



ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
And
Early Childhood Campus

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Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. (Parking Lot) & 10:30 a.m. (Indoors)

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

God's Weigh Station

As we travel along the highways of our country, we see signs ever so often which read "Weigh Station Ahead." All trucks carrying heavy cargo are required to weigh in to ensure that the roads that they are traveling on are not being compromised by a potentially overweight vehicle.

As we travel along life's highway, we may be carrying loads far too heavy – loads like disappointments, heartaches, troubles, concerns, and anxieties. They may discourage us, weigh heavily upon our minds and hearts, occupy our thoughts, and rob us of peace and joy. Every day, therefore, God wants us to weigh in with Him, because He does not want us to carry burdens, troubles, and sorrows which may be too heavy.

Truckers are required to weigh in. And for our own peace of mind, we ought to weigh in with God every day and let Him check out the load we are about to carry into the day, so that He can adjust it, lighten it, or even remove it altogether. For the Lord says, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." – **Matthew 11:28**

Brothers and sisters, from Sunday, September 6th through Sunday, November 1st, I will be preaching on the Ten Commandments, a section of scripture that appears in both Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5. Martin Luther writes in his Large Catechism, "This much is certain: those who know the Ten Commandments perfectly know the entire Scriptures and in all affairs and circumstances are able to counsel, help, comfort, judge, and make decisions in both spiritual and temporal

matters." These commandments serve as a comprehensive framework for our new life in Christ Jesus. Please join us as we take a look at the Ten Commandments together!

Finally, I would 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 .

And 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!

Let's Stay Connected!

Your Brother in Christ,

Pr. Jonathan Vierkant

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all newsletter articles in by **Tuesday, September 22nd** to Cathy Grande at standrewchurchwb@gmail.com.

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

BOARD OF ELDERS

September is upon us and summer has flown by. I hope this letter finds you healthy and active. Obviously, a different world right now as we fight the bug and all of the consequences. Freedoms are restricted and uncertainty surrounds us. Now is a perfect time to worship, pray, cherish your family and friends. May our Lord and Savior guide us all, lead us, protect us, enlighten us and deliver us. Amen...

In an effort to bring back some normalcy to our congregation, we will be going to 2 services indoors starting October 4th. 8:00 am and 10:30 am with Holy Communion at both. By doing this, we hope to get Sunday School and Family Education Hour going again. Details for those activities as well as Confirmation are being worked on as we speak. We will continue to stream outside at both for those who are not comfortable coming inside. We are not sure yet about serving Communion outside but people can definitely walk inside to receive Communion. Possibly in the narthex. More details to follow.

Again, social distancing is the main reason for 2 services. Please feel free to wear masks if you like. Please bring your own as we cannot provide for all. We have hand sanitizer at the door. Pastor and elder wear mask and gloves for communion.

Thank you for attending, giving and supporting St. Andrew through this unforgettable time in our lives. Thank you to all who have worked so hard to make this happen.

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)
Bob Buehler (Ushers/Sick/Shut-ins)

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

EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS

Families across the nation have been navigating new normals for the past 6 months in the midst of the COVID 19 pandemic. Now many of those families will be sending their children back to school in unfamiliar ways. Classrooms will look different as teachers try to social distance their students. Smiles will be lost behind masks. Toys for early learners will be put away in bins and brought out to play with, only to be packed up again for sanitizing. Yes, school will be different. Starting a new school year often comes with uncertainty and anxiety for both children and parents but this year even more so. It will be no different for our little ones here at St. Andrew. Some children will have uncertainty and anxiety coming into their first school experience. Some parents will walk away with tears leaving their precious one for the first time. And some of our returning 4K students will barrel into the classroom with excitement and happiness that school is finally here as their parents leave with big smiles on their faces. But one thing that never changes is our God. His word, no matter what the circumstances are with your return to school, is our source of peace and encouragement. The following verses are God's way of offering us encouragement about the new school year.

**** Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.***

- Joshua 1:9

**** Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. -Philippians 4:6-7***

**** Let all that you do be done in love. 1 Corinthians 16:14***

I have worked diligently planning out our school year so there will be balance between keeping our students safe and healthy and opening up our school as close to normal as possible. The teaching staff have been understanding and supportive as we work together preparing for this school year. We will begin our school year with Mrs. Lori Gross teaching our 3K. We have 2 sessions, each with 8 students. Mrs. Deanna Hojnacki and Mrs. Lindsey Moser will be team teaching our 14 4K students and working Lunch Bunch. I will be directing our school and stepping in wherever I am needed. God will be with us, this we can be sure of.

