



St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church Newsletter

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

July 2017
July 9, 2017 Picnic vespers and fellowship

Dear friends,

Sometimes people think that summer is a sleepy time at church – when some of our members are away for vacation or at the cabin and Sunday School and confirmation classes are done until September.

This summer – nothing could be further from the truth! ***This joint is jumpin' !!!*** (And that's without counting all the worship each week!)

In June, we had a great week at Pine Lake for confirmation camp with five of our confirmands. Then we had a beautiful wedding for one of our families using our picnic pavilion as our backdrop.

At the same time all sorts of helpful gifts came in from members and the Oshkosh community for the mission to Feed Our Children in August. Members planted flowers, cleaned the patio, and leaned into the planning and work on Property, Worship, and Communications and Technology.

This month we are working on several missions and tasks: we are training our volunteers who will serve meals in First Aid and the use of the AED. Our July Noisy offering will help us prepare to send Lutheran World Relief School Kits out that we will assemble at the God's Work Our Hands Day (September 10).

In July we are also putting together our 2017 to 2018 school year calendar of worship and other activities – so that we can coordinate our time together in worship, learning, and serving throughout the months to come!

And we are getting very, VERY excited to help Feed Our Children in August! That month promises to be jam-packed with all sorts of opportunities to share the love of Jesus Christ and the generous gifts of the Oshkosh community with children and youth who are hungry!

In all these things we are called to follow Jesus to the people and places God has equipped us to help and to nurture. Following Jesus means we may go some scary places, do new things, and get to know people we haven't even seen before!

But why do we do that? Have you ever asked yourself what is behind our mission and longing to care for others? Why does our St Andrew's love children and care about combating hunger?

We have been called together here by the Holy Spirit of God. Martin Luther invites us each to understand: *the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. (Small Catechism, Explanation to the Apostles' Creed)*

We each have particular gifts of the Spirit that lend themselves to this summer's mission. And we have hearts for relieving hunger wherever we can make a difference.

Among us are teachers and folks who practice the medical arts. Among us are those with gifts for nurturing kids and youth. Among us are those who cherish neighbors. Each of us has a calling from God.

When you assemble the wonderful mosaic of each gem-like calling, the picture reveals who we are: a congregation that works together to free our young neighbors from hunger they can't overcome alone.

In July, would you please join in our prayers for our neighbors who are hungry? Would you also pray with us for our partners in this mission? Thank God for sister churches, volunteers, and those who have helped contribute the resources to feed our children.

What a great summer! Thanks so much for being part of it! Yours in Christ, Pastor Karen Jewell

Highlights of Church Council Meeting Tuesday June 13, 2017

Present: Jane Martinez, Jay Klinger, Chris Ziegler, Matt Moore, Warren Luce, Rose Rivera, Peg Olson, Linda Ellmann, Jackie Kuhn, Pastor Karen Jewell

Excused: Ann Stephan, Jakob Iversen

Guest: Pam Nemmetz

Treasurer's report: Matt Moore presented the May financial reports. Motion made and carried to approve reports. Motion made and carried to approve the treasurer's reports.

Old Business:

Letters to Counters: Jane Martinez drafted a letter guiding the members of the counting teams how to notify the church office and/or team captains if they are unable to be there on their designated week. The letter was approved by Pastor Karen and sent out to the counting team members.

Building Remodeling Update: The collection and tallying of the surveys will begin around June 15th, and the results should be available sometime in July.

Door Updates: Warren agreed to a bid, from Omni Glass & Door, for replacing the door directly across from the Fellowship entrance with a new door that has a panic bar for a total of \$2,780. \$2,000 had previously been donated for the door replacement. Warren asked for the additional \$780 to come from the Capital Improvement fund. Motion made, seconded and approved to do so. Warren solicited a bid to replace the hardware on the set of double doors that are on the wall between the Fellowship entrance and the hallway in front of the lounge. This will allow for the doors to be closed and secured from the Sanctuary side. The cost of the hardware and installation would be \$2,450. Warren asked that the money be taken from the Capital Improvement fund. Motion made and carried to do so.

