



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

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Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

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

**OCTOBER 2018**

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

Open the Prison Doors!

One of my favorite stories in the Bible involves Joseph and his brothers (Genesis 37-50). Joseph's brothers, in their jealousy of him and his dreams, threw Joseph into a pit, and sold him into slavery where he eventually ended up in an Egyptian prison for years.

Now, twenty-two years later after selling him into slavery, Joseph's brothers, who have come to Egypt to buy grain during a time of a severe famine, find themselves before Joseph who has been raised up by God to a position of leadership in Egypt (second only to Pharaoh). He whose imprisonment was the direct result of their jealousy and hatred of him, now stands before them...and they (Joseph's brothers) are afraid.

In Joseph's hands, in a sense, are the prison keys, and standing in the prison of fear are his brothers. But Joseph here does the unexpected! Instead of keeping them in prison, he frees them from their prison of fear by forgiving them, saying to his brothers, "Come near to me, please" (Genesis 45:4).

That's what Jesus also says to you. From His cross He says, "Come to me all you who are weary and worn out and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). As we draw near to Him through faith and repentance, He forgives us all of our sins.

Do you also say to people who have sinned against you: Come close to me, so that I may forgive you? There are many people in our neighborhoods who are prisoners to fear. And we who have been forgiven much for the sake of Christ, have in our possession the keys to release them from all of their fears. We have the Gospel of Jesus Christ! And the

charge to share His forgiveness and peace with everyone who today are in shackles of fear!

It is my prayer that St. Andrew continue as a congregation where God's *hesed* "LOVING KINDNESS" and "FORGIVENESS" are clearly proclaimed as long as it is the Lord's will for the ministry of St. Andrew to continue.

Brothers and sisters, please be aware of all the happenings taking place at St. Andrew. Your participation, suggestions, and ideas are encouraged! And as always...please contact me if you or a loved one is in the hospital, celebrating a milestone, or would just like a visit! Don't be a stranger! I would love to get to know YOU better.

Let's Stay Connected!

Your Brother in Christ,

Pr. Jonathan Vierkant

**BOARD OF ELDERS**

Sunday mornings are very busy at St. Andrew and everyone is invited to attend as many things as you can. We start with a 7:45 Confirmation class, 8:00 choir practice, 9:00 worship service and then 10:15 Bible Class/Sunday School. To make sure we start classes as close to 10:15 as we can, which means service will need to be done close to 10:00, we are going to have the announcements and greeting start before service so we can start our beginning hymn at 9:00. The before service greeting time will be shortened so make sure you greet your fellow worshippers on the way out also.

Confirmation class has started and this year we will have seven students, three are on

their second year while four are on their first year. Confirmation class starts right at 7:45 so if they want to give memory work they need to arrive between 7:30 & 7:40. We are using different Confirmation material this year which will be used for two years of 30 classes each.

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.

Your Elders would like to remind you that 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,

Rick Bruss (Chairman & Inactives)  
Ken Betz (Secretary & Readers)  
Joseph Gutschmidt (Sick/Shut-Ins)  
Paul Heinz (Fundraisers & Personnel)  
Curt Gnatzig (Youth)  
Craig Falk (Ushers)  
Dave Brehmer

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please have **all** newsletter articles in by **Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>** to Cathy Grande at **standrewchurchwb@gmail.com**. **Confirmations** will be sent for articles sent via e-mail. Thanks.

## **SCRIP**

SCRIP sales continue to be steady. We thank all who purchase them as every dollar

bought gives back directly to St. Andrew.

School has started and we're already seeing Christmas displays in the stores. Why not consider using the SCRIP program to get some early gift buying done? Whether you're giving the cards as gifts, or using the cards to buy gifts, there are many retailers to choose from and more get added frequently. Stop by our table between services and after service any Sunday and take a look at what we keep on hand and the retailer list that we can order from. Don't see a retailer you frequent often? Let us know, we will be happy to keep other cards on hand for your convenience.