To all those who gave a gift to help me purchase our circle time rug, I send you a hug and a big thank you! You are a blessing!

To George Muth, Mark Ruback and Mark Janz, thank you for working in the pouring rain to move the wood chips into our play yard. Thank you George for bringing in the big equipment to make the job a little easier. Cookies are on the way!

To Jarrod Jensen, thank you for the donation of cleaning supplies, touchless paper towel and soap dispensers, masks and paper goods.

May God bless your kind and generous hearts.

Serving our Awesome God,
Sandy Ruback

EVANGELISM

Thank you to those who came and donated blood and/or came to the ice cream social earlier this month. We had a good turn out and were able to help people in the area who need blood. We will be hosting another **blood drive October 31**. Anyone is welcome to come and at least try to donate!

Other upcoming events include our last **highway cleanup** of the year on **October 4th** after the second service. The more people we have to help, the less work and less time it takes to complete!

We are also hoping to participate in the West Bend **farmers' market** on **October 10th**. We would greatly appreciate help handing out

goodies and socializing (safely) with those who wish to at the market!

As you may have heard, we are also looking to get a new church sign by the road. We are looking to form a committee to work on the new sign. The current sign is yellowing, hard to read the actual church name, had electrical problems, and hard to see in general when coming from the north. If you're looking for a short-term way to help out the church, maybe this is the committee for you! It could also be a fun way to put your creative design ideas to good use. A new bright and eye-catching sign will help those driving by know who we are and those looking for our church able to find it easily. If you are interested, please let Cathy know and we will get in touch with you.

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

BOARD OF EDUCATION

God is good! God's people know this and teach this to their children. No matter what your age, we need to keep learning and studying God's Word. As we continue to study God's Word, we are comforted knowing that Jesus will not leave us or forsake us. The Board of Education prays for St. Andrew Christian educational programs and the upcoming fall season that is in front of us. We lift up the students, teachers and the parents who help the children learn to hold fast to this truth. The Board of Ed prays for all of the youth and older adult learners in that they learn that God is the one to trust, love and turn to. God as the source of everything GOOD! Stay strong in the Lord and stay connected to His Word. The Board has no new fundraisers or events planned at this time. We want to thank you again for supporting the Brat Fry so generously. Please let any Board of Ed member know if you have any questions.

In God's Service,
The Board of Education
Rory Hetzel, Joanne Miller, Judi Riedel and
Debbie Yenter, chair

Church Fellowship/Picnic

In lieu of a church picnic this year, we will be having a church fellowship picnic type event similar to the Mauthe Lake outing on Sunday, September 20 at 4 p.m. Bring your own food and a lawn chair for a carefree socially distant fellowship time. We will have a grill out for use and if you want to bring food to share, we will have a table or 2 set out. If weather is inclement, we can move inside to the gym. Look for further details coming soon to the bulletin.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Shirley Reuter
2	Matthew Gnatzig
2	Malachi Schellinger
6	Linda Bruss
8	Jay Benz
8	Xander McKee
10	Austin Jantz
10	Troy Justman
10	Leo Ruback
12	Randy Sheffield
13	Laurie Kelln
14	Darren Keaton
20	Betty Taft
22	Lillith Schlosser
24	Nicholas Arps
25	Judi Bastian
27	Donna Krueger
27	Carla Peterson
28	Lauren Schilling
30	Cris Kiel
30	Katie Vierkant



SEPTEMBER BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

1	Jacquelyn Beaupre'
1	Jess Jug
1	George Muth
4	Dan Fischer
6	Matthew Gutschmidt
6	Dan Legate
6	Randy Sheffield
11	Gary Baertlein
11	John Schlicht
15	Pamela Beaupre'
16	Jenny Kohler
16	Olive Woods
20	Gary Leipold
25	Ron Bastian
26	Mert Fischer
27	Shirley Reuter



SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2	Rick & Linda Bruss
3	Jeff & Aimee Schmidt
5	Greg & Melissa Knox
6	Jay & Deb Benz
6	Dan & Suzanne Woods
7	Chad & Jacklyn Bruss
8	Dan & Mert Fischer
8	Lori & Ben Turenske
11	Mark & Shary Kraft
15	Peter & Darlene Dummann
19	Darryl & Laurie Pree
22	Jason & Amy Betz
25	Troy & Amy Justman
26	Dave & Amy Brehmer
29	Al & Nancy Taft

