



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

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Sunday Worship 8:00 a.m & 10:30 a.m..

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Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

**OCTOBER 2020**

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**



**Kilroy Was Here**

Remember him? His name and likeness were scribbled on building walls and other places. Kilroy was an American symbol associated with GIs in the 1940s. He was often portrayed as a bald-headed man with a prominent nose peeking over a wall with his fingers clutching the wall. And next to his likeness was the phrase: "Kilroy was here." Kilroy even has his own book – for being nothing more than just a name etched on the side of a wall. What did he ever do?

Jesus was also here. He came on a silent night many years ago. The skies were lit up by the glory of God and angels sang about Him, wise men traveled great distances to see Him, and shepherds left their flocks out in the field to see Him. Why all this attention? Why not just let His name be scribbled on walls next to Kilroy's name? It could then read "Jesus and Kilroy were here."

Well, Jesus did more than just "be here." He fulfilled the Law perfectly which we had broken. He also died our death by His willingness to take our place on a wooden cross. And He did it all so that our names, too, could be etched – not on the side of any wall, but in His Book of Life.

And unlike Kilroy, Jesus is actually present here and now for you. As it says in Isaiah 41:10, "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Even when the fires of afflictions are hottest in our lives and we are sure that we will be consumed by them, the Lord has promised us that He will never leave us or forsake us, not even in those times when life seems the hottest for us.

At our Twelfth Night church party back in January, I wrote on the front door of our church in chalk: "20 + C + M + B + 20." That is *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* = "May Christ Bless This House," and 20 20 for the year 2020. None of us could have anticipated the kind of year that 2020 would bring. Yet, through it all, God has blessed us. I am especially grateful that we never had to cancel a worship service this year thus far due to the pandemic. And, indeed, God has given us the tools to meet the challenges head on. Now, this is not to overlook the fact that several folks have certainly encountered financial and relational challenges in connection to this pandemic. Yet, despite the challenges that we face, God never stops being God. He never fails and neither does His Word. "For nothing will be impossible with God" (Luke 1:37). And He invites you to bring all of your needs, wants, and hurts before Him. All spiritual gifts and blessings are ours in Him. And God gives them to the believers for Christ's sake. "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

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 because of the coronavirus and bring

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

Stay Connected!  
Pr. Jonathan Vierkant

## **BOARD OF ELDERS**

October is here and fall is officially in full swing. I love the changing of seasons as this time of year gives us a wonderful view of God's creation with all the colors and variety of weather. With fall comes change to St. Andrew as well. ECC and confirmation class have started. We have 5 perspective confirmands this year. They are meeting twice a month on Saturday mornings.

Starting October 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be changing our worship schedule as well. We are going back to two services at 8:00am and 10:30am. Both services will be inside with Communion. We will still stream outside on FM 103.9 for those of you who are not comfortable with being inside. We will have an usher deliver bulletins right before service starts. We will bring Communion out while weather allows but once cold sets in you will either have to walk in or set up an appointment with Pastor to receive Communion. You can walk in for Communion if you feel comfortable. If you will be staying in your car, please park on the east side by the garage, facing church as we do currently so we can see how many of you are outside and to make distributing bulletins and Communion easier. We will have someone outside to help park cars. If you are coming inside, please park in the first 3 rows in normal slots. We will not be utilizing the Communion rail as people will walk up single file keeping distance between each other. Pastor and an elder will be wearing gloves and a mask during distribution. Unfortunately we will not be offering common cup at this time.

Pastor would like to start up family education hour and Sunday School right after 8:00 service for those who feel comfortable to attend.

We hope doing 2 services will help with social distancing and we do encourage you to come in if you can. Masks are encouraged, please bring your own as we will not be able to supply them. Please understand that we hope this is temporary as we want to get back to one unified service at 9:00 eventually. Obviously the situation is always changing and this could change again very quickly. As we do this for awhile, we will probably make adjustments. Our goal is to give you the best and safest worship choices we can. We appreciate your patience and support.

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)  
Craig Falk (Youth & Confirmation)  
Dave Brehmer (In-actives, Fund Raisers /  
Personnel)  
Rick Bruss (Sick/Shut-ins)  
Bob Buehler (Ushers/Sick/Shut-Ins)  
Randy Sheffield (Secretary, Music/Readers)

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please have **all** newsletter articles in by **Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** to Cathy Grande at **[standrewchurchwb@gmail.com](mailto:standrewchurchwb@gmail.com)**. **Confirmations** will be sent for articles sent via e-mail. Thanks.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS

***Jesus Christ is the same Yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8***

These past 6 months have been a series of change for all of us. Think about how we gather among each other, how we worship, how we embrace or not embrace friends and family, how our children are taught, how we grocery shop, how we get a haircut, or eat at a restaurant. It has changed! That word alone (change) can make some people very uneasy. And now the change of season is here too. Autumn has arrived, the season of transition, nudging us from a warm summer to a cold winter. As we bring our worship back indoors let us be reminded that through all the changes we have endured in the past months, God is still our Almighty Father, Jesus is still our loving Savior, and the Holy Spirit is still the Lord and Giver of Life. Our triune God is worthy of our praise, and that too will never change!

Our campus children have finished their first month of school. Temperatures are being checked each day, hands are washed often, toys are being cleaned and sanitized and through all that, our teachers are still teaching about Gods love and planting the seeds of faith. As the Director, that is the most important part of educating children and the reason St. Andrew ECC is here, and that will never change either.

We are blessed to have 33 students this year. Seventeen of those students are not baptized and their families have no church home. The harvest is plenty! My prayer is that St. Andrew can be the change they need. As the children grow in faith and knowledge of our God, I pray the Holy Spirit will also touch the hearts of their parents, so that their children can be baptized and given the gift of salvation.