As always, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to see or call any one of us on the SCRIP team.

*Have a blessed day!*

*Carla Peterson, Laurie Pree, Melissa Knox*

## **EVANGELISM / STEWARDSHIP**

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die ... a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance... Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 4

Patriot Day is an annual observance on September 11 to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001.

The United States' National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed across the nation on the third Friday of September each year. We take this time to remember those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are missing in action, as well as their families.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This is a chance to raise awareness about the ones we've lost, the importance of detecting breast cancer early, and to raise funds for research into its causes, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure.

October 15<sup>th</sup> is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day. This is a day meant to inform and provide resources for parents who have lost children due to miscarriage,

ectopic pregnancy, molar pregnancy, stillbirths, birth defects, SIDS, and other causes.

Although we lose individuals in our lives every day in many different ways, we find ways to acknowledge them, mourn them, and remember them. Some losses are expected, while some aren't. Neither one holds more value over the other as we all mourn in different fashions and speeds.

The Stewardship and Evangelism Board will be holding a memorial service on October 14<sup>th</sup>, starting at 3 p.m., to remember any child who has passed away before birth, in infancy, during childhood, or adulthood. We are reaching out to several organizations in the area to spread the word about our memorial service and to provide additional support to those who have lost someone.

### **Upcoming Events**

- September 28<sup>th</sup> -- Pumpkin painting from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. pumpkins and paint will be provided. Refreshments will also be set out.
- October 10<sup>th</sup> – Parent's Morning Bible Study from 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.
- October 14<sup>th</sup> – Never Forgotten Memorial Service at 3 p.m.
- October 20<sup>th</sup> – West Bend Farmer's Market from 7:30 – 11 a.m.
- October 24<sup>th</sup> – Parent's Morning Bible Study from 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.
- Adopt-A-Highway clean-up - TBD

*Board of Stewardship and Evangelism*

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Another Dine to Donate for the Tuition Assistance program will be held at Texas Roadhouse on Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup> anytime from 11 a.m. -9 p.m. Please take a flyer with you so we get 10% of the sales to lower the tuition for families wanting Christian Education. If you bring the Sunday bulletin along, the church also receives an additional 10%. Now to make it better... buy a gift card from the Scrip table and the Tuition Assistance program

will get an additional 10%. What a deal!.... Remember though, you need to have the flyer, as none will be available at the restaurant.

The library has a number of new DVDs and topical booklets available for check out. Please sign out when taking something on the paper on the shelf right by the door. Keep it as long as you want and return it in the basket next to the sign in sheet. We want this to be your library. Before bringing books and leaving them in the library, please check with one of the board members. We are being selective as to what types of things we are keeping. Anything we do not use can be put in the Sunday School area to go to Blessed Again.

Education is important for everyone. Please join us for Adult class on Sunday mornings while your children attend Sunday School. Prove to your children that education is for all of us.

In Christ's Service,  
Michele Buehler chair

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School will be holding a Reformation Art contest to celebrate Reformation this year. Last year, there was similar Lego contest; however, this year, the Sunday School contest will be open to more art forms (Lego, drawing, painting, dioramas, etc). Entries should be Reformation or Bible themed. The projects will be displayed on Reformation Sunday (Oct 28) where the congregation can vote on their favorite. More details will be sent home with the kids in the coming Sundays.

Sunday School children will also be singing during service on October 28.

Yours in Christ  
*Jeff Grande*  
*Superintendent*

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS

With the first month of school behind us, we look forward to the next eight and the growing and learning that will take place at our school.

We welcome 2 new students, one in 3K and one in 4K to our campus family! May we be a blessing to you and your family. Our total enrollment this year is 27. 21 children in 3K and 6 children in 4K.

The children had their first chapel talk with Pastor Jon this week. This is so important to our staff. We want to teach our students about God's house and how to be respectful while attending chapel. We want to encourage families to attend church services together, pray and praise our great God, and model the importance of being into God's word. Pastor Jon will lead chapel once a month for us.

