



ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Early Childhood Campus

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"Jesus Stopped"

It is said that there are approximately 12 million people in America who are visually impaired. Some of whom live in total darkness. While total blindness can limit the productivity of certain folks, many go on to live full lives. One such example is a man by the name of Charley Boswell. Charley was blinded during World War 2 while rescuing a friend from a burning tank. However, Charley didn't let his blindness get him down! He even went on to win sixteen National Blind Golfing Championships.

There is yet another man, spoken of in the Bible, who refused to let his blindness get him down. Though blind for his entire life, his hearing worked quite well, and he heard that Jesus was passing through Jericho. And so, he cried out to Him, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Others around him told him to quit his yapping, but he would not give up! Instead, he continued to cry out to Him. For this was his one and only chance! Perhaps Jesus would not pass this way again! And so, he cried out. And Mark 10:49 says, "Jesus stopped..." Jesus stopped to answer the blind man's prayer. He never said, "I'm too busy for you. I'm God! I'm running the universe! Could you lay off?" Never! Instead, Jesus stopped... and led the blind man to identify his need and to confess that Jesus could heal him.

Brothers and sisters, your prayer, likewise, stops Jesus in His tracks, and He never tires of hearing from you. We suffer many things in this world that gets us down. And there are also the scoffers who scoff at our worship and prayer.

Nevertheless, the Lord gives us His promise in His Word: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." – Romans 10:13

Jesus died on the cross for our sins and rose again. We who repent and believe in Jesus are forgiven. God gives YOU His Word! So, call on the name of the Lord with me, for the Lord will never turn us away.

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 connect!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all newsletter articles in by **Tuesday, October 29** to Ginger Careros at standrewchurchwb@gmail.com.

BOARD OF ELDERS

Revelation

The guys are studying the book of Revelation on Saturday mornings from 8:30am until 9:30am.

I knew that the book of Revelation was a vision that John had regarding the end of the world. I also knew that the book predicted how God would judge his creation at the end of time, and it wasn't pretty for unbelievers. Through our study we have discovered that it's so much more. For every event of God's judgment, He gives unbelievers another chance to repent of their sins and join the believers. God loves all of

the people that he created and he wants as many of them as possible to join Him in Heaven either when they breathe their last breath on earth or at the end of time. Grace and mercy from our God from the beginning to the end.

I always find it interesting that you can read the same book of the Bible multiple times and you learn something new or hear a different insight from someone else at a study. God's word is amazing and is truly a gift that he has given to us to study and discuss. Guys, come join us on Saturday mornings. Coffee is always hot and ready and Dan has been known to stop by his favorite Mini Mart on his way to pick up baked goods for the fellas. There are quite a few options to study the Bible at St. Andrew.

- Sunday morning after church (10:15am).
Currently studying the book of Romans.
- Tuesday morning (9:30am) Women's Group @ Sandy Ruback's house.
- Week night (various nights depending on schedules) Women's Group. Meets at homes and church- Currently studying the book, Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World by Joanna Weaver.
- Saturday morning (8:30am) Men's Group led by Dan Berres meets at church- Currently studying the book of Revelation.
- Monday evening (6:00pm) Men's Group led by Bob Buehler -Currently studying the book of Zechariah.

Talk to Pastor Vierkant or one of the elders and we will help get you plugged into God's word at St. Andrew.

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,

Randy Sheffield—Chairman, Sick/Shut-Ins; Care Ministry

Thai Hua—Secretary, Ushers

Mark Oehme— In-Actives

Jeff Grande – Youth/Confirmation

Rory Hetzel—Lay Readers

George Muth—Fund Raisers/Personnel

BOARD OF MINISTRIES

Fall is in the air; leaves are starting to change colors and the fields are getting ready to yield their harvest. One thing that never changes is God! His love for us is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. He is sending us out to reap that harvest, not just what the fields produce, but into the field of people to share Christ with them and what He has done for us all. Some of the ways we can do this is:

October Mission Collection

The collection for this month is all chunky soups, Tomato Soup, cream of chicken or mushroom soup. Please put them in the box in the narthex. Monetary donations to the Kewaskum food Pantry can be mailed to the K.C. Pantry. P.O. Box 502, Kewaskum, WI 53040

Harvest Dinner

Come and join in the fellowship on October 20th at 4:00. Great time to invite your family and friends to join us for the dinner. Check the board to sign up! "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for the food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness 2 Corinthians 9:10

St A's Weeder's and Seeder's (Foraging /gardening Group)

The group is celebrating their 1st year as a group. The meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month, here at church, at 6:30. Next Meeting is October 1st. Lots of information and lots of friendly people!

