



St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church Newsletter

Welcome to worship and life at St. Andrew's!
Sunday Worship at 9:00 & 10:30 am

February 2018
Lent begins Wednesday Feb. 14

Dear friends,

Thank you for your presence and help at our Annual congregational meeting. It is always the focus for January, and the beginning of our new year together.

Now we head into February. The people you elected to lead us in council and to represent us in the missions of the larger church begin their work for this year.

In February and March we gather with representatives of sister congregations to plan joint mission work in the Oshkosh conference, and with Lutheran campus ministry at UWO, Crossways Camps, and Miravida Living (Lutheran Homes of Oshkosh).

Each of these larger groups have been blessed and supported in their work by you.

Last year St Andrew's provided gifts of money and time and leadership that helped to reroof the campus ministry house, bring a South African counselor to our Crossways camps to help form our youth in faith, and support the clinical education of pastors at Miravida, as well as providing Board leadership there!

You have done so much with and for others! This new year will provide many more opportunities.

I think much of the time as believers we tend to focus on our individual struggles to live faithfully in this challenging world.

But God also inspires us to share our faith: with our family, with our neighbors, and with folks gathered in specific missions.

Ash Wednesday (this year Feb 14) begins the season of Lent, the Church's Spring cleaning.

We look carefully at what has cluttered up our relationship with God and ask for forgiveness and renewed trust in God's steadfast love.

We listen carefully to God's Word, and ask for the renewal that our baptism has promised - both the washing away of our sins (whatever separates us from God and others in hurtful ways) and the gift of God's Holy Spirit.

And we gather in worship to help one another. Sometimes we cheer on the other person, and sometimes we are the ones being cheered and encouraged. And we all find our center in Christ.

If February is like January this year we may see the first brave spring shoots emerge from wintry soil.

Whatever the weather we will see the first brave shoots of our life together in Jesus emerging to cheer, to bless, and to confirm the love of God is here. Thank you for being here together in Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Karen Jewell

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Highlights of Church Council Meeting

Tuesday December 12, 2017

Present: Jakob Iversen, Jay Klinger, Warren Luce, Jane Martinez, Matt Moore, Peg Olson, Rose Rivera, Pastor Karen Jewell

Excused: Linda Ellman, Chris Ziegler, Ann Stephan, Jackie Kuhn

Guest: Jim Heidl

Treasurer's report: Matt Moore presented the November and year-to-date financial reports. Motions made and approved to approve the November bills paid, and the treasurer's financial reports.

Old Business:

2018 Budget:

Matt Moore reported that he had updated the committee amounts in the 2018 budget draft. Still need Patty Koplitz' report for budgeted amounts for Congregational Life. If staff increases are considered in 2018 it would cost approximately \$850.00 per 1 % increase.

Housing Allowance for the pastor: Motion made and approved to designate \$15,300.00 from Pastor Jewell's salary and benefits package in 2018 for housing allowance.

Custodian Position:

It was noted that Tom and Pat Coates have resigned from custodial duties as of December 31, 2017. This will change the staff portion of the budget going forward. Warren Luce had explored using an outside cleaning service, but our church cleaning services are classified as commercial. Jack's Maintenance offered a per month quote that would not be possible with our budget. Warren indicated that we need to review the job description and routines involved in cleaning our facilities, using verifiable hours for the job. Flexibility would help as well as asking for help with special services such as funerals, weddings, etc. The Executive committee is to decide the wage. Warren suggested that we purchase a backpack vacuum cleaner for sanctuary cleaning. We need to refine the job description for the custodial work, lay out clear expectations, create a schedule for 3-4 days a week (probably 15 to 20 hours to do it all) including windows, fellowship hall, bathrooms, sanctuary, special events, special seasonal worship. Jane Martinez and Matt Moore noted that we need to get word of the job opening out in the NET, the bulletin, and to Pastor Danny for the United Hmong Alliance Congregation. Pastor Karen will forward this description:

A part-time custodial position (currently 10-15 hours per week) is becoming available at St Andrew's as of January 1, 2018. Our current caretakers, Pat and Tom Coates, are retiring

from this work at St Andrew's and we thank them for all the good care they have provided to our building. If you are interested in this position, please fill out an application (available through the Church Office) and the Executive Committee will contact you to discuss further details.