We are off to a great start with many opportunities for family involvement this year!

In service to God and His precious ones,  
Sandy

## SISTERS IN CHRIST

We truly hope and pray that this past Sunday all the women of our congregation felt welcomed and invited to join in any given activity and mission work we will be involved in this year. Sisters in Christ want to be a shining light in our congregation and community so that God's love and kindness can be shared with those in need.

Because our first meeting, after summer, comes after this newsletter article was due, we cannot announce what our upcoming activities and mission work will be. Please look for information in our church bulletin and if you have any questions, just ask us!

In Christ,  
Sandy Ruback and Judi Bastian

## LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

At 7 p.m. on October 16<sup>th</sup>, Ozaukee County Lutherans for Life will meet at River of Life Church in Saukville. Guest speaker will be Anne Franczek who will speak about Sidewalk Counseling and Tary One Hour Ministry. Everyone is welcome.

## CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls and concerns expressed. A special thank you to Pastor Jon for the visits in the hospital both times. It was very much appreciated. God bless you all.

*Marlene Frey*



*Never Forgotten*  
*Memorial Service*

Join us to remember the  
children we have lost, at any age.

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**October 14, 2018      3:00 p.m.**  
**St. Andrew Lutheran Church**  
7750 State Hwy 144, West Bend  
All are welcome    No questions asked  
Light refreshments to follow  
(262) 335-4200

## **2018-2019 Playdates at St. Andrew**

Bring your kids, grandkids, friends, and neighbors to play and burn a little energy!

Activities will be available for older and younger kids. Snacks will be provided (as well as coffee for adults)!

Mark your calendars for the following dates:

- **October 6** 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Open play\*
- **November 4** 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
Block Party
- **January 5** 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Winter Play
- **February 10** 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
Open Play
- **March 2** 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Open Play
- **April 7** 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.  
Nature Play\*

\*All events will be held in ECC gym area, although October and April events may be partially held outside, weather permitting.

Contact Katie Vierkant (217) 720-2862 or [kevierkant@yahoo.com](mailto:kevierkant@yahoo.com) with any questions or allergy concerns.



## **October 2018 Usher Schedule**

**October 7**  
**9 AM Team #4**  
Thai Hua  
Margie Hua  
Craig Falk  
Brady Falk  
Sharon Oelke

**October 14**  
**9 AM Team #5**  
Paul Heinz  
Pete Hesprich  
Mark Janz  
Ted Wuebben  
Elmer Frey

**October 21**  
**9 AM Team #6**  
Linda Konzal  
Carolyn Kreis  
Bob Buehler  
Fred Legate  
Norman Retamel  
Randy Sheffield

**October 28**  
**9 AM Team #1**  
Dan Yenter  
Dan Fischer  
Carla Peterson  
Greg Knox  
Sue Butenhoff

**If you cannot make the Sunday you are scheduled to usher, please find a replacement. Thank you.**

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

|    |                  |
|----|------------------|
| 1  | Darrell Harrison |
| 3  | Amber Dieringer  |
| 3  | Jessica Janz     |
| 3  | Stephanie Waala  |
| 5  | Jennifer Becker  |
| 8  | Joanne Miller    |
| 9  | Jessica Bruss    |
| 9  | Mark Janz        |
| 11 | Curt Gnatzig     |
| 12 | Cindy Heinz      |
| 12 | Jane Schultz     |
| 13 | Mason Falk       |
| 16 | Dave Brehmer     |
| 16 | Charlotte Grande |
| 16 | Abby Knox        |
| 16 | Molly Knox       |
| 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     |
| 18 | Staci Ruback     |
| 22 | Isis Seidler     |
| 22 | Raiden Seidler   |
| 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         |
| 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   |
| 24 | Evan & Jennifer Schmitz |
| 28 | Curt & Michelle Gnatzig |
| 28 | Mark & Sandy Ruback     |
| 29 | Fred & Charlotte Legate |
| 31 | Blake & Angela Sommer   |

