



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

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

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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

**Blessed...to be a Blessing**

In verse 1 of Psalm 67, the Psalmist presents the request for blessing and, in verse 2, he gives the reason for blessing: "1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us..." COMMA "2 ...that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations."

Brothers and sisters, many times we would prefer to put a period between verses 1 and 2, rather than keep a comma there. For often we just want the "verse 1" version of Christianity: "1 *May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us*" **PERIOD!** We would much prefer to just remain as passive recipients of God's good gifts and blessings. However, that is not what is being said here, for verse 1 flows into verse 2, and verse 2 cannot happen without verse 1.

When you think about it – for better or for worse – we all make an impact on this world. I read that when the Apollo 11 astronauts landed on the moon 52 years ago, and they walked upon the moon, those footprints that the astronauts left behind on the moon's surface will be there for many, many, many years to come. It left an imprint upon it...because the moon has no surface moisture or atmospheric pressure (no winds swirling around). I believe it is the same way with us as we walk upon this earth that – wherever we go and whatever we do and whatever we say – it is going to make an impact. And the blessing of God and the love of God – it doesn't stop with us! Instead, it flows out from us to the people around us, and the places we go.

Pouring out to others the joy that we have in Christ (and His saving power), God's desire is that all nations sing out for joy in Christ.

As you head into the month of November, December, and into the following year: Be Thankful! Never stop giving thanks (good time or bad), for you belong to God in Christ Jesus, and we have an inheritance kept for us in heaven. And let us pray that God continue to use us to share the light and love of Christ with those we meet each day.

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 Brother in Christ,

Pr. Jonathan Vierkant

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

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

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

## **BOARD OF ELDERS**

I thought it might be interesting to see how many people attend our Sunday worship services so I went through our attendance book and found out that during the month of October we averaged 85 inside worshippers + 9 outside worshippers + 26 viewing on line for a total of 120. St. Andrew has 317 baptized and 265 confirmed members.

As in the past, we will be having our Thanksgiving worship service on Wednesday night (11/24) at 7:00 with communion. Please come and give thanks for all the blessings God has given you during the year.

You may have noticed that we were having trouble with our sound system a couple weeks ago so we bought a new lapel mic for pastor, and with the help of Craig Falk, it seems to be working much better. I also found out that we have equipment for anyone that needs some help with hearing the service. If you would like to use the equipment, please contact one of the Elders before service and we will give the receiver and the ear buds.

We will continue to use the box in the back of church for your offerings and we ask that you put them in before the service because the Elders/Ushers will bring them up to the front during the offertory to present them to the Lord. We will continue with greeting one another before the service but we ask that you stay in your pew and greet the people close to you. You can wave to people who are not close to you or you can see them after the service.

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)

## **BOARD OF MINISTRIES**

Welcome to the Board of Ministries! This board was formed as a combination of Evangelism, Stewardship, and Education. As it is difficult to recruit members to fill each board, we felt a combined board is the way to go for now.

It's all hands on deck, and we will greatly appreciate all the help that each member can provide. Whether it's a specific event or project, feel free to join us! Our scheduled meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00. Or, contact one of our members.

There are a lot of events in the works, and we hope you can join us!

- West Bend Christmas parade; November 28
- Kewaskum Christmas parade; December 5
- Volunteer (serve lunch) at Milwaukee Rescue Mission; tentatively December 11
- Candy Cane Hunt (a great success last year); date TBD
- Twelfth Night Party; date TBD

In addition, other projects are in the works:

- Mission trip for 2022; location TBD (more local than Alaska)
- Fundraisers for tuition assistance

- New church sign (in progress)
- Website updates

Our goal is to serve others and spread God's love. Consider these scriptures:

**James 2:14-17**

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

**Acts 20:35**

<sup>35</sup>In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

**1 Peter 4:9-11**

<sup>9</sup>Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup>As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: <sup>11</sup> whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

In His Love,  
 Jeff Grande  
 Sarah Peterson  
 Katie Vierkant  
 Deb Yenter  
 Judi Riedel  
 Rory Hetzel  
 Joanne Miller  
 Carla Peterson

**SISTERS IN CHRIST**

Our thanks go out to Wendi Falk for all the work she put into making our Craft Luncheon a huge success! A fun time was had by all!

Thank you to all our Sisters who have helped in many ways with our 30th anniversary celebrations. Many hands make light the load!

Our 8 weeks Bible study, Joy in the Midst, will be coming to an end. Our study was a blessing to all of us who attended. In this troubled world, God promises us that joy in Him can be found. First must come thankfulness, which in the midst of darkness is hard to do, but the result of our gratefulness is joy!

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due back by Sunday, November 14th. Thank you to all who filled a box!

The Giving Tree will be set up on November 21st. Please take a tag off of the tree and purchase that item and place it in a gift bag with the tag attached. All gifts will be delivered to the residents at the Samaritan Home. Gifts should be returned by December 12th.

The event, Advent by Candlelight, that we were planning, will be cancelled for this year. Our hope is to organize it for next Christmas.

