



ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
And
Early Childhood Campus

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

In Person Worship

I remember as a young boy hearing the pastor preach about the leper spoken of in Matthew 8...and thinking that the preacher was saying "leopard." All I could think of was Jesus working with this big jungle cat. It's funny how a child's mind works, right? Yet, what is **not** so funny is the disease that this man had. For it was one of the worst diseases you could have (back in those days). It was viewed as a very contagious and incurable disease. And those who caught it were forced to live apart from society, as they were regarded as being unclean and beyond the help of man. And if by chance they were to enter into any town, they had to warn others to stay away, by announcing their presence in shouting aloud: "unclean! unclean!" Yet, Jesus was willing to touch the leper and make Him clean.

Whenever I think of our current state-of-affairs as Christians, first of all – I thank God that He touched us and cleansed us from spiritual leprosy (SIN) by the waters of Baptism. However, I also recognize the need for Christians to take more of a risk by walking in the footsteps of Jesus and expressing a willingness to "touch" those whom society deems "unclean." Yet, how can this be done, and how can we faithfully execute the ministry Christ gave us IF we are driven away from each other due to fear?

More than a year and a half after the world became acquainted with COVID-19, there is still a reluctancy on the part of many throughout the Christian world to gather in church together with fellow believers around the means of grace: Word and sacraments.

Certainly, it is true, that we want to show proper respect to those who for health concerns and reasons are unable to join us, and we continue to minister to them according to the avenues made open to us. However, we also want to gently encourage and remind people about the power of in person worship. Especially in a time like today where the truth of God's Word is under severe attack, and fear is propagated near and far...the support and prayers of fellow Christians are crucial. For recall the words of Christ in Matthew 18:20: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." Also, crucial is the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper with other believers as we are freely given and freely receive Christ's true body and blood. Who is Christ's true body and blood for? It is **For You!** And what's for you with Christ's true body and blood? The forgiveness of sin!

As a personal note to those who have been absent from St. Andrew for the past year and a half or more: WE MISS YOU! And please let us know what avenues are open for us to serve you! However, let us remain in communication together and continue to witness each other in action.

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

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.

We can always use more volunteers so if you are willing to usher, read, help run the Live Stream equipment at your church please contact one of the Elders, Pastor or the church office.

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)

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all newsletter articles in by **Thursday, October 26th** to Cathy Grande at standrewchurchwb@gmail.com. Confirmations will be sent for articles sent via e-mail. Thanks.

BOARD OF MINISTRIES

We have a handful of opportunities for anyone who would like to serve and evangelize before the end of the year. **October 3rd** will finally be our final **Highway cleanup**. The more volunteers we have, the more fun and the quicker we can be done.

November 28th will be West Bend's **Christmas parade**; **December 5th** is Kewaskum's. We are planning on participating in both and would love to have congregation members join us in decorating and walking in the parade.

December 11th, we will tentatively be taking a group to **Milwaukee Rescue Mission** to help serve food.

We will likely be having a fundraiser for tuition assistance before the end of the year, but the details are not yet finalized. We are also planning on doing another **Candy Cane Hunt** along with ECC; details will be coming on that at a future time.

The holiday season is fast approaching as is the season of giving. Please consider giving your time and talents God has blessed you with to help make any and all of these events a success!

EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever.
1 Peter 1:24

This verse from 1 Peter reminds me of the season of fall. Summer has ended and with that fall pushes in. Once thriving leaves on trees slowly die and fall to the ground, beautiful summer flowers have dried up and lost their vibrant fragrance and color, and our once lush, green grass begins to wither and die. Yes, one season has finished but yet another begins. But fall also comes with its own joy as we breathe in fabulous scents and enjoy the colors orange, red, yellow and purple. As we enjoy the changes of fall, let it remind us of a vital truth, God's word never withers, falls or changes. God's word stands forever!

It is that word of God that is taught in our campus on a daily basis. It is that word of God that begins to grow faith in our little students. It is that word of God that calms a troubled parents heart, it is that word of God that stands forever!

