



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.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Snail's Pace

Snails are known for being slow movers. It can take all day for them just to crawl from one end of an aquarium to the other end. We call it going at a snail's pace. The same is true when someone seems to take forever to get going on doing something. For example, as a father of three, I may ask my kids to pick up their toys from off the floor, and minutes later I see almost nothing accomplished. Talk about snail's pace!

Now, if anyone seems to run at a snail's pace, at least at times, it is God. We run to Him in a panic, out of breath and out of patience and we say, "O God, I need your help and I need it now!" And how does God respond? Well, at times it may seem to us as if our prayers do not penetrate the heavens. And at times it may seem to us as if though God were saying, "Hey! Do me a favor and catch me next time." Think of all those SOS prayers we send up to God at the last minute and multiply them by all the Christians in the world and, well, you get the picture. God is just too busy...or He is too slow in checking His heavenly answering machine and getting back to me.

The reality, however, is that there is no "next time" in God's vocabulary (and there is no heavenly answering machine or call waiting). In fact, as long as it is called "today," God invites you to call out to Him with your every need. *"Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me"* (Psalm 50:15). And our Lord Jesus also says in Matthew 21:22, *"And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."*

Sometimes God's answer to our prayer is "no," because He knows what is best for us. Sometimes God's responds in ways that we do not expect. Sometimes we may find ourselves wanting to take the steering wheel of our life away from God because we feel that He is taking us the wrong way or going too slow. But when we consider how much God loves us (John 3:16), through faith – and by the power of the Holy Spirit - we surrender to the Lord's timing, His strength, and His power.

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! I would love to get to know YOU better.

Let's Stay Connected!

Your Brother in Christ,
Pr. Jonathan Vierkant

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all newsletter articles in by **Tuesday, September 25th** to Cathy Grande at **standrewchurchwb@gmail.com**.

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

BOARD OF ELDERS

This is just a reminder that St. Andrew will be going with one service on Sunday mornings year-round. We will have service starting at 9:00 with Sunday School/Bible class after the service. Classes should be going from approximately 10:15-11:15 each week. Please come and join us in weekly worship and then to study God's word.

Summer is almost done and we start to think about Confirmation class. We had our meeting after the church picnic service to talk about the upcoming class. You will either have received, or will be receiving, an email letting you know the start date, time and days that we will be having class.

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

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Are you interested in meeting fellow St. Andrew members for a relaxing hour or so? A small group of people meet twice a month, on the second Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. and on the fourth Friday of the month at 6 p.m., at the Copper Penny Restaurant for a relaxing meal and getting to know one another. All are welcome to join us as often as you wish.

Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board so we can make reservations for everyone. If you wish to reserve baked cod for Friday, please indicate that on the sheet in the yellow section.

If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Al or Nancy Taft or call Nancy at 414-630-9984 or Al at 414-573-2376.

STEWARDSHIP & EVANGELISM

Many thanks to all who came to the church picnic, especially those who shared the wonderful salads, side dishes, and desserts, as well as those essential buns and all the rest. A special thanks, too, to the early-rising pig-roasting crew! Also, thanks goes out to the Bruss family for the games! Indeed, our committee appreciated all who brought canopies that shaded us during the service. What a blessing to finally have a beautiful day where we didn't have to debate whether or not to have the service indoors or out!

DARTBALL

With summer entering its last months and the fall/winter season approaching we are once again looking to continue St Andrew's Dartball Team.

The league play starts September 19th and consists of 21 weeks of play ending February 20th. 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 12th at 7:00 PM the week before league play starts at St Andrew in the Sunday school area. If you are interested in playing there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board where you can indicated 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 262-306-0282 or Rick Bruss.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS

In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. Romans 12:5-8

I would like to adopt this verse as St. Andrew's verse of the year. Each one of us has been given special gifts, hand picked by God himself! God wants us to use those gifts to His glory, to bring others to know and love Him and to work together as one body in Christ. We all have work to do. There are people right here in our congregation needing your gifts, your time, your compassion. Our community is filled with people lost and alone. This year, with the help of the Holy Spirit, let us work together to build our church and our early childhood campus up, therefore bringing others to saving grace. Look deep within and ask God what your special gift is, then share it with others!