Feeding the Children:

Plan to share portion of the funds received for Feeding Our Children with Emmeline Cook Elementary School and Webster Stanley School and the Oshkosh Area Community.

Nominating Committee: Jane Martinez plans to meet again early in the New Year – slate of candidates still has several openings.

Madrigal Singers: Madrigal singers from Oshkosh West High and Oshkosh North High visited St Andrew's in December. Motion made and approved to give \$75.00 honorarium to each group from the Thrivent TBD fund.

Annual Meeting discussion and review of agenda:

It was suggested that any graphs that would be displayed on screen during the Annual meeting also be printed – since our capacity to show the materials on screen is limited and can be hard to view. Add to the New Business area of the Annual Meeting agenda: Renovation update

Christian Action (Jackie Kuhn):

Feeding the Children

The actual costs of FTC totaled roughly \$3500. We have a balance of \$5709.88 in the FTC fund. The Christian Action Committee has determined that the remaining canned goods will be donated to the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry. In addition, the balance over \$3500 (approximately \$2709.88) will be used to help defray the costs of the free and reduced meals for children at Emmeline Cook Elementary and Webster Stanley School and will be used for the Friday Backpack program. The Friday Backpack program is a program where food is sent home with designated children on the weekends. \$2000 should be used for the free and reduced meal program and \$709.88 should be used for the Friday Backpack program.

Renovation discussion - Warren Luce happened to be in the building during our meeting and graciously presented us with an explanation of the facility needs of our church and requested input as we move forward.

Thrivent Grant Meals - In November, Marcia and Tom Galica applied for and received a Thrivent grant for our

December meal initiative. Our initiative is to present the local fire station with fixings for a meal since they are 'on their own' for their meals. In addition, we plan to give meals to the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry, the Ceape Fire Station, a family in need, Christine Ann Center and Father Carr's, as donations allowed. The Thrivent grant is seed money for the meal program. Our church needs funds and non-perishable donations to supplement the grant. Delivery for the meals will take place on Sunday, December 10th.

WMHI 2017 Christmas Project - A box has been placed in the narthex for donations to the WMHI Christmas project. A list of items is on the box if anyone wants to pick one up. Delivery date is December 18th.

Cherith Clothing and Resource Center - Will be considered in 2018.

Lutheran Campus Ministry - May need assistance in January. Carolyn will contact us and let us know.

God's Work Our Hands animal drive

We happily counted the offerings to the various animals. \$160.29 will be sent to sponsor animals! Tally is as follows:

Chickens	\$44.09
Pigs	\$ 9.95
Cows	\$51.58
Sheep	\$54.46
Other	\$.21

2018 Noisy Offering

January Noisy Offering will go to the Day by Day Warming Shelter. In addition, Carol Spiegelberg to contact them to see if we can serve a meal there. We also discussed how we can assist the homeless during the hours when the shelter is closed.

Discussed accomplishments for 2017 for Annual Report.

Christian Action will meet again on Tuesday, January 2, at 6 PM. Please join us!

Congregational Life (Rose Rivera):

Rose Rivera, Patty Koplitz and Pastor Karen will do a round robin email to finish Congregational Life report.

Education (Rose Rivera for Linda Ellman):

New unit of Sunday School materials is on the way for the New Year. Sunday School Christmas worship Sunday Dec 17 at 10:30 am

Property: (Warren Luce)

Advanced Disposal will no longer be our waste and recycling service, Warren has applied for a contract with Van's Disposal that will be less expensive on both our regular pickups and our specially scheduled pick ups.

New Projects: Capital improvement funds will be needed for some work going forward:

LED upgrading – removing ballast, direct wiring, good for 15 years and bulbs use 52% less energy. Goal is to redo the common areas first that are lit most of the time. The cost would be under \$2,000.00 and no electrician is needed to change out the fixtures. Warren requested \$2000.00 from the Capital improvement fund to upgrade LED lighting after the first of the year. Motion made and approved to use \$2,000.00 from the Capital Improvements fund for the lighting work listed above.