On October 19th, they will have a booth at the Homestead Rendezvous at New Life Church on Hwy D, 10:00 to 3:00. Free to the public. Offers time to learn multiple skills, everything from sewing on a button, building a fire to installing home security. God has blessed us with the ability to learn many new things.

Prayer Sunday

On the first Sunday of every month, we invite you to write down your special prayers and put them into the box when you go up for Lord Supper. Pastor will then say a prayer over them. They will not be read. What you write is between you and the Lord.

Prayer Vigil

On Monday, November 4th, a prayer vigil is being planned. As of now, the time will be from 3:00 to 7:30. It is not a service, but time to come to spend time with the Lord and pray for the election, family, health, church, etc., it is between you and the Lord. Come when you can and stay as long as you want. Watch for more information in the Sunday Bulletin.

Bible Classes

Number of Bible Classes to take advantage of: Men's Bible Study – Monday night and Saturday morning. Women's Bible Study - Tuesday morning and one on different evenings as decided by the group.

Looks like there are a number of opportunities to take part in to grow in our faith. Maybe, each of us is part of that harvest field.

Blessings:

Kris Sheffield, Sarah Peterson, Joanne Miller, Sue Hetzel, Shary Kraft, Sandy Berres

BOARD OF FINANCE

It's budget time! Among other financial needs of the church, the Trustees have been busy working on maintenance tasks, identifying and prioritizing the needs of our church building. Most urgent are 2 furnaces that needed to be replaced; in addition, 1 A/C unit (1 of 2 that cool the sanctuary) has failed and needs to be replaced.

St. Andrew has always experienced the timely blessings of God's grace. Thank you to all who have generously donated to these needs! With God's help and everyone's giving's, the furnaces are paid in full, and there are funds toward the A/C unit.

Budget time can be stressful. Yet, by trusting God and his plan, we know that St. Andrew will survive, and even thrive in our mission. Keeping our eyes on Him is key. We all need to count our blessings daily. Blessings are daily bestowed on our personal lives and our church. Give thanks!

In His Service,
St. Andrew Finance Committee

LUNCH AND A MOVIE

What kind of movies do you like?
Comedy, Thriller, Suspense, Sci-Fi, Family, Christian or Romance.

Did you really look at the choices? Not too long ago I, Michele, would never have chosen a Christian film. But now, I can't get enough of them. They all have a Christian underlying message but, not so strong as to turn people away. Some even help jog your faith life.

On October 6th, following Bible study, we will be hosting another lunch and a movie. (You will be home before the Packer game at 3:25) You get to help pick the movie. HOW??? Look for the sign-up sheet and then look at the list of almost 90 different titles available next to it. Make your choices (up to 3) known.

Lunch is either bring your own, or you can pre-order pizza from Little Caesars on the sign-up sheet. (We will run and pick up either cheese or pepperoni pizzas and have them hot and ready right before the movie.)

BYO drinks and if you want snacks to share.

We are praying we have a great turn out for Fellowship and a movie.

Bob and Michele Buehler

CARE MINISTRY

God's blessings to all of you! I wanted to remind you of our "Care Ministry" opportunity here at St. Andrew. This ministry can be use by any of you that may be going through a difficult time. It may be for only a short time like coming home from the hospital and would like someone to come and share a prayer or two and a brief devotional with you. Or something more long lasting like finding out you are not able to drive any more or health related trials perhaps dealing with the struggles with aging. Divorce or marriage difficulties.

There are many reasons to take advantage of this ministry. It may be a feeling of loneliness and just need to talk and need a listening ear to listen. You may be struggling with your faith, let us know! You may have received serious diagnoses from the doctors! Family difficulties! Life change decisions! Depression! Perhaps just asking "why am I always sad!" Do you have a family member in a nursing home? We will walk through the muck and brokenness of this world with you.

This ministry is for all of us from time to time, and no need to feel embarrassed or reluctant to ask. Please reach out to Pastor or myself. Don't hesitate to let us know. We are trained to be care ministries; all is kept private and is our privilege and blessing to serve God and His people in this way. You are a blessing to us and we don't want you to ever think you are alone because you are "never alone "Please, please, please," let us be a friend and have a meaningful relationship with you!

Dan Berres

SISTER'S IN CHRIST

Harvest Blessings, Autumn Leaves, Pumpkins Seeds and Jesus Please!

