



ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
And
Early Childhood Campus

Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30 a.m.
Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

For Sale?

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. – **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

A man by the name of Orin Philip Gifford noted that Ahab sold himself for a vineyard and that Judas sold himself for a bag of coins. Then he asked, "Are you for sale?"

The answer should be "no." We were bought with a price – the price of God's own Son. We belong to God. And each individual baptized Christian has a body fitted to be a temple of the Holy Spirit!

What we have as God's children is of far more value than the thirty pieces of silver Judas got for selling Jesus and far greater in value than the vineyard Ahab coveted and finally seized. We have eternal life, guaranteed by God through the suffering, death, and merits of His own Son.

But Satan will keep trying. He is not one to get discouraged and some people will cave in to his unrelenting efforts to break them down. What we need to do each time he wants to strike up a deal with us is look at the cross, pray and give thanks to God for our new life, and say to Satan for the millionth time, "What is there about 'no' that you do not understand?"

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 and bring God's Word and Jesus' body and blood in the sacrament to you. Please do not hesitate to give me a call me.

Let's stay connected!
Pastor Jon Vierkant

BOARD OF ELDERS

I hope and pray that everyone had a blessed Easter and it was more like "normal" than it was last year. It was good to see all the people that came to services on Easter and I would like to remind everyone that we have services every Sunday, both inside and outside for people who are not quite ready to come in but still want to have Christian fellowship. We also live stream the 8:00 service.

Starting Sunday, May 30 (Memorial Day weekend) we will be changing to one 9:00 service each week. We will continue with both the inside and the outside drive-in services with Communion for both (weather permitting for outside service) every Sunday.

If you cannot make a service, you can still watch it by going to the St. Andrew website and hitting the St. Andrew YouTube Channel button which is on the right side of the home page about half way down. You can also go directly to YouTube and look up St. Andrew Lutheran, West Bend.

If you are interested in volunteering at church, we are looking for a few more lay readers, ushers and someone to oversee, or just operate the Live Streaming for our

services. If you are willing to learn, we are willing to train you for any of these positions. Please see one of the Elders, Cathy Grande, Craig Falk or Pastor.

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 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)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

As we look around outside, we see plants popping up out of the ground, trees are budding and the grass is turning green again. The daffodils and bleeding hearts are blooming again! Spring has arrived and we can see these changes taking place in nature as things are coming back to life. We are Easter people and Christ changes us too if we continue to learn and study God's Word and attend worship to praise Him. Through

Him we become something more beautiful like the beautiful flowers in a sense by helping us grow our faith into something new by the way we live our lives while we're here and when we die when our soul lives on with Jesus in Heaven.

The Board of Education has continued to communicate by email. We have the date set for the plant sale on Sunday, June 6th. The sale will benefit Tuition Assistance helping students who are enrolled in a Christian LCMS Education school and are active members of St. Andrew. Fifty plants will be available for purchase and this will take place outside (by the picnic tables) next to the garage. We hope you come!!!

Lastly the Brat Fry is scheduled for Saturday, July 31st and Sunday, August 1st. More information to come on this 2nd fundraiser. With the end of the Sunday School and ECC year approaching, pray for the students and families of St. Andrew as well as all students.

Pray that they continue to learn and experience God's presence in their lives and that they know God's great love for them! Please let us know if you have any questions for the BOE! Thank you!

God's Blessings to you,
Rory Hetzel, Joanne Miller, Judi Riedel and Debbie Yenter

EVANGELISM

The Evangelism Board has started becoming more active again. This past month, a group was able to go down and serve at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. We served food and helped clean up after lunch. We hope to go again in fall. We also had our first highway clean-up. We had a lot of help which makes the job easier. Thank you to those who helped! Future highway clean-ups will be June 13th and September 5th.

We will again be having a rummage sale. This year it will be Friday, June 25th and Saturday, June 26th. We ask that anyone who wants to donate items, please bring them in after

Memorial Day. Since the preschool gym area is getting new carpet and paint, we will have to store and start setting things up in the kitchen/fellowship area. We will again be looking for volunteers to help organize, clean, and price items. There will be a sign up sheet with dates and times to help out towards the end of May.