The Renovation Focus Group has moved on to the point of asking Corey Wallace, (member and architect) for production of the designs – projected costs to be \$5,000.00 total. Warren is requesting \$3,000.00 now to create CAD drawings and 3D imaging for presentation to the congregation. This needs to be a professional expense to the architecture firm. There are two designs that the Focus Group have narrowed down to. There is a primary design from the architect, and a hybrid design proposed by Steve Last. Warren will get a cost of creating the two models to decide what to be able to bring to the congregation for discussion. After the costs are brought to council, a decision will be made as how to proceed. Motion made and approved to create a special renovation fund.

Worship and Music Committee (Peg Olson):

1. Christmas flowers are all ordered and will be set up on 12/21.
2. The Christmas tree will be set up by STAMP on Saturday, Dec. 9. Since Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas, we will prepare ourselves and our decorations throughout the season.
3. Sunday Advent worships will have a simplified order of worship.
4. Wednesday Advent worships will be held at 12 noon and 7 pm.
5. Blue Christmas (Dec. 21) will be held both at noon and 7 pm
6. Christmas Eve Day worship at 9 and 10:30 am – it will be the fourth Sunday in Advent.
7. Christmas Eve Night
 - 6:30 Carols by request
 - 7 pm Family Worship
 - 11 pm Holy Communion, candlelit
8. Christmas Day
 - 10 am Holy Communion worship

9. An usher/greeter meeting will be held in January or February.
10. Next meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 4 pm

Pastor's Report (Pastor Karen):

Interfaith and Conference worship

--Mon Nov 20th – Interfaith Festival of Gratitude 7 pm at Grand Opera House – took part with members of our congregation in a joint Lutheran Choir

--Wed Nov 22nd – Joint Lutheran Thanksgiving Eve worship at Christ Lutheran, Church Ave – offered one of the meditations.

Madrigals

--Sunday Dec 3rd – welcomed Oshkosh West High School madrigal singers at 10 am

--Sunday Dec 10th – welcomed Oshkosh North High School madrigal singers at 8:40 am

Seasonal Worship

--Advent Wed worships and a Blue Christmas– quiet Christmas worship for folks who have experienced grief in the holidays will be held.

Adult and Youth bible studies and education:

Monday night group just completed Matthew's gospel, began Acts of the Apostles. Wednesday noon group is completing the video series Genesis to Revelation by Dr Craig Koester. Confirmation classes are studying the bible stories, symbols, and carols of Advent as well as attending the 7 pm Advent worship on Wednesdays.

Upcoming:

Conversations 11 am to 12 noon on Advent Wednesdays, Dec 13, 20. Christmas worship schedule was shared. PREP for the Annual Report to the Congregation as well as Stewardship/membership materials to distribute. Confirmation resumes Wed Jan 3, bible studies resume Jan 3 and Jan 8. Synod Stewardship committee mtg Saturday Jan 6, Special cottage meetings at church on Sunday, January 14, 8:15 to 9:00 am, 10:00 to 10:30 am, 11:30 am to 12:15 pm – to discuss possible renovation plans, and Annual meeting, Sunday, January 28 at 10:30 am.

Next council meeting is January 9, 2017 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Karen Jewell,
Recording minutes for Chris Ziegler, council secretary

A complete set of minutes is available on the narthex bulletin board.

Highlights of Church Council Meeting

Tuesday January 9th, 2018

Present: Jakob Iversen, Jay Klinger, Warren Luce, Jane Martinez, Matt Moore, Peg Olson, Rose Rivera, Chris Ziegler, Ann Stephan, Jackie Kuhn, Pastor Karen Jewell

Excused: Linda Ellman,

Guest: Jim Heidl

Treasurer's report: Matt Moore presented the December and year-to-date financial reports. Motions made and approved to approve the December bills paid, and the treasurer's financial reports.

2018 Budget:

Matt Moore presented the revised draft of the 2018 budget for council to review. Motion made and approved to approve bringing the revised draft to the congregation for review and vote. Discussion was had regarding committee budgets, the custodial position, and staff raises.