With grateful hearts for all of our Sisters in Christ,  
 Sandy, Judi, and Kathy

**POINSETTIAS**

We will once again be taking orders for Poinsettias to decorate the front altar area for the Christmas services. The colors available this year are: red, white, pink, marble and burgundy. The price is \$10.00 for a single plant and \$19.00 for a double plant. The deadline to order is Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

To place your order, please put your name, the color, and size preferred on the

envelopes provided in the Narthex or from an usher. Please put your check, made payable to St. Andrew, in the envelope and put it in the offering plate, give to an usher, or put it on the secretary's desk.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Just a reminder, after the Christmas Day Worship Service you can take your plants home. Your name will be located on the foil around the plant.

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS**

***Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess His name, and do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.***

***Hebrews 15: 15-16***

The holidays are just around the corner. Holidays for some are very stressful as they can put a dent in an already stretched budget, or they can add to the stress of what to serve at the holiday dinner. And then there is all the gift buying for your family and friends! Yes, holidays are a busy, stressful time for many. If we stop for a moment from all the busyness that is ahead for us, and turn to the scriptures, we will see that God should first be praised, then we should share God's love and grace with others. Also, we should share the bounty we have been blessed with. Those in need will be grateful and God will be pleased.

Our campus, along with our church, can share both God's love and bring Christmas joy to children in need around the world. Please consider filling an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. Return date: November 14th.

Today as I was greeting the children as they arrived for school, one 4k little girl came over to me very excited and told me she brought her Bible to school. How wonderful I told her. She then went into her classroom and showed Mrs. Moser her Bible. Mrs. Moser asked her if she wanted her to use her Bible at

Jesus Time. This little girl had the biggest smile because her very own Bible will be the Jesus Time Bible today! She had a post it note on her Bible and I heard her tell Mrs. Moser that the note said mom should read the Bible to her. Faith building, faith sharing, our little 4k girl has it right!

As the children begin to learn about the first Thanksgiving, and as they begin to learn Christmas songs that will be sung at their program, may they have hearts filled with gratitude for the many blessings God has given them and especially for the gift of Jesus our Savior who was born so humbly.

Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!  
Sandy

## **ADVENT DEVOTIONS FROM LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES**

The birth of the Savior is celebrated again this year in *Child of Promise*, a joyful look at the miracle of Jesus' birth. From the beginning, foretold in Genesis and proclaimed throughout the Old Testament, God announced the coming Messiah to a wayward world. In Jesus Christ, that promise was fulfilled.

Each year Christians reflect on the hope God offers the world at Christmas. Born unto us—God's Son, our Savior—Jesus is the fulfillment of the Father's promise to send a Redeemer. Announced beforehand by the prophets, in the Christ Child we have the forgiveness of our sins and the hope of life eternal. This God has given to us in His *Child of Promise*.

The Advent devotions can be found at <https://www.lhm.org/advent/> or you can contact the office for a printed version (regular or large print versions available)

## GREETING CARDS

As we approach the Christmas season, check out the selection of religious Christmas cards and other religious cards on the card rack next to the mailboxes in the fellowship hall.

If you have any questions, please contact Lori Turenske at 262-689-2303 or the church office.

## Readings Schedule

**November 7**

**First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17**

**Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3**

**November 14**

**Old Testament: Daniel 12:1-3**

**Epistle: Hebrews 10:11-25**

**November 21**

**Old Testament: Isaiah 51:4-6**

**Epistle: Revelation 1:4b-8**

**November 28**

**Old Testament: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

**Epistle: Titus 1:1-4**

## **ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### ***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)**

\*\*\*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.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Marty Gnatzig
- 2 Tim Struebing
- 7 Lee Oelke
- 12 Paul Buth
- 14 Samantha Gnatzig
- 14 Roger Sauter
- 16 Lisa Baertlein
- 16 Sue Harrison
- 17 Jennifer Backhaus
- 17 Tracy Neatherlin
- 18 Dawn Neumann
- 19 Steve Williams
- 21 Sarah Johnson
- 24 Jonathan Ratzel
- 27 Garrett Buth
- 30 Todd Jantz
- 30 Joan Schlicht



- 16 Nick Thill
- 17 Lainey Vierkant
- 18 Chris Eichhorn
- 19 Tiffany Legate
- 23 Ryan Falk
- 23 Matthew Gnatzig
- 23 Charlotte Grande
- 23 Nancy Taft
- 27 Mason Falk
- 30 Ellen Slicker

## NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 Henry & Lois Dummann
- 18 John & Joan Schlicht
- 26 Randy & Kris Sheffield

## NOVEMBER BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Mark Janz
- 1 Carolyn Hartmann
- 2 Malachi Schellinger
- 3 Amanda Dieringer
- 4 Toby Hua
- 6 Zach Dieringer
- 7 Cindy Heinz
- 8 Lauren Schilling
- 10 Nicholas Arps
- 10 Lillith Schlosser
- 14 Makinley Kirchner
- 14 Roger Sauter
- 15 Jessica Dreska
- 15 Sandy Lompa
- 15 Joanne Miller
- 15 Lee Oelke
- 15 Jane Dolata