Other events we will be participating in include the West Bend Farmer's Market on July 10. We will also host another Blood Drive through Versiti on July 31st.

God's Blessings,
Evangelism Board

EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS

The month of May will wrap up another great year of 3K and 4K here at St. Andrew. This year we were blessed with 2 children being baptized, 35 children hearing God's word daily, and little minds growing in knowledge. This year also brought some challenges as I dealt with the pandemic and Covid 19. The procedures that I had in place were carried out without complaint by the teachers and parents were cooperative and understanding. Because of that, we had only a couple of closings required for the 3K program. I am very grateful for the excellent, dedicated, and nurturing teachers our campus has. As Matthew 25:23 states, *Well done, good and faithful servant!*

As you know, the large fellowship hall/gym will be getting new flooring and freshly painted walls. Volunteers will be needed to help move equipment, pull up the old carpet, prepare the floor, and move everything back. Please check out on the church bulletin board for the scheduled weeks when the work will be done. Then sign-up to lend a hand or to provide food and drink for those helping. The work will begin in June and I will be calling everyone on the sign-up sheet with exact dates and times. Your help is very much appreciated!

Our school year will wrap up with the 3K children singing songs for their families and enjoying an ice-cream treat. Our 4K children will participate in a graduation program and celebration called, All About Me! Each family will bring a picnic lunch and enjoy an ice-cream treat too. May God always walk with our students and their families and may they continue to grow in God's love.

Have a blessed summer!
Sandy

SISTERS IN CHRIST

It has been way too long since our Sisters in Christ have met and studied God's Word. So we are happy to announce that starting Wednesday, June 9th at 10:00am we will be offering a weekly Bible study. We will begin our first meeting at the Hub in West Bend. This meeting will be kid friendly too, so bring your kiddos! We will be discussing where we will meet after that, with parks being our number one goal. We would love to have the children play while we study, talk and enjoy each other's company. Bring all your ideas and thoughts to our first meeting! Please sign-up on the church bulletin board or call/text Sandy 262-689-3709 to let us know you are interested.

Check out the Sisters in Christ Mission Store. Many new items have been added. We would like to thank Lori Turenske for her generous donation of beautiful animal sculptures and other wonderful items. If you see something you like, just put a donation in the box on the shelf, and enjoy your new treasure!

We pray that God will grant us healing of our nation, and that our St. Andrew Sisters in Christ can once again serve Him with our missions and activities.

Looking forward to some Sister time,
Sandy R., Judi B., and Kathy M.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all newsletter articles in by **Tuesday, May 25th** 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. Their complete wish list is posted on the fellowship hall bulletin board, but they especially need the following items: COVID supplies (disposable gloves and masks, disinfectant spray and wipes, hand sanitizer), paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, paper plates, plastic silverware), cleaning supplies (laundry detergent, toilet bowl cleaner, glass cleaner, all purpose cleaner), size 4 and 5 diapers, personal hygiene products (conditioner, body wash, Q tips).

Cleaning Crew

We are looking for 1-2 people to fill-in short term on one of our cleaning crews. The weeks that need help are May 17-22, and June 28-July 3. If you can help out, please contact the office or Myron Kraft.

New Carpet

The carpet in the large fellowship hall/gym area will be replaced this summer. This same area will be painted and repairs done to the cracks in the ceiling. There will be some volunteer work needed to prepare the area. Let Sandy Ruback know if you are willing to give a helping hand. We would also like to replace the carpet in the kitchen fellowship hall to match the rest, but it is dependent on funding.

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.

LET'S CELEBRATE!!

St. Andrew will celebrate its 30th year as a Missouri Synod Church this year. The first meeting to plan the 30 year celebration will be held Thursday, May 13 at 6:00 pm at church. We will gather ideas and start the planning. All are welcome to attend!

ALASKA MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

May 10th will be a fundraising night at Pizza Ranch, West Bend, for the Alaska Mission Trip. 10 of us will be working there that night and we will get 10% of carry out and dine in orders. Please put the date on your calendar and come support us while enjoying some pizza and chicken.

THE GARDEN CONVEYS PRO-LIFE MESSAGE

While picking *baby's breath* for a bouquet, it occurred to me that there is a lot *of baby's breath* being choked before it has a chance to *bloom*. Yes, abortion stops many a *bleeding heart*.

