



ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
And
Early Childhood Campus

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
 Bible Class 10:30 a.m.
 Office Hours M, T, TR, F 8 a.m. – noon

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PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Opinion Polls

There never seems to be a lack of opinion polls. We walk into the grocery store, are given something to taste, and are asked our opinion about what we just tasted. We walk down the street and someone puts a microphone to our face and asks us our opinion about traffic congestion and what we would do to relieve it. Or we receive something in the mail which shares information about something or other and we are asked to comment on it.

But we never get opinion polls from God. He never asks us whether we think He is doing a good job of being God. He never asks for our suggestions on what He might do to get a better toehold in people’s lives and slow down the exodus of people who have become disinterested in Him.

He simply says, “I am who I am.” That is not an opinion – it is a fact. And He adds, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.” (John 11:25-26)

Do you believe this?

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 **Friday, September 24th** to Cathy Grande at **standrewchurchwb@gmail.com**. **Confirmations** will be sent for articles sent via e-mail. Thanks.

BOARD OF ELDERS

Summer sure went by fast this year and starting Sunday September 12, Sunday School will be starting up again. We will have both Bible Study and Sunday School at 10:15 after our normal 9:00 church service. Please attend as many church services and classes as you can make.

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)

EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. Colossians 3:23-24

Whenever we do what God has created us to do we bring honor and praise to our Father in Heaven. God has set high standards for us and we glorify God when we work with purpose and diligence. There is no greater joy in life than to be serving our loving God. No matter what your role in life looks like, whether you sweep floors, run a company, nurse people back to health, bus tables, or teach children, do it to the glory of God.

This upcoming school year God gave me a challenge. That challenge was to keep our three dedicated teachers on staff and to still have a role myself in our campus. With our

low enrollment numbers, it was a big challenge. After much thought and prayers, I believe I have found what God intended for our campus. Our roles may have changed, along with the number of hours some of our teachers and I are working, but our hearts are still wanting to serve God no matter how many little feet walk through our campus doors. We have purpose, God planned it for us.

Special thanks to our ECC Board for listening to my concerns and helping me come to a decision and to Kathy M. for helping us with the financial business. Thank you to Joanne M. and Mary S. for helping our staff wash the toys and equipment. Thank you to Jeff G. for working on our bee invasion in our play yard and setting up our wifi booster, and to Mark, Staci, Dustin, Leo, and Carla for spending hours in the hot sun helping me trim, cut, and beautifying our entrance way. A job well done everyone!

The school doors open for the 2021-2022 school year on Tuesday, September 7th.

May God be the center of our classrooms, and may our students learn and grow as they follow Jesus!

Serving with purpose,
Sandy

BOARD OF MINISTRIES

The board of ministries had its first official meeting as a single board. We reviewed what each of the old boards (Education, Evangelism, Stewardship) had been doing on a regular basis and compiled a list of all the possible things we could do. At our next meeting, we will be prioritizing and putting together a calendar of ministry opportunities for the congregation. We are excited about organizing activities that will combine Education, Evangelism and Stewardship in our community and beyond. We currently have eight members on the board, but we would welcome more people.

We made \$1891.00 at the rummage sale this year. It will be split between the education assistance fund and the new sign fund. Thank you to everyone that donated time or items to the sale. This event couldn't happen without the whole church helping in some way.

Highway clean-up will be September 12 from 11:30 to 1:30. This will be our final clean-up for the year.

HANDBELLS

Handbells will be kicking off the season on Monday, September 13th at 6:30pm. If you're interested in ringing this year but are unable to make the first night, please let Jessie Dreska know at jessica.bruss92@gmail.com. Beginning ringers are encouraged to join us - no experience necessary!

CHOIR

We are so excited to be getting the choir back together again to sing and lead church services! We would like to welcome back previous members and welcome new people to join us. We will be meeting at 8:00 a.m. before the service starting September 12. We can't wait to see you all there!

Peggy Kriefall and Josh Hua

SISTERS IN CHRIST

Judi, and I welcome Kathy Muth as she becomes part of our Sisters in Christ Leadership Team. We are excited and anxious to get back to the work of the Lord. We pray we can continue on the path towards normalcy as we work together in our service and mission projects. So what's ahead for our Sisters....

We will be offering an early evening Bible study and fellowship night. Let your needs be known to us as we choose a night that works for most. Details will be coming soon.

We will be working on creating our knotted blankets and selecting several organizations to give them to. Work will be done in our Leadership Team homes. Of course there will be conversation, food and beverages! Look for the night and time coming soon.

Our craft luncheon, that was canceled so long ago due to Covid 19, will finally happen! Look for details coming soon. Our goal is to have it this fall.

A "Clean the Kitchen" date will be arranged. Come and help us clean and organize our church kitchen. Lunch after?

Operation Christmas Child will once again be organized and our shoebox gifts will need to be returned in mid November. Details coming.

All women young and old are welcome to join us in an activity that interests you. Sign up sheets will be posted on our Sisters bulletin board which is located on the storage closet door by the kitchen.

Come and serve the Lord and get to know some wonderful women and Sisters in Christ!

Sandy, Judi and Kathy

DARTBALL - UPDATE

The league play starts September 22nd and consists of 19 weeks of play ending February 9th. League play is followed by a league wide tournament exact date and location to come. Games are played on Wednesday nights starting at 7:00 and completing around 9:00. This is a traveling league with half the games played at St Andrew and the other half at area churches.

We will be having a practice on September 15th at 7:00 PM the week before league play starts. Practice will be in the Sunday school area. If you are interested in playing there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board where you can indicate if you wish to play Full or Part Time. The team is open to all confirmed members of St Andrew. If you are not quite sure of what Dartball is feel free to stop at the practice and check it out.

We had a great time playing last year and would enjoy having more involved for fun & fellowship one night a week during the winter months. If you have questions please contact Dave Brehmer 414-870-2715 or Rick Bruss.

Reader Schedule

September 5

Old Testament: 2 Kings 20:12-21

Reader: Michele Buehler

September 12

Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4-10

Epistle Reading: James 3:1-12

Reader: Karen Gnatzig

September 19

Old Testament: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Epistle Reading: James 3:13 – 4:10

Reader: Bob Buehler

September 26

Old Testament: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Epistle Reading: James 5:13-20

Reader: Kris Sheffield

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



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
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



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