Bike Rack: Warren selected a bike rack that could hold up to 9 bikes. The cost would be \$500 + shipping. Motion made and approved to purchase the bike rack with the money to come from undesignated Memorial Funds

Feed the Children Update: Jackie made a report to the council to update them on the status of fundraising and volunteer opportunities. A full report is in the Christian Action report.

New Business:

Synod Assembly Report: Pam Nemmetz gave a summary of the ELCA East Central Synod Assembly meeting held May 19th & 20th at the KI Convention

Center in Green Bay. The theme was Building Bridges Across All of The Differences that Divide. Pam thanked

the council and congregation for the opportunity to attend as a representative of St Andrew's Church. Her report is available in the June newsletter.

Youth Mission Trip: Rose Rivera brought a request to council, from Patty Koplitz, requesting funds to help offset the cost of food and gas for their mission trip to Urban Immersion this summer in MN. The council asked Patty to let the council know how much she would anticipate needing and whether she was asking for it to come from the Youth Mission fund.

Choir Director Continuing Education: Jane Martinez read a request from Brenda Francis asking for council approval for attending the GIA Conference this summer. She plans on using her remaining Continuing Education budget for registration, and the balance of the registration, along with gas and hotel costs, to be taken from the Thrivent TBD fund. Motion made and approved to accept Brenda's request for assistance with registration, fuel, and hotel costs, with the money to come from the Thrivent TBD fund.

Christian Action Report (Jackie Kuhn):

Feeding the Children: July 31 is drawing closer! Please sign up to help Feed the Children from July 31st until September 1st. Please sign up as soon as possible. Banner completed by ONHS students will be displayed on the front of the church building.

Pizza Ranch fundraiser scheduled for 7/24/17 from 3:30 until 8PM. Volunteers can sign up in the Narthex. We are asking everyone to wear their goldenrod St. Andrew's T-Shirts. If you need a t-shirt, please contact Jackie Kuhn, 426-3132.

CPR/first aid sign-up forms are available in the Narthex. If you wish to assist with Feeding the Children in August, we ask that you complete this training.

Feeding the Children flyer distribution will occur on July 9 concluding with a Vespers Service that evening at St. Andrew's. Sign-up sheets will be posted.

We have reached and exceeded our fundraising goal!
Thank you so much to those who have donated. We are still in need of the following items: cream soups, cans of pudding, peas, carrots, ranch dressing, honey, BBQ sauce, fortune cookies, paper bags, small boxes of cereal, fruit snacks, granola, gravies, popcorn, pretzels. We will be posting a list of partners and supporters.

God's Work Our Hands - 9/10/17: Teams should start to assemble for the Chili Cook-off which is held during God's Work Our Hands. We plan to have school kits (coloring books, stickers, etc.).

As stated in the Temple Talk, we have penny challenge banks available to start saving for the Heifer project to be collected on 9/10/17.

We also plan to collect and donate hygiene products for the Helping Hutch and Warming Shelter. We will make a box available for these donations.

Christian Action will meet again on Monday, July 18, at 6PM. Everyone is welcome!!

Congregational Life (Rose Rivera):

Rose passed on the Summary from the Youth Leadership Facilitator (Patty Koplitz):

As we near the date of our trip, I have started working on our Bible study. We will be talking about poverty, about having vs not having. How people are blessed by God. I am very excited about the subject.

We could still use financial help. Gas money would be great and some food money. If I could find out the current balance in the youth fund, that would be great.

We continue to meet during the summer.

We are planning on going to a parishioner's cabin to help with some yard work on June 24th. Pray for us to stay tick free.

Education (Linda Ellman): No Report

Evangelism (Jay Klinger): No Report

Fellowship/Hospitality Report (Chris Ziegler):

There will be a picnic welcoming members from our sister ELCA churches at 5:30 pm in the pavilion following the Vespers service at 5:00 pm on July 9th. Please contact Chris Ziegler if you would like to help with the picnic. More information will follow in future bulletins or messages during services.