Old Business:

Custodian Position:

Warren Luce discussed with the council as to the status of the evaluation and interviewing for a new custodian. The Job duties and approximate hours and materials that would be needed have been assembled. A meeting was scheduled for Warren and the executive committee for next Tuesday January 16th at 6:00 pm to discuss the position and start moving forward with filling the vacant position. Special thanks to Tom & Marcia Galica for taking over the duties of cleaning in the interim. There have been three applications returned to date, but more applications have been given out

Feeding the Children:

Checks have been distributed to the following groups with the remaining public funds that were raised for the Feed The Children Program:

A check to Oshkosh Area School District (Emmeline Cook School) for **\$1000.00** with a memo: **Coverage for unpaid Free & Reduced meals**

A check to Oshkosh Area School District (Webster Stanley School), for **\$1000.00** with a memo: **Coverage for unpaid Free & Reduced meals**

and a check to the Oshkosh Area Community Pantry for **\$709.88** with a memo: **Friday Backpack program.**

Nominating Committee: There is still an open council position on the ballot but most, if not all, of the representative positions have been (will be) filled. A call for nominations will be made during the Annual Meeting to fill any remaining vacant positions.

Annual Meeting discussion and review of agenda:

Jane Martinez had sent the church council the tentative agenda for this year's Annual Meeting. There were no additional changes.

Additional Office Hours:

Jane Martinez had been approached by the secretarial staff for the allocation of additional office hours to be able to organize all of the files that date back to the beginning of St. Andrew's. It is estimated that the additional hours would be no more than 20 hours each for the two secretaries to be able to accomplish this task. Motion made and approved to allocate a total of 40 additional secretarial hours for the organizing of the church files with the money to come from the Thrivent To Be Determined Fund.

New Business:

Conference for the Choir Director:

Brenda gave a report to Jane Martinez reviewing what she learned and planned to implement from the conference she attended in Chicago this past fall. That report will be distributed to council for them to be able to read and understand. Brenda had also made a request to be able to attend the conference again in 2018. It was decided to table the discussion until after the council has had a chance to review the report and the new council is commissioned in February.

Committee Reports:

Christian Action (Jackie Kuhn):

Thrivent Grant Meals – distribution went well. A diverse group of people gathered to fill boxes and delivered the meals as a group.

WMHI 2017 Christmas Project – delivered and received thank you from WMHI.

Noisy Offerings for 2018 are listed below. We have added an in kind offering to the offering to allow members to give needed items to the cause as well as coins. Boxes will be placed in the Narthex to collect the in kind offerings :

January – Day by Day Warming Shelter
foot powder/socks

February - Christine Ann Center

March - World Relief Fox Valley

April - Oshkosh Area Community Pantry

May – Feeding the Children

June – Lutheran Campus Ministry

July – Lutheran World Relief

August – ELCA Good Gifts

September – Emmeline Cook School

October – Oshkosh Area Humane Society

November – Veterans

December – Covered in Hope Project

Emmeline Cook staff contacted us to see if we would be

able to provide (refugee) family's children with boots, snow pants and elastic waist pants. We have already provided them with several elastic waist pants. A box will be placed in the Fellowship Hallway for these donations.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 13, at 5:30 PM. We will be having a pancake supper and are inviting everyone to join us. We will be serving pancakes, applesauce, fruit, and sausage. We have invited Lorraine Yarbrough of the Day by Day Warming Shelter to speak to the group from 6:15 – 6:45.

Congregational Life (Rose Rivera):

The narrative budget for Congregational Life is being assembled and will include the budget for the Youth Ministry Director.

Property: (Warren Luce)

A new policy has been set regarding the collection of in-kind donations for various groups and the timing for distribution. The policy was sent to council for review and any modifications were being made and would be sent to the Executive Committee to approve at the meeting on Tuesday, January 16th at 6:00.

Van's Waste Removal has sent a letter requesting additional information and a signature before they would take over the St. Andrew's account. This will also be brought to the Executive Committee for finalization.

Stewardship/Discipleship (Ann Stephan):

All the envelopes and packets have been assembled and placed in the Narthex for pick-up.

Technology Committee (Jakob Iversen):

The Technology and Office Operations Committee met on January 9 and primarily discussed the priorities for the rest of 2018 as reflected in the annual report. We look forward to be working with another group of students from UW Oshkosh's Interactive Web Management who can help us improve the way we communicate with the congregation and community.

For Pastor's mobile phone, we will be providing her with a monthly stipend to cover costs associated with use for work purposes. We will also update the laptop to make it usable for the choir director to work on music arrangements, including the ability to print to the Ricoh copier. Next meeting is scheduled for February 13 at 11:00.