As I continued my *gingerly* stroll, in the *garden*, I wondered about the *Roses*, the *Lillies*, the *Basils*, and the *Kales* that never got a chance to live.

I asked myself: “How long will we *bee* soft like *squash* instead of strong like an *onion* in speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves? When will we stop *bee’ing* around the *bush* while the media *peppers* us with propaganda? Isn’t it *thyme* we *turnip* around and begin *fencing* them with the truth? Shouldn’t we use our *tulips* to exercise *weed* control and *sow* some wholesome *seeds* before the enemy will *crocus* all?”

If we *carrot* about the *currant* situation, then let us *leek* out our *impatiens* and *mustard* up some courage to help *berry* the law which chokes the *baby’s breath*. In the womb and outside of it – let us help each *miracle grow*.

MESSAGE FROM OUR GIFT PLANNING COUNSELOR OF THE LCMS FOUNDATION

Your will or trust says that 80% of your assets will go to family and details a 20% gift to your favorite ministry. However, a review of your financial assets today shows that beneficiary designations direct 100% of the value to your spouse (as primary) or 100% to your children (as contingent or secondary). That 20% designation to ministry in your will or trust might in reality only represent 2% of your estate value: beneficiary designations trump wills or trusts. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you see the true picture. Contact Craig Toerpe, Gift Planning Counselor of the LCMS Foundation for help regarding your current gift plan, or how you can financially support the Lord’s work at 262-707-3005 or craig.toerpe@lfnd.org

Reader Schedule

May 2

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Epistle: 1 John 4:1-11

8 a.m. Debbie Yenter

10:30 a.m. Michele Buehler

May 9

First Reading: Acts 10:34-48

Epistle: 1 John 5:1-8

8 a.m. Karen Gnatzig

10:30 a.m. Pastor

May 16

First Reading: Acts 1:12-26

Epistle: 1 John 5:9-15

8 a.m. Randy Sheffield

10:30 a.m. Bob Buehler

May 23

Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Epistle Reading: Acts 2:1-21

8 a.m. Carla Peterson

10:30 Pastor

May 30

Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-8

Epistle Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-36

9 a.m. Debbie Yenter

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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)**

New flooring for fellowship hall

***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.



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Proposed Changes to our Board Governance and by-laws that will be voted on at the May 2 voters' meeting:

SECTION 2. THE BOARD OF MINISTRIES

The basic objectives of the Board of Ministries are to promote evangelism, stewardship and education in the congregation.

This Board shall:

- 1. Promote and lead evangelical activities inside the church and in the community.**
- 2. Follow-up with new visitors of the church.**
- 3. Promote the cause of mission work both locally and worldwide.**
- 4. Investigate cases of severe financial need within the congregation and make specific recommendations for assistance with the Pastor.**
- 5. Study the possibilities and recommend spiritual services and care to hospitals, homes for the aged, prisons, and other institutions within the community.**
- 6. Establish objectives, set policies for, and supervise the educational program of the congregation.**
- 7. Appoint a Sunday School Superintendent, in consultation with the Pastor**
- 8. Promote and encourage the congregation in continued Christian education in a multitude of formats.**

~~Section 2. The Board Of Evangelism~~

~~The basic objective of the Board of Evangelism is to bring the Gospel to the unchurched.~~

~~This Board shall:~~

- ~~1. Maintain an ongoing visitation program for lay visitors.~~
- ~~2. Promote and direct congregation-wide evangelism undertakings.~~
- ~~3. Emphasize, in conjunction with the Board of Christian Education, child and youth evangelism, both in participation and outreach.~~
- ~~4. In conjunction with the Board of Elders, initiate contact with lost and straying members.~~
- ~~5. Be responsible for maintenance and follow-up of a prospect file at all times and contact visitors.~~
- ~~6. Be conscious of the atmosphere of friendliness in the congregation toward members and visitors and suggest ways to and means of improvement.~~

~~Section 3. The Board Of Christian Education~~

~~The basic objectives of the Board of Christian Education are to plan and administer the educational program of the Congregation.~~