In our own early childhood campus I can see that each teacher has been given special gifts. Some are better at organizing, some at leading, some at music, some at art, some have energy to share with all of us, some can climb our storage shelves like a ninja. But one thing we all share is a great love for our God. All are called to teach. We are very blessed that our teaching staff works well together and that together we can accomplish much!

This coming year I will be working hard on presenting to my ECC board and our congregation several different avenues our early childhood could take for possible growth. May God direct my ways and may I follow His will.

The 2018-2019 school year begins on Tuesday, September 4th! We have a total of 25 students enrolled and have plenty of room for more.

Do you have a gift God has given you that you can share with our precious ones or our teaching staff? Please let me know.

One in Christ,
Sandy Ruback

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Sunday School/ Education Hour starts on September 9th at 10:15am. Please join us as we learn more about the Lord and his life. Also, what He has in store for us. Everyone from age 3- 103 are welcome. Children should go to the Preschool Gym area for their class assignments.

Adults meet in the fellowship hall. It is not an intimidating place. Honest. Try it and see for yourself.

Tuition Assistance program still has about 30 bags of Peanuts left. The cost is \$3 each and there is a coupon for Texas Roadhouse appetizers valued at \$7 attached. What a deal! We will be holding another Dine to Donate sometime this fall at Texas Roadhouse. Please look for more info to follow in both the bulletins and newsletters.

The Library has a few new pamphlets on life issues as well as some new Christian DVDs. To check them out just enter your name and phone number and items you have checked out. There is no due date but please be considerate of others who may want to check out these items.

Bible study opportunities are available:

Sunday at 10:15 Pastor leads us in a study.

Monday evenings at 7 pm the Men's group meets. They would love to have more men meet to hear and discuss the word of God. Currently they are studying Psalms.

Wednesday evenings Michele will again hold a home study on the movie The War Room. It is a super way to become closer to God and other Christian women. It will be starting on the 19th and meet for 6 weeks. See Michele for more info or look on the bulletin board for a sign up.

As always, Fall brings us to budget and the search for new committee members. If you feel the desire to help us make the education of fellow believers a success please let us know, so we can add your name to the ballot in November.

In Christ's Service
Michele Buehler Chair

EDUCATION HOUR

"Hey Mom, I stayed up way too late last night playing video games.... I am not going to school today. OK?"

"Boy honey, the game went to 15 innings last night, I am beat. I think I will stay home from work today."

"I would rather go to the zoo today, so I am not going to work/school."

"Who cares if I do not go to see your parents? I need a day to myself."

"It's too early to go to church/ Education Hour. I need to garden/fix things/sleep."

Would you allow someone you loved to give these kinds of excuses? I sure wouldn't. But these and a lot more are what we see happening with church attendance and Sunday School.

God wants all of our attention. He wants us to give Him the glory and praise and thanksgiving for all the things in our lives. We do that by worshipping Him, and thanking Him for the pleasures that we have in our lives: family times, sports, video games, outside activities. Even thankful for work and school. He is there for us every day, all day. And yet, we find excuses not to give Him 1 or 2 hours a week. Sunday School should really be called Education Hour, as it is for **ALL** of us. We all need to learn more about our faith and our Lord.

Please join us on September 9th for Education hour at 10:15am. Children from ages 3 through High School are invited to join us and make new friends as they learn about their God and Lord Jesus Christ. The teachers would love to have overflowing classes. Let's make that happen.

Adults are also encouraged to see what Education hour is all about. It is not just for those who know their way around the bible. It's a way for all of us to learn more and ask questions. There are no dumb questions, only unasked ones. I sure do not have all the answers, but I do know that the weeks I miss, due to illness within the family, leaves me wanting that connection more and more. I **need** to be in the company of fellow believers and to learn more about what God and Jesus have in store for me in my life. He is my rock.

So please, stop using excuses. Come and try us out and see what you have been missing. Look for me and I will help you feel like you fit in.... because you do.

Michele Buehler

SISTERS IN CHRIST

September begins our planning and anticipating the year ahead. We would like to welcome all the women of our congregation to join us in one, two, or many of our activities and mission work. Sisters in Christ is for women of all ages, so please come and find

out how supportive Christian women can be for each other.

Our first Breakfast Meeting will be on Saturday, September 29th at 8:30-10:30am. Look for details of the location coming soon. We will discuss what activities we want to offer and what mission work we want to accomplish. Bring your ideas!

