our good and for His Glory.

## **Upcoming Events**

Supporting Tuition Assistance  
Plant Sale and Cookout  
Sunday, May 22nd, 2022

After service and Sunday School - bring lawn chairs for outside if you would like. Purchase plants and have lunch!

Tuition Assistance  
Brat Fry  
July 9th and July 10<sup>th</sup>  
Sausage Plus in West Bend  
More info to come.

West Bend Farmers Market  
Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

Kewaskum Farmers Market  
Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

VBS Summer 2022  
more info to come

Youth Group - First Friday of the month (all ages welcome).

In Service to the Lord,  
The Ministry Board  
Sarah Peterson, Chair  
Jeff Grande, Katie Vierkant, Debbie Yenter,  
Carla Peterson, Joanne Miller, Sandy Berres,  
and Rory Hetzel

## **SISTERS IN CHRIST**

Due to the lack of participants, we had to cancel our Bridal Fashion Show for May 1st. We may try again in fall, it was going to be a delightful event full of fun and entertainment.

Pew Sisters Bible study on Tuesdays has 3 more sessions. After the completion of this study, we are looking into offering a Bible study in the summer. Last year we met at a park and enjoyed the beautiful outdoors while studying God's Word. Details will be coming soon.

Serving Christ,  
Sandy, Judi, and Kathy

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please have **all** newsletter articles in by **Tuesday, May 24th** to Cathy Grande at **standrewchurchwb@gmail.com**.

## **Community Support**

In lieu of food pantry donations for the remainder of the year, we will be collecting items to support other local and regional human service organizations. During May, we will be collecting items to support FRIENDS, Inc, a women's shelter in West Bend. The items that they need most are: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, Qtips, children's socks

## **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.

## LCMS FOUNDATION

Faithful stewardship of your estate means keeping up with changes in the world and in your personal life and making sure that your plans are up to date. If it has been ten years since the last time you visited your plan, chances are that your family has changed. You might have more children, or grandchildren, that were not named before. To make sure family gifts pass the way you want them to, you need to update your plans. Contact Craig Toerpe, your Gift Planning Counselor of the LCMS Foundation to help you get started on your journey, answer questions regarding gifts to family, ministry, or other questions you may have regarding your Last Will and Testament at 262-707-3005 or [craig.toerpe@lfn.org](mailto:craig.toerpe@lfn.org)

### Reader Schedule

**May 1**

**First Reading: Acts 9:1-22**

**Epistle: Revelation 5:8-14**

**9 a.m. Karen Gnatzig**

**May 8**

**First Reading: Acts 20:17-35**

**Epistle: Revelation 7:9-17**

**9 a.m. Bob Buehler**

**May 15**

**First Reading: Acts 11:1-18**

**Epistle: Revelation 21:1-7**

**9 a.m. Jodie Falk**

**May 22**

**First Reading: Acts 16:9-15**

**Epistle Reading: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27**

**9 a.m. Kris Sheffield**

**May 29**

**First Reading: Acts 1:12-26**

**Epistle Reading: Revelation 22:1-6, 12-20**

**9 a.m. Carla Peterson**

## **ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### ***WISH LIST***

Approved by Church Council 4/22/21

**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)

**Refillable Altar Candles**

( ~ \$80 each)

**Updated Sound System**

\*\*\*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.

\*\*\* Any funds given for a Wish List item that exceed the cost will be put in our Capital Expense Fund for the next large project.

## 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 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  
27 Dale Hartmann  
31 Peter Muth



22 Brooke Dieringer  
22 Tom Schilling  
24 Henry Dummann  
26 Debra Oehme  
26 Liam Ratzel  
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  
7 Larry Schilling  
8 Josephina Muth  
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 Lee Sommerfeld



Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Givings	\$ 25,476.65	\$ 16,052.03	\$ 16,772.62	\$ 17,768.00								
Spend	\$ 21,973.51	\$ 18,440.06	\$ 21,359.67	\$ 20,995.79								
CFY Giving	\$ 25,476.65	\$ 41,528.68	\$ 58,301.30	\$ 76,069.30	\$ 76,069.30	\$ 76,069.30	\$ 76,069.30	\$ 76,069.30	\$ 76,069.30	\$ 76,069.30	\$ 76,069.30	\$ 76,069.30
CFY Spend	\$ 21,973.51	\$ 40,413.57	\$ 61,773.24	\$ 82,769.03	\$ 82,769.03	\$ 82,769.03	\$ 82,769.03	\$ 82,769.03	\$ 82,769.03	\$ 82,769.03	\$ 82,769.03	\$ 82,769.03
CFY Budget	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00	\$ 246,232.00
Goal	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00