Worship and Music Committee (Peg Olson):

We are planning usher training sessions to be held Sunday, February 25 before the 9 am service and after the 10:30 service. Peg will call each usher to check on their preferred times. We also are planning a training session for current assisting ministers and anyone who is interested on Saturday, January 20th from 10 to 11:30

am. Pastor Karen reported on positive feedback on shared activities with other congregations. We would like to participate again in the Lenten round robin, a possible May 10th Ascension service, another joint summer picnic, and the Thanksgiving Eve service. St. Andrew's will participate in offering Holden Evening Prayer around the world on Wed February 7 (7:00 to 7:30 pm). We discussed a Reformation art activity as an all-congregation project focused on Luther's crest. Brenda will organize the (February 18) project. A check for \$1,500 has been sent to the UW-Oshkosh Foundation for the 2017 and 2018 Abel Scholarship recipients

Pastor's Report (Pastor Karen):

Lenten round with Christ, Our Savior's, Peace, and St Andrew's Lutheran churches:

In the planning stage but we think everyone at these parishes is able to take part. The title of the series is "Making Change."

Seasonal Worship:

On Wed Feb 7th we will offer Holden Evening Prayer in conjunction with many other parishes around the world. Wed Feb 14th Ash Wednesday is coming fast!

Adult and Youth bible studies and education:

Monday night group is studying Acts of the Apostles. Wednesday noon group is beginning a video series taught by Father Albert Hasse on our callings from God, called "Saying Yes!" Confirmation classes are studying the Protestant Reformation and Martin Luther.

Upcoming:

Oshkosh Conference Assembly at Grace in Ripon on Tuesday, Feb 6th at 6 pm. Special cottage meetings at church on Sunday, January 14, 8:15 to 9:00 am, 10:00 to 10:30 am, and 11:30 am to 12:15 pm to discuss possible renovation plans. Annual meeting, Sunday, January 28 at 10:30 am. – your Annual reports are due.

Next council meeting is February 13th at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Ziegler, council secretary

A complete set of minutes is available on the narthex bulletin board.

Join the Little Free Library Movement! ..Spread the Love of Reading

What is a Little Free Library?

A Little Free Library is a "take a book, return a book" free book exchange. They come in many shapes and sizes, but the most common version is a small wooden box of books. Anyone may take a book or bring a book to share.



My Little Free Library Project



My name is Ethan Cutts and I have placed Little Free Library boxes at Emmeline Cook Elementary School, Webster Stanley Elementary School, Webster Stanley Middle School

and two boxes here at St. Andrews (a religious box by the sanctuary entrance & a public box on the corner of Hazel and Murdock). This project is part of my work to earn the rank of Eagle Scout through my Boy Scout Troop (Troop 641). I hope that you enjoy the books! I really like helping our community!

Thank you to everyone that helped with my project! I appreciate your donations of funds to build the boxes, and books to stock the boxes. I also want to say special thanks to Steve Last who shared his workshop, tools, and experience to build the Library boxes.



Membership Materials Available to pick up

(or let us know how you wish them to get to YOU!)



Our 2018 membership materials are ready for you! If you have not yet received yours, please stop in the office and pick them up, or if it is more convenient, let us know and we can mail or deliver them to you. We are happy to help. (920) 235-6616.

Available are:

- giving envelopes and estimate of giving forms
- Annual report for the year of 2017
- Time and Talent forms for 2018
- Our most current directory

Holden Evening Prayer around the World!

St. Andrew's is offering Holden evening prayer on Wednesday, Feb 7 at 7:00 pm – everyone is welcome. On that day places around the globe will be offering this beautiful worship. Come and take part in Holden Evening Prayer as we join all those celebrating this beautiful worship service around the world! You are welcome to be a part of this lovely candlelit worship time.



Q & A with Pastor Karen (lunch included!)

**Sunday, Feb. 11
11:45 am to 1:00 pm**

Please feel free to come and ask Pastor Karen the questions you have about our faith traditions at the time when someone dies.

This gathering was proposed by the men of STAMP who had some excellent questions and we wanted to make it available to people on a Sunday. A light lunch will be provided. Please sign up to let us know you are coming so we may plan enough food. Pastor Karen also invited Jay Schultz from Konrad-Behlman Funeral home to be prepared to answer questions about what families need to know.