A special thank you to Kathy M. for her leadership in our summer Bible study and for organizing a wonderful field trip day and lunch. A good time was had by all!

We look forward to a blessed year together in Christ,
Judi Bastian and Sandy Ruback- Co-Chairs

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School starts at 10:15 on 9/9. This year we are going to sing as a group regularly during church service. All students need to meet together and get signed in at the beginning of each class. We'll open with prayer, announcements and practice singing as a group. After practice we will dismiss the kids to their classrooms. The kids will be returning to the meeting area at 10:15 for pick up and sign out. I'll also have paper copies of the form for the first few weeks of Sunday School.

I'd like to thank all the teachers for volunteering their time to teach the kids about God's word. Without them, we wouldn't be able to have the great Sunday School program that we have.

Jeff Grande
Sunday School Superintendent

HANDBELL CHOIR: Bells will be starting up again on Monday, September 10th. We now have a beginning choir and an advanced choir. Anyone wanting to join either choir feel free to show up to a rehearsal or talk to Jennifer Becker (414) 315-0517. No experience necessary! Let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

CHOIR: Practices for choir will be Sunday morning at 8 a.m. instead of Wednesday nights. New members are always welcome to join the choir. All ages are welcome including school age children. We will start Sunday September 9th.

GOLF TEAM: Congratulations to our St. Andrew Golf Team (Mark Ruback, Ken Betz, Paul Heinz, Ron Nuoffer, Adam Ruback, and Randy Ruback) for taking 1st place in the league.

QUILTERS

Dear Christian friends, we're down to the last of the fabric for our quilts. If anyone has excess, we're ready for your donations. Thanks for the "innards" and God Bless all of you.

Reader Schedule

September 2

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 18:1-16
9:00 Michele Buehler

September 9

Old Testament: Isaiah 35:4-7a
Epistle Reading: James 2:1-10,14-18
9:00 Debbie Yenter

September 16

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 7:1-17
9:00 Brad Becker

September 23

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 9:1-13
9:00 Randy Sheffield

September 30

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 12:1-15
9:00 Craig Falk

September 2018 Usher Schedule

September 2

9 AM Team #5

Paul Heinz
Pete Hesprich
Mark Janz
Ted Wuebben
Elmer Frey

September 10

9 AM Team #6

Linda Konzal
Carolyn Kreis
Bob Buehler
Fred Legate
Norman Rettamel
Randy Sheffield

September 17

9 AM Team #1

Dan Yenter
Dan Fischer
Carla Peterson
Greg Knox
Sue Butenhoff

September 23

9 AM Team #2

Ken Betz
Rick Bruss
Blake Sommer
Ron Nuoffer
Josh Miller

September 30

9 AM Team #3

Mark Ruback
Myron Kraft
Jeff Schmidt
Al Taft
Dave Brehmer

WISH LIST

Approved by Church Council 10/26/2017

Organ

**Parking Lot Final Layer
(Summer 2018)**
(approx. \$36,500)

Chimes for the Organ
(approx. \$7,200)

White tables
(type that we have in the fellowship
hall)

**Replacement chairs for the fellowship
hall**

Carpet cleaner
(contact a Trustee for specifications)

HandBell Maintenance
(approx.. \$2,000)

Sign for Front Yard
(Update and Move)

****If you wish to purchase one of the above items be aware that St. Andrew is a tax-exempt organization. That means we do not have to pay tax on such purchases. Please ask us for a tax-exempt form so tax does not have to be paid.*

We would also be glad to give you a 'donation statement' for your tax purposes.

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Shirley Reuter
2 Matthew Gnatzig
6 Linda Bruss
10 Austin Jantz
10 Troy Justman
10 Leo Ruback
12 Randy Sheffield
13 Laurie Kelln
14 Darren Keaton
14 Lois Priegel
15 Bob Butenhoff
16 Jeremy Kohler
20 Betty Taft
22 Lillith Schlosser
24 Nicholas Arps
25 Judi Bastian
25 Raiden Seidler
27 Donna Krueger
27 Carla Peterson
28 Lauren Schilling
30 Cris Kiel
30 Katie Vierkant



16 Jenny Kohler
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 Dan & Suzanne Woods
7 Chad & Jacklyn Bruss
8 Dan & Mert Fischer
8 Lori & Ben Turenske
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'