~~This Board shall:~~

- ~~1. Establish objectives, set policies for, and supervise the educational program of the congregation.~~
- ~~2. Appoint a Sunday School Superintendent, in consultation with the Pastor~~
- ~~3. Prepare a budget for the congregation's educational needs~~
- ~~4. Encourage the increasing participation of every congregational member in Bible Study, both privately and corporately.~~
- ~~5. Enlist, train and place lay teacher and leader as the congregation needs require and offer teacher training on a regular basis~~
- ~~6. Encourage Christian education programs through societies of the congregation, such as the Ladies Fellowship, Ranger for example.~~
- ~~7. Provide for special educational opportunities for mentally retarded and other handicapped persons~~
- ~~8. Maintain, improved and cultivate the user of the Church Library~~
- ~~9. Study and adapt suggested recommendations by the Education Departments of the Synod, District and Circuit.~~

~~Section 4. Board of Stewardship~~

~~The basic objectives of the Board of Stewardship are to initiate programs for the development of good stewardship attitudes in the members of the congregation in regard to time, talent, and treasures.~~

~~This Board shall:~~

- ~~1. Promote the cause of worldwide mission work.~~
- ~~2. Foster the stewardship life of members in time, talents, and financial support of the church.~~
- ~~3. Be responsible for the maintenance of a congregational talent file.~~
- ~~4. Conduct a stewardship campaign annually.~~
- ~~5. May appoint a Committee of Social Ministry which shall:~~
 - ~~a. Investigate cases of severe financial need within the congregation and make specific recommendations for assistance with the Pastor.~~
 - ~~b. Plan and recommend a year-round program of Social Ministry.~~
 - ~~c. Study the possibilities and recommend spiritual services and care to hospitals, homes for the aged, prisons, and other institutions within the community.~~
 - ~~6. Appoint committees for the purpose of event planning.~~

SECTION 6. THE BOARD OF FINANCE

- D. The Board of Finance shall be responsible for the financial matters of the congregation not vested solely with the Treasurer. The Board shall, either corporately or via specifically designated individuals:
- h. ~~With the Board of Stewardship~~, Regularly evaluate the overall offerings of the congregation and share this information with the members of the congregation.

E. The Board of Finance shall adhere the to the following financial policies:

- f. Provide procedures, support and recommendations for the financial review of the church and ECC. but should not perform the review.
- g. Call for volunteers from the congregation to perform the financial review and report on the results during the Spring Voters meeting

- J. The Board of Finance shall act as the Endowment Fund Committee to promote and manage the Endowment Fund spelled out in Section 8 of the By-Laws

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONGREGATION:

~~The President shall appoint a Financial Review Committee consisting of any two qualified individuals other than the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary. The Financial Review Committee shall report no later than the Spring Voters' Assembly.~~

SECTION 8. ENDOWMENT FUND

III FUND CATEGORIES, RECEIPTS and DISTRIBUTIONS

A. Unrestricted Funds

1. Distributions from the funds are to occur annually. ~~The income and principal~~ **5% of the fund value** from the unrestricted gifts and bequests to the Endowment are to be used for the project and programs recommended by the Endowment Fund Committee and approved by the Voters' Assembly. A simple majority approval of those present at the Voters' Assembly is required for distribution.

~~D. Distribution of Funds~~

~~5% of the fund value shall be distributed on a fiscal year basis, regardless of earning of the fund for the fiscal year, excepting the special provisions designated under Donor Restricted Gifts.~~

V ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

A. The Board of Finance shall act as the Endowment Fund Committee to promote and manage the Endowment Fund.

~~A. There shall be an Endowment Fund Committee operating under the Church Council who shall promote and manage the Endowment Fund. (Including sub sections on how the committee will be formed and officers selected).~~



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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



- 11 Aaron Heinz
- 12 Al Taft
- 13 Corbin Becker
- 13 Shary Kraft
- 13 Miles Yenter
- 19 Jonah Gutschmidt
- 20 Lee Sommerfeld
- 22 Brooke Dieringer
- 22 Tom Schilling
- 24 Henry Dummann
- 26 Debra Oehme
- 26 Liam Ratzel
- 27 Melissa Arps
- 30 Jodie Falk



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

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