Thank you for your continued support of our children's ministry both in prayer and monetary gifts. May you all be blessed as we walk together through this season of change.

In His Mighty Grip,  
Sandy Ruback

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education is thankful for the members of St. Andrew and for your support of the fundraisers that were planned this past year. We will continue to plan for events and fundraisers that will benefit the Tuition Assistance Program in 2021. We have no fundraisers planned for the remainder of 2020.

We turn our attention to Sunday School and the Education programs at St. Andrew and know that God will be with us.

Board of Education  
Joanne Miller, Judi Riedel, Rory Hetzel and Debbie Yenter

## EVANGELISM

Fall is in the air! The leaves are starting to turn beautiful colors, the air is crisp, and pumpkins and mums are starting to appear more and more. God designed a beautiful transition to the cold, gray winter. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 reminds us that "for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Certainly, 2020 has been a very strange season for all of us. The world around us has transformed in ways that we could never have predicted a year ago. While I have been frustrated by many of the changes, I am reminded often of the many blessings that this strange time has brought me personally as well as to St. Andrew. Our church has been a consistent source of spiritual encouragement in our community, and we have learned much about flexibility in the face of constant change! God has provided for us throughout the months of uncertainty, and for that we give Him much thanks. What season is next? Will it be an easy transition or a difficult one? How can we help our friends and neighbors during that time? Whatever the months ahead bring, Christ assures us that "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20b). We need not fear; we are not alone when the Savior is with us regardless of what happens with politics, natural disasters, and seemingly-endless plagues. He has a plan for us, as He did for Jeremiah (Jeremiah 29:11-14) and

David (Psalm 23:4). My prayer for each of you this month is that you know the peace that comes from having Jesus with us every step of the way, and that you may share that peace in turn with those around you.

The Full Shelf Food Pantry in West Bend has greatly appreciated the donations that St. Andrew has given this year! The October item will be **canned meat products** (tuna, chicken, etc).

Mark your calendar for the following events! We would love to see you there!

- **October 4:** Come join the last **Highway Cleanup** effort for the year. We will meet at the Boltonville R Stop gas station at 11:45. Dress comfortably for the weather.
- **October 10:** St. Andrew will have a booth at the **West Bend Farmer's Market!** We need volunteers to help set up, man, and take down the booth. We are also hoping to run a bake sale at the Farmers Market to raise funds for LCMS Disaster Relief for the August Iowa derecho (in-land hurricane). We greatly appreciate donations of baked goods for that effort! Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall, or contact Katie Vierkant ( (217)720-2862, [kevierkant@yahoo.com](mailto:kevierkant@yahoo.com)) for more information.
- **October 31:** Join us for a **Reformation Breakfast** and **Blood Drive!** Breakfast will be served between 8:30 and 10 (come and go as you please). A food signup sheet will be posted in the fellowship hall. Costumes are welcome! Versiti Blood Center will be present between 9 and 12 if you would like to donate blood. Sign up for an appointment at [https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/209577](https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/209577) .

## READINGS FOR OCTOBER

**October 4**

**Old Testament: Genesis 4:1-16**

**Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:11-18**

**October 11**

**Old Testament: 2 Samuel 12:1-13**

**Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:17-24**

**October 18**

**Old Testament: Proverbs 30:5-9**

**Epistle Reading: Romans 2:18-23**

**October 25**

**Old Testament: Isaiah 59:1-4**

**Epistle Reading: Colossians 4:2-6**

In Christ, Katie Vierkant

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Darrell Harrison
2	Carolyn Hartmann
3	Amber Dieringer
3	Jessica Janz
3	Stephanie Waala
4	James Strohmeyer
5	Jennifer Becker
8	Joanne Miller
9	Jessica Dreska
9	Mark Janz
11	Curt Gnatzig
12	Cindy Heinz
12	Jane Dolata
13	Mason Falk
16	Dave Brehmer
16	Charlotte Grande
18	Ronda Koenig
18	Nancy Taft
18	Zach Dieringer
20	Ellen Slicker
20	Landon Thill
21	Toby Hua
21	Matthew Neumann
22	Sydney Brehmer
22	Zachary Brehmer
23	Ted Wuebben
24	Olivia Dieringer
24	Sandy Lompa
25	Tiffany Legate
25	Lainey Vierkant
26	Emily Shebanek
27	Josie Pfeiffer
27	Nick Thill
29	Wendi Falk
29	Margie Hua
29	Pat McWilliams



## BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

1	Lani Niese
4	Jessica Beaupre'
4	Linda Bruss
11	Troy Justman
15	Betty Taft
16	Austin Jantz
17	Jonathan Ratzel
18	Staci Ruback
25	Judi Bastian
26	Star Dzwonkowski
26	Megan Johnson
26	Donna Krueger
29	Margie Hua
31	Jessica Janz
31	Stephanie Waala



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1	Cris & Deanna Kiel
3	Jerry & Pat McWilliams
4	Ken & Wendi Falk
6	Jeff & Cathy Grande
7	Dan & Pat Nysse
7	Jonathan & Tina Ratzel
8	Bruce & Ronda Koenig
9	Ron & Judi Bastian
12	Mark & Deborah Osgood
13	George & Kathy Muth
14	Darrell & Sue Harrison
14	Bob & Sandy Lompa
19	Nancy & Gary Kawczynski
21	Gary & Kristi Leipold
28	Curt & Michelle Gnatzig
28	Mark & Sandy Ruback
29	Fred & Charlotte Legate
31	Blake & Angela Sommer