Sisters in Christ have several mission and activity events coming up this fall. Please know that all women of St. Andrew and your friends are invited to join us in any event. We welcome you and we want to be a blessing to you.

Here is what's ahead....

Friday, October 4th at 9:00am

We will meet at church and make applesauce together for the Fall Harvest Dinner (apples are from the apple tree on our church property). We also will be cleaning and organizing the storage closet. I know what you are thinking...that's not a fun job, but ladies, someone has to do it! So please join us. Many hands make light the load.

We are in need of storage tubs. If you have an extra one, we can use to help organize the closet, please place it in the storage closet across from the church mailboxes. Thank you!

Sunday, November 10th at Noon.

Fall Luncheon and Craft Event at church

Join us for lunch and two craft projects. Learn how to needle felt a bird's nest and eggs and then create a snowman wooden ornament using buttons. It will be a fun afternoon for women of all ages. Bring a friend! Invitations will be passed out on Sunday; October 13th and a signup sheet will be on the church bulletin board.

Mission Store

Our store is in need of Fall items. If you have any fall decorations, candles, books, etc. that you no longer have need for, please, consider putting them on our Mission Store shelves. Shop our store often! Any donations we receive goes towards our Sisters in Christ Mission projects and events. Thank you!

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebboxes will be ready for filling on Sunday, October 20th. Take a shoebox with you and fill it with school supplies, toys, bar soap, toothbrush,

washcloth and towel, comb or brush, small doll or stuffed animal, and any other items that a child would appreciate. Also include a personal note and photo. Do Not Include: toothpaste, lotion, liquids, nail polish, candy, food, war-related items, glass items. Return all shoeboxes by Sunday, November 17th.

Sisters in Christ Bible study on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 continues to be a blessing. Please join us at Sandy Berres home as we continue to study The Women of the Bible.

Together in Christ,

Sandy R., Judi B., Kathy M.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CAMPUS

Dear St. Andrew Congregation,
I can hardly believe that October is just around the corner! We spent the first two weeks of our school year talking about the World that God Made. Last week we talked about how God created man and the very First Sin. This week we have been learning all about Noah's Ark.

I had a Dad stop me and say that his 4K son quizzed him all the way home...all about Noah's Ark and did his Dad know how many days it rained and why there was a rainbow? Along with a whole bunch of other questions! It brings me so much JOY to see and hear our students learning all about our different Bible stories. How amazing that these children are taking what they are learning here at school, HOME and sharing with their parents!

Blessings to you all,
Lindsey

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Darrell Harrison
- 2 Carolyn Hartmann
- 3 Amber Dieringer
- 3 Jessica Janz
- 3 Kristen Kasuboski
- 3 Stephanie Waala

- 4 James Strohmeyer
- 8 Joanne Miller
- 9 Jessica Dreska
- 9 Mark Janz
- 11 Curt Gnatzig
- 12 Jane Dolata
- 12 Cindy Heinz
- 12 Emerson Mutz
- 16 David Brehmer
- 16 Charlotte Grande
- 18 Ronda Koenig
- 19 Zachary Dieringer
- 20 Hank Kelley
- 20 Ellen Slicker
- 21 Toby Hua
- 22 Sidney Brehmer
- 22 Zachary Brehmer
- 23 Ted Wuebben
- 24 Olivia Dieringer
- 24 Sandra Lompa
- 25 Tiff Legate
- 25 Lainey Vierkant
- 27 Josie Pfeiffer
- 29 Wendi Falk
- 29 Margie Hua
- 29 Pat McWilliams



OCTOBER BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Annabelle Miller
- 4 Jessica Beaupre'
- 4 Linda Bruss
- 11 Troy Justman
- 12 Christopher Callen
- 16 Austin Jantz
- 17 Jonathan Ratzel
- 18 Staci Ruback
- 25 Judi Bastian
- 26 Star Dzwonkowski
- 26 Megan Johnson
- 29 Dolores Engel
- 29 Margie Hua
- 31 Jessica Janz
- 31 Stephanie Waala



**OCTOBER WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Christopher & Deanna Kiel
- 4 Sharon & Troy Ellis
- 4 Kenneth & Wendi Falk
- 6 Jeffrey & Cathy Grande
- 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 Robert & Sandra Lompa Jr.
- 19 Nancy & Gary Kawczynski
- 21 Gary & Kristi Leipold
- 22 Lyndsey & Steven Mutz
- 28 Curt & Michelle Gnatzig
- 28 Mark & Sandy Ruback
- 31 Blake & Angela Sommer



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and bread for the
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of your
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2Corinthians 9:10**