Property Report (Warren Luce):

Next property meeting will be Thursday, June 22nd @ 6:00 at St. Andrew's

Stewardship/Discipleship Report (Ann Stephan):

No Report

Technology (Jakob Iversen):

No Report

Worship & Music (Peg Olson):

Worship and Music will meet June 26th at 4 pm in the choir room to plan the July 9th service.

President's Report (Jane Martinez):

The last 2 individuals who still need a mutual ministry review have completed their self evaluations. A date for the executive committee to do the reviews will be established after the June Council meeting. Finalization of the job descriptions for the organist and choir director will be handled at the next executive meeting (to be scheduled).

I continue to monitor for any further changes that may need to be made to our constitution. Should any further changes need to be made the original committee will be convened.

Linda and Jeff Ellman have met with my husband and me regarding AED training as well as first aid training.

We have reviewed the first aid supplies and found over the counter medications that are out-dated. For liability reasons, all medications have been removed from the first aid supplies.

Pastor's Report (Pastor Karen Jewell):

Confirmation camp – Sunday, June 18 to Friday, June 23 at Pine Lake Camp

We received a special donation of \$670.00 for camper scholarships for which we are so grateful. Our whole 7th grade group can go! We leave for Pine Lake camp on Sunday afternoon!

Confirmation Sunday was May 21, 2017. Six students made their confirmation that Sunday: Ethan Cutts, Jacob Cutts, Derek Drexler, Ella Hawley, Lucas Murphy, Emily Schmidt. I would like to make a motion to accept them into adult membership at St Andrew's.

Staff Evaluations: We still have Sandy Last's accompanist position and mine to evaluate.

Synod Assembly was May 19 & 20 in Green Bay at the KI convention center. Pam Nemmetz and Brenda Francis, our lay voting members are presenting temple talks on June 18, and 25.

Thank you for my vacation days from **Thursday, June 1 to Thursday, June 8**. It was a very good week with my family.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ziegler, Council Secretary

A complete set of the minutes is available on the bulletin board next to the office.

**Sunday, July 9, Vespers and Picnic
with our sister churches in Oshkosh**
5:00 pm Vespers
5:30 pm Picnic
At St Andrew's!

On Sunday, July 9, we will be gathering with folks from our sister ELCA churches for Holden Evening prayer at 5 pm in the courtyard followed by hotdogs and picnic supper at 5:30 pm.

We hope you can come and join in the fun! The same text study group that organized our Lenten Round Robin this year was eager to get us together once again for a picnic.

Our churches have divided up responsibility for the refreshments and our church is providing the site and the hot dogs, buns and condiments.

Please come and meet and worship with your sisters and brothers in Christ from Oshkosh area ELCA churches! Rain or shine! See you there.

Security and Safety Meeting
Monday, July 10
7:45 pm



There will be a Security and Safety Meeting here at St. Andrew's on **Monday, July 10, at 7:45 pm.** Officer Joe Nichols from the Oshkosh Police Department will be here to talk with us on what measures we can take to ensure a safe and secure environment here at church. Anyone is welcome to attend. Your concerns are appreciated, and there is much to learn from Officer Nichols.

**A word from
the Christian
Action
Committee:**



We are thrilled to be able to offer meals to our neighborhood children July 31 – Sept. 1. Did you



know there are other sites in Oshkosh also offering meals to the children during that time? Our Savior's Lutheran Church, the Boys and Girls Club, and Most Blessed Sacrament Parish are also helping. "Feed Our Children" would not be possible without our entire community's help. The mission has truly been a partnership of many – businesses, community members, and churches. We are so thankful for all input. **Volunteers are still needed to help with providing the meals for the children. It is not too late to sign up! Check the narthex for more sign up information.**

August is approaching fast! **We need every volunteer to submit a background check form.** (forms available from our office). And everyone that has volunteered to help with Feed our Children must attend a Basic First Aid class. These will be offered three times in July. Jane and Mike Martinez, and Linda Ellman will be reviewing how to use the AED, as well as basic first aid treatment. Please sign up in the Narthex for one of these sessions: Monday July 10th, Thursday July 13th or Tuesday July 18th. All will be from 6:30 to 7:30 PM here at church.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with distributing flyers advertising the Feed Our Children mission. We plan to distribute them on July 9. We expect the deliveries to take a couple hours at the most. Once the flyers are distributed, we hope everyone would return and join us at 5 pm for hotdogs and talk about our experiences. We are looking for adults and youth to walk door-to-door in a designated area. Youth must be accompanied by an adult. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the Narthex.

Pizza Ranch Fundraiser

Please join us in volunteering at the Pizza ranch on Monday, July 24, 2017, from 3:30 – 8 PM. We will be assisting with serving food.



Proceeds will be used to support the Feeding the Children in Oshkosh program. Sign-up sheets to volunteer will be placed in the Narthex. Plan to wear your goldenrod God's Work Our Hands t-shirts. If you need a t-shirt, please contact Jackie Kuhn at 425-3132. Indicate what size you need.



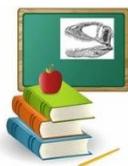
God's Work Our Hands – 9/10/17 – SAVE THE DATE!!

Please begin to assemble teams for our chili cookoff which will be held on 9/10/17. Also, you should pick up your banks to start saving for the God's Work Our Hands penny challenge. We will be collecting hygiene items for our local Helping Hutch and the Warming Shelter. We are planning other wonderful activities during God's Work Our Hands on 9/10/17. Please save the date!

Oshkosh Back to School Fair 2017

(& our Christmas in July Tree in entryway)

The Back to School Fair takes place on **August 17, 2017** at Oshkosh North High School, 1100 West Smith St. Oshkosh. It helps 1,000+ area students get ready to go back to school with school supplies, clothing, haircuts, and hygiene items.



 St Andrew's Christmas tree in our entry way is loaded with tags to suggest needed items that we can collect and provide to support this community effort. Thank you for taking part! The items can be left at the tree, (unwrapped) and will be collected through Sunday, August 13, before the Fair.

Christian Action will meet again on Tuesday, July 18, at 6 PM. Please join us!

July Noisy Offering



The July 18 Noisy Offering is designated for [Lutheran World Relief](#) school kits. Kits with basic school supplies are assembled. These kits are given to children who would not be allowed the opportunity of an education because of lack of funds to purchase needed items.

Summer 2017: What will it mean to follow Jesus?



In the days after Pentecost the early church explored how to use the gifts of the Spirit to share their faith and serve others in need. Their faithful love spread the good news to the world. Now an estimated 2.2 billion people follow Jesus!

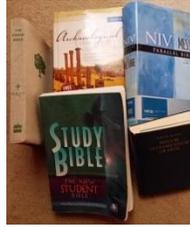
During our summer together we will be listening closely to the stories that Jesus teaches and seeking the guidance of God's love into new adventures in faith. If you wish to support the mission and ministry of St Andrew's Lutheran Church, we invite you to make a gift to St Andrew's. Electronic gifts are welcome. You may use smart phone technology or go to our website standrewsoshkosh.org. Here is the short URL: <http://bit.do/stagiving> and the QR Code:



You choose how your funds are given, with what frequency and method of donation. Your gift makes a real difference! Thank you for considering this partnership in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Come Grow in Faith

Please join us for our bible studies this summer. We meet most summer Mondays at 7:15 pm all summer and most Wednesdays at 12 noon through July 19. We will have a short break in August to take part in the Feed Our Children mission. Please consult the calendar for meeting times and days!



Our Wednesday noon group is working through Dr Craig Koester's "Reading the Bible as Literature" video series –with all sorts of wonderful insights that enrich our reading. The Monday night bible study will be viewing "We must plant the Church" – a wonderful video series about the history of our church in America.

Our Lutheran faith tradition treasures bible reading and learning God's loving word. Please come and join us as you are able! You are welcome!

Youth News

Submitted by Patty Koplitz, Youth Director

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



Do you need yard work done? House cleaning help? Give Patty a call at 920-420-5616. I will bring kids to come and help at your house for a free will offering to the Youth Ministry team.

YMT (Youth Ministry Team)

Wednesday nights may have ended for confirmation, but we continue on! We keep meeting on Wednesday nights from 6 to 7:30 PM. Feel free to join us, anytime - especially if you are heading into high school, in high school, or in college. We look forward to seeing you!