Our teachers and children have finished the first month of school and have settled in nicely to the school routine and schedule. This month will bring many exciting adventures as we enjoy a visit from the Fire Department, a field trip to the Pumpkin Farm and a special day to celebrate the Fall Harvest.

May this fall bring each of you joy and happiness and may God's word be a daily part of your week, just as it is for our campus children.

Standing on God's Word,
Sandy

SISTERS IN CHRIST

Sisters in Christ invites all women of our congregation and their friends to join us as we serve, study and share the love of God. We will offer activities and mission work throughout the year. Join us in an activity that you have interest in. We would love to have each and everyone of you be a part our women's fellowship.

Fall Craft Luncheon

A fun hands-on activity. Create you own wall decoration while enjoying lunch with your Sisters. Invite a friend!
When: Sunday, October 24th
Time: Noon
Cost: \$15.00 (includes all supplies and lunch)
You can pay at the door
Please sign up on the church bulletin board by October 17th.

Operation Christmas Child

Once again we will partner with Samaritan's Purse and collect fun filled boxes to share with children around the world.
Boxes will be on display: Sunday, October 24th
Boxes returned by: Sunday, November 14th

Candlelight Christmas

This will be a special evening as we celebrate the upcoming birth of Jesus. Beautiful tables will be set in candlelight as we enjoy a delicious meal together. Mark your calendars, you won't want to miss this event!
Invites will be coming soon.
When: Thursday, December 2nd
Time: 6:00pm
Cost: Freewill offering

We have two opportunities for Women's Bible Study on Wednesdays.

Every other Wednesday morning at 9:15am at church
This is led by Katie V. and there is a schedule on the bulletin board. Come learn how God can calm an anxious heart.

Wednesday evening at 6:30pm

This is an 8 week study, "*Joy in the Midst*", meeting every Wednesday at Sandy, Judi, or Kathy M home. Food and fellowship are always a part of this study!

10/6 Kathy Muth
10/13 Sandy Ruback
10/20 Judi Bastian
10/27 Kathy Muth

Come feel the joy of being a Sister in Christ!
Sandy, Judi, and Kathy

30th Anniversary Committee Update

The anniversary committee is making final plans for our year of celebration. Two final events are planned as part of anniversary festivities so get them on your calendar!

We have reached out to two of our past youth who have been called to the ministry. Pastor Josh Gremminger and Pastor Nathan Ruback. Both were invited to come back and share in one of our services and share how St. Andrew has been part of their spiritual walk. Each has accepted our invitation and will be part of the following services:

October 31 – Pastor Josh Gremminger, our first baptized infant at St. Andrew, will be our guest Pastor as part of ongoing 30th Anniversary Celebration. Pastor Josh spent his early childhood years here at St. Andrew Church and attended our first preschool class. He is currently Pastor at St. Paul Westlake in Ohio and is eager to visit with us and join in our celebration. A light fellowship reception, provided by the Anniversary Committee, will follow the service. Please plan to attend!

November 7 – The 30th Anniversary Celebration Service and Reception will conclude our year of celebration. A special celebration reception, program and dinner will follow the service. We have so much to be thankful for at St. Andrew! As we reflect on the last 30 years, we will see how God led us then and how He is still leading us today ... and into the future. Let's us gather together as church family with praise and thanksgiving! Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board!

As we conclude our year of celebration, it is our goal to ask for God's leading as we move into the next 30 years with a clear vision. We know God has great things ahead for us and we want to be prepared to serve Him according to His plans. Pray where your role and purpose is in this church family and together we will help to build His kingdom and serve the future!

READINGS FOR OCTOBER

October 3

**Old Testament: Genesis 2:18-25
Epistle Reading: Hebrews 2:1-13**

October 10

**Old Testament: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Epistle Reading: Hebrews 3:12-19**

October 17

**Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20
Epistle Reading: Hebrews 4:1-13**

October 24

**Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:7-9
Epistle Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28**

October 31

**Old Testament: Revelation 14:6-7
Epistle Reading: Romans 3:19-28**

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

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