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018

We will be gathering each Wednesday from that day until Holy Week for worship at 12 noon and 7 pm. We are working with Calvary Lutheran, Christ Lutheran and Our Savior's Lutheran to offer a Round Robin of preachers during Lent focusing on five changes: changing seasons, habits, the heart, circumstances and plans of our lives, and how God is unchanging in the midst of it all. Please join us.

We will be gathering for a light supper at 6 pm each week from Wed Feb. 21 to Wed Mar. 14. We will have a sign-up sheet if you would like to help with supplying the meal. But plan to come for food and fellowship – you are welcome.

Hope you can join us!



Christian Action News

Feed the Children 2018

It's almost time to see the smiling faces and hear the laughter of the children who will be coming through the doors here at St. Andrew's just to get a great noon meal.



We will be holding an **organizational meeting on Feb. 20 at 6 pm**. If you are interested in helping, bring your thoughts and ideas to this meeting. If you cannot make the meeting and want to help, please let the office know (235-6616).

Pancake Supper



Pancake Supper Tuesday, Feb. 13 5:30 pm

Everyone is welcome to enjoy this Fat Tuesday gathering sponsored by the Christian Action Committee. Enjoy pancakes, applesauce, fruit, and sausage. We have invited Lorraine Yarbrough of the Day by Day Warming Shelter to speak to the group from 6:15 – 6:45.

Thank you! During January we collected clothing for the immigrant families and other children in need at Emmeline Cook Elementary School.

We were able to give those folks at E. Cook:

- 23 pairs of pull on pants
- 5 pairs of snow pants
- one pair of gloves
- 3 pairs of snow boots
- 7 hats for cold weather.

Also collected were needed items for the Day by Day Warming Shelter:

- 2 large snow jackets
- 4 pairs pull on pants
- 106 breakfast bars
- 40 fruit drinks
- 1 lap blanket
- 2 pairs of gloves
- 12 pairs of socks
- 4 headbands
- 2 scarves

Thank you so much. Thank God for the generosity of the folks at our church!

Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive

February 18 – March 1, 2018

NEW hygiene and cleaning items for local homeless shelters and crisis agencies in our community are being collected. A box will be located near the Fellowship Hall doors for your donations. The most requested items include laundry detergent, garbage bags, dental and hair care items, diapers & baby care, tissue, etc. Thank you!



Noisy Offering

The **February 19** Noisy Offering is designated for the [Christine Ann Center](#), to help provide emergency shelter and counseling for individuals and families needing safety and shelter from an abusive situation.

Thanks to all who donated to January's Noisy Offering. The [Day by Day Warming Shelter](#) will receive \$96.89. Thank you for your generosity!

Youth News

For more information on any of the following events, please contact Patty Koplitz at pattykoplitz@gmail.com or 920-420-5616.

BYG (Beginning Youth Group) Game Day

Saturday, Feb. 24

2 - 4 pm

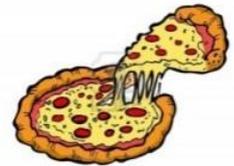


GAME DAY

Kids from 2nd grade through high school age are welcome to come and play games. Bring a game to share and be prepared to enjoy yourself!

Pizza Making!

Saturday, Feb. 3, 9am



We are looking for volunteers to help with the pizza making. If you think you are able to help, please let Patty Koplitz know.

If you are not able to help, but would like to **pick up your pizzas, you may do so after about 2 pm** in the afternoon. If Saturday is not good for you, you may certainly wait until Sunday. Please remember that refrigeration is limited! Thanks for your support!

YMT (Youth Ministry Team)

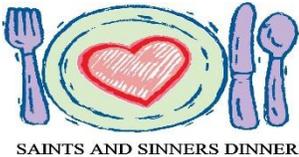
Summer Mission Trip Informational Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 18, 10:30 am - Youth Room

Or

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 7:30 pm - Fellowship Hall

This meeting is open to all high school students and kids in 8th grade. You only need to attend one meeting! We will discuss options for trips, costs, fund raising ideas and requirements. If you and your child are considering the summer trip, please consider helping with the pizza making. This will give them a chance to meet the other kids! Male chaperones are always needed and additional women welcomed.



Serving Saints and Sinners Dinner Help Needed

We are starting to plan our annual Serving Saints and Sinners dinner. It will be Friday May 4th. We are looking for silent Auction items, baskets to auction off, skills to auction off ... you get the idea. We are also looking for musical talent. We will be sharing our musical gifts with the attendees. Contact Patty Koplitz at 920-420-5616 or patty.koplitz@gmail.com.

Prints of Peace: Pet Ministry

Friday, Feb. 23
7:00 pm Worship



All are welcome to attend Prints of Peace Pet Ministry worship on Feb.23 at 7 pm. All social animals are welcome to come with their people.

Annual Assembly of Oshkosh Conference of ELCA Churches

The Annual Assembly of the Oshkosh Conference of ELCA churches will be on Tuesday evening, Feb 6 at Grace Lutheran Church in Ripon beginning at 6:00 pm. Together we plan our joint missions with area ELCA churches.



Our thanks to those of you who represent us at these gatherings and help us to take part in area missions!

Ready or Not here comes Lent!



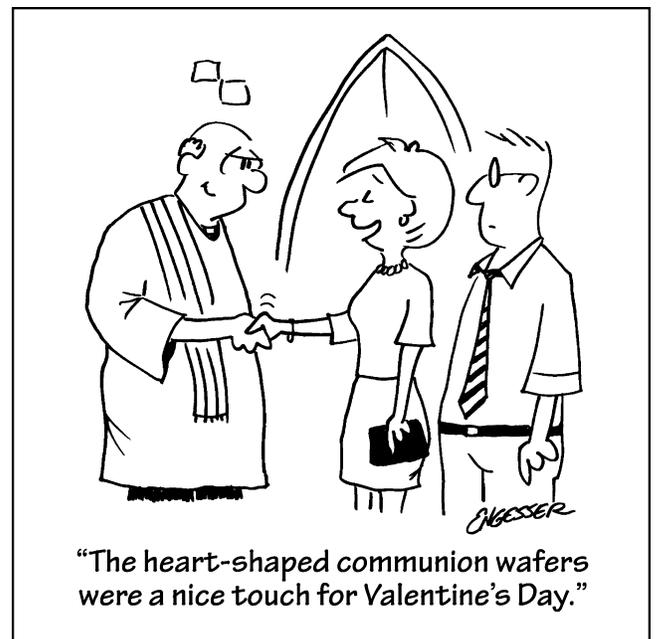
Ash Wednesday is Feb 14th!

Our faith in Jesus deepens as we follow him more closely through his journey to the Cross. Please feel the invitation of his love through the Word and worship.

We invite you to support the mission and ministry of St Andrew's Lutheran Church. You may offer a gift electronically, if that is best for you! You may use your smart phone technology: If you would like to give an offering electronically here is the short URL: <http://bit.do/stagiving> or the QR Code:



Or you may go to our standrewsoshkosh.org – our website. You choose how your funds are given, frequency and method of donation. But please know that your gift does make a difference! We thank you for considering this partnership in the gospel of Jesus Christ.



"The heart-shaped communion wafers were a nice touch for Valentine's Day."



St. Andrew's Men with Purpose (STAMP)

Breakfast

Meet at Delta Restaurant, 515 N Sawyer St
Saturday, Feb. 10, at 8:00 am

Lunch

Meet at Primo Restaurant, 2605 Jackson St.
Tuesday, February 20, at noon

Art & Soul

Sunday, Feb. 18

Between services and at 11:30 am
"Covered in Hope" and Kids' Craft Day. Meet
the Fellowship Hall.

Committee Meetings



All members welcome!

Christian Action Committee

Tuesday, February 13, at 6 pm

Worship & Music Committee

Monday, February 12, at 4 pm

Technology Committee

Tuesday, February 13, at 11 am

Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, at 7 pm

Property Committee

Thursday, February 22, at 6 pm



A NEW COMMANDMENT

In John 13:34, Jesus offers important instructions for his followers.

Directions: Figure out the pattern in each vertical line of letters. Then add the next letter in the sequence to the blank underneath, completing John 13:14, NIV.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCD...

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H M T A I L A Y H K R D Y P S M G
J N U C L M C Z K M S F B Q W P H

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JOHN 13:34, NIV

Answer: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34, NIV