Summer Mission Trip

Prayers and donations to help us cover the trip costs are appreciated as we go to Urban Immersion August 6 through 12, 2017. Offerings for support are still appreciated!



St. Andrew's Men with a Purpose (STAMP)

Breakfast

Meet at Delta Restaurant, 515 N Sawyer St
Saturday, July 8, at 8:00 am

Lunch

Meet at Primo Restaurant, 2605 Jackson St.
Tuesday, July 18, at noon

Art & Soul

Saturday, July 15, 10:30 am – 4 pm

Meet in the "Creation Station" off the Fellowship Hall. All abilities welcome. We work on our own art and craft projects, as well as community projects.

Committee Meetings

All members welcome!



Worship & Music Committee

Monday, July 10, at 2 pm

Christian Action Committee

Tuesday, July 18, at 6 pm

Technology Committee

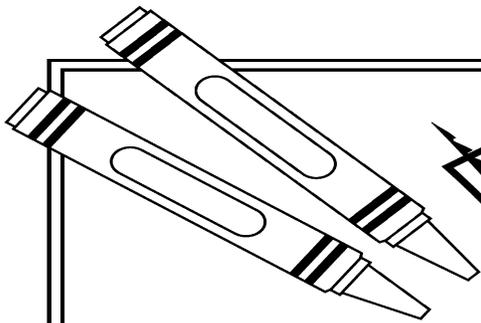
Monday, July 24, at 10 am

Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 11, at 7 pm

Property Committee

Thursday, July 27, at 6 pm



PUZZLE

BE HAPPY IN THE LORD

Happiness and joy are frequent themes in the Old Testament book of Psalms.

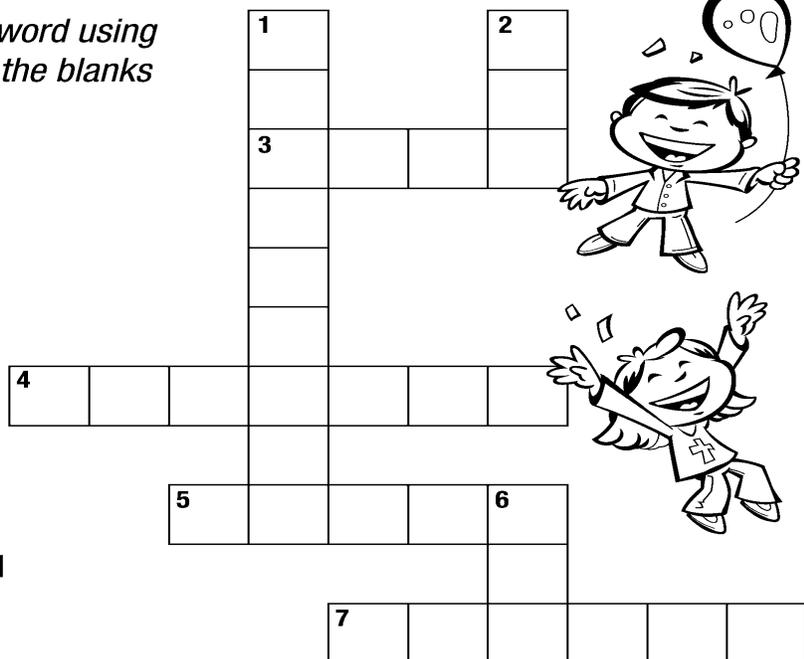
Directions: Solve the crossword using the clues below. Then fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse.

ACROSS

3. A word for happy (rhymes with had)
4. What you do when you're very happy
5. A song written by David
7. Full of joy

DOWN

1. People who obey God
2. Our Creator
6. The month after April



“But may the 1. _____ be 3. _____ and
 4. _____ before 2. _____; 6. _____ they
 be happy and 7. _____.” 5. _____ 68:3, NIV

Answers: (across) 3. glad, 4. rejoice, 5. psalm, 7. joyful; (down) 1. righteous, 2. God, 6. may and joyful.” Psalm 68:3, NIV