



St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church Newsletter

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

November 23rd is Thanksgiving Day, November 30th St Andrew's Day

November 2017

Dear friends,

As we come to the end we are at the beginning.

Our printed calendars on the wall end with December – and so we tend to see Thanksgiving and Christmas at the end of the year.

But we Christians – we are always up to something different! Our year ends with the Sunday called “Christ the King” (this year Sunday, November 26). So Thanksgiving is part of the end, but Christmas is part of the beginning!

It is not a sorrowful ending to the year but a wildly joyous one – a completion of God's plan that is GOOD, resulting in the wonderful fulfilment of all creation. On Christ the King Sunday we anticipate the feast where all will be welcome, all will be fed, and no one has to go away (or be lonely) ever again.

The new Church year begins with the Sunday closest to St Andrew's Day (November 30th). This year Advent season begins on Sunday, December 3rd. Advent leads us to prepare for the coming of the Savior at Christmas.

This year it leaves us madly planning for December 24th because this year Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday!

Yes, that means you can come celebrate with us at 9:00 or 10:30 am as you would on any Sunday, but also at 7:00 pm or 11:00 pm as you would on Christmas Eve!

(By the way, we could use ALL the special music you would like to offer – we would love to have children, youth and adults offer music during the services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as well as throughout the Advent season – just please let us know soon so that we can practice with you!)

You are a part of the Body of Christ – and indispensable. But like most Lutherans – kind of humble and a little unsure of our importance in the

grand scheme of things. St Andrew – whose special day in the Church calendar is November 30th – was a wonderful saint for you and me.

Andrew, in the stories in the gospels, seemed a quiet soul, never appearing to be a mover and shaker like his brother Simon Peter. But Andrew was the one who brought Simon to meet Jesus (John 1:35-42).

³⁵The next day John [the Baptist] again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus... ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed [Jesus] was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah". ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (Peter).

The Church year always begins on the Sunday closest to St Andrew's day in the calendar – and while he is not mentioned a lot, he helped his brother make the connection to Jesus and begin such an important relationship. It was a great beginning – and humble Andrew got it started!

Later Andrew would be the one who scouted around for food to share when Jesus wanted to feed 5,000 people (John 6:8-9).

Just as it was for Andrew, so it is our mission as followers of Jesus to invite and welcome and offer opportunities for people to connect with Jesus Christ in the most life-giving ways – through worship, through a meal, through a celebration, through friendship.

I hope your life will be full of these happy activities this November – worship, meals, celebrations, and friendship. I hope you will find a deeper connection to Jesus Christ. And perhaps, like Andrew, the delight of helping another begin to follow the Lord.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Karen Jewell

Church Council Meeting
Tuesday October 10th, 2017

Present: Jane Martinez, Matt Moore, Peg Olson, Chris Ziegler, Rose Rivera, Warren Luce, Jakob Iversen

Excused: Linda Ellman, Jay Klinger, Ann Stephan, Jackie Kuhn, Pastor Karen Jewell

Call to Order: 7:05 pm by Jane Martinez

Devotions: Warren Luce – Questioning of personal faith. Readings from 1st and 2nd letters of Peter.

Treasurer's report: Matt Moore presented the September bills paid, the balance sheets, and the profit and loss statement for year to date vs budget & year to date vs previous year were presented. **Jakob Iversen made a motion** to the approve the September bills paid, **Warren Luce seconded** the motion. **Motion approved.** **Jakob Iversen made a motion** to the approve the treasurer's reports, **Peg Olson seconded** the motion. **Motion approved.**

Old Business:

Building Remodeling Update: Tabled until December's meeting

Feed the Children Update: Tabled until November's meeting

Trunk-O-Ween: Rose Rivera reported that the last meeting to finalize details will be held on Tuesday October 24th at 6:00 pm.

Nominating Committee: Jane Martinez reported that they are still searching for 2 people to serve on council. One position would be to finish an existing term, and the other would be a 3-year term. Most delegate and representative positions for conferences and annual meetings have been filled, but they the committee is still looking to fill the remaining open positions by next council meeting.

Church cleaning Service: Warren Luce reported that he would be meeting with a couple of local companies to solicit quotes to perform some of the routine cleaning that needs to be done on a daily or weekly basis. The quotes would be discussed in the next property meeting, and the suggestions will then be brought to council for discussion.

New Business:

Review of Time & Talent Sheets: Jane Martinez is sending an email to council members of the current Time & Talent sheet for them to review and suggest any changes that may be needed. Any changes will then be discussed at November's council meeting.

Congregational Life (Rose Rivera):

Rose Rivera presented the report from Patty Koplitz regarding youth activities:

--We went to the Little Farmer on Sunday with 13 people. What beautiful weather!

--Our lock in is coming up at the end of October. I am still trying to get more youth to help lead.

Education (Linda Ellman):

Rose Rivera reported that Sunday School is still in need of a couple of volunteers/teachers.

Evangelism (Jay Klinger)

Jay Klinger reported that the final planning meeting for Trunk-O-Ween will be October 24th at 6:00 pm in the St. Andrew's lounge. The committee will be discussing final game selection, prizes, and snacks for the event. The event will be held on Saturday October 28th from 1:00 – 3:00 p, in the St. Andrew's parking lot. Volunteers to help serve snacks and supervise games are welcome. The event will be moved into the Fellowship Hall if there is inclement weather.

Property Report (Warren Luce):

--Warren reported that the Annual Fall Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 21st, starting at 9 am.

--The first meeting of the Building Remodeling focus group will have its first meeting will be held on November 2nd in the finance room.

Stewardship/Discipleship Report (Ann Stephan):

Ann Stephan has asked the council to review the current Time & Talent Survey and suggest any modifications. The revisions will be discussed at the November council meeting.

Technology (Jakob Iversen):

Jakob Iversen reported that there was not a technology meeting in October. The next meeting will be held on October 19th at 3:00 pm in the finance room.

Worship & Music (Peg Olson):

Peg Olson reported that there was not a W&M committee meeting since the last council meeting. The next meeting will be on Monday, October 16th.

Devotions for Tuesday, November 14th, 2017:

Rose Rivera

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Closing Prayer – Jane Martinez

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ziegler, Council Secretary

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

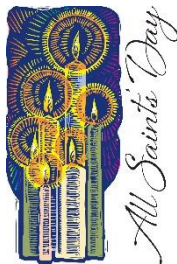
Special Sundays in November

All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 5, 2017

We continue our tradition at St Andrew's of writing the names of our loved ones who have died on outlines of butterflies so that they may be mounted on the wall around the cross in our Sanctuary.

The butterflies remain for the rest of our Church year (through Sunday, November 26th) and remind us of the promise of the Resurrection of the Body and the Life Everlasting that we confess each week!



Christ the King Sunday

Sunday, November 26, 2017

On this Sunday that concludes the Church year, we celebrate in anticipation of the completion of God's good plan for Creation – for all of us! Please join us as we worship the King of Glory!



Interfaith Festival of Gratitude

**Monday, Nov. 20 – 7 pm
at the Grand Opera House.**



The theme for this year's festival is "Welcome home". Representatives from many different faith communities will share thoughts on how their faith traditions offer

hospitality to other people. Proceeds from the freewill offering benefit the Day by Day Warming Shelter in Oshkosh.

You may also join in and sing with other Lutherans from Oshkosh in the Joint Lutheran Choir! Joint practice is on Saturday, November 18, at 8:30 am here at St. Andrew's. If you can't attend that, feel free to attend the choir rehearsal on Wednesday, November 15, at 7:30 pm. Hope you can either join in the singing or come and celebrate with us.

This year's festival will be preceded by a potluck at the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's Mosque at 300 N. Eagle Street, beginning at 5:00 pm. People are encouraged to bring a dish to share that is special to their faith or ethnic group. Plates, utensils and beverages will be provided. Guests are

asked not to bring dishes that contain pork or alcohol. Come for a very special experience this Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Eve 2017

Our sister Lutheran congregations are hosting a joint Thanksgiving Eve worship on Wednesday, **November 22, 2017, at 6:30 pm** at Christ Lutheran Church (222 Church Ave). The worship will be followed by a pie fellowship. You are invited to take part!



Looking Ahead to December

Advent 2017 begins Sunday, Dec.3



Wednesdays in Advent –
We worship at 12 noon & 7:00 pm

Christmas 2017

Sunday, December 17, at 10:30 am
is St. Andrew's Sunday School
Christmas worship!

On Thursday, December 21, at 7:00 pm, we will celebrate with a **Blue Christmas** worship – a quieter worship for those who feel grief at the holidays.

On Sunday, December 24, we will worship at **9:00 and 10:30 am AND at 7:00 pm (Lessons and Carols) and 11:00 pm Candlelight Communion.**

We also worship on **Monday, December 25, Christmas Day, at 10:00 am** – Festival Worship with Holy Communion!

Please come to worship the new-born Christ when you and your family are able to attend.



Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Poinsettia Orders Due by Sunday, November 19th



Ordering envelopes are located by the flower chart. Plants may be given in memory or honor of our loved ones, friends, or special occasion.

Choice of colors: Red, white, pink, monet, or marble. Six-inch pot, \$14.00 each. These will decorate our Christmas altar area. We thank you!

OSHKOSH EMPTY BOWLS 2017

Sunday, November 5, 2017

4 – 7 pm



A fundraising event for local food pantries featuring soups prepared by local chefs and restaurants and music throughout the event. A silent auction and a live auction will also be held! Guests will be able to choose a bowl to take home as a reminder that there are always empty bowls in our community.

Tickets are available in our church office or online at oshkoshemptybowls.com. Adults: \$35 (\$30 in advance) with bowl, or meal only \$17 (\$15 in advance). Child 12 and under, meal only \$10. Bowl only \$20.

Noisy Offering



The November 19 Noisy Offering is designated for [K9 for Veterans](#) to help veterans with post traumatic stress disorder transition back to civilian life once their military service has ended with the help of trained service dogs.

Last month's noisy offering of \$95.48 was designated for the [Oshkosh Area Humane Society](#) helping enhance the quality of lives of animals in need.

Special music in December!

Your musical offering is always welcome throughout the year, but especially at the holidays. Please let Brenda Francis, Sandy Last, or Pastor Karen know by Dec. 3 so that we can include you in our worship. THANK YOU!



Autumn 2017: Reformation 2017



Do you know how fast the summer went? Well, that's nothing compared to 500 years of the Reformation!!

On Sunday, October 29 we will celebrate 500 years of reformed Christianity.

You are part of a family of faith that has made enormous contributions to the life of this world in Jesus' name. We have to celebrate!

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

Day Light Savings Time Ends

Sunday, Nov. 5



Remember to set your clocks back one hour! - OR - Arrive at church one hour early for some great

fellowship before worship! 😊

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.

YMT (Youth Ministry Team)

Senior Youth Gathering

Nov. 10- 12 in Oshkosh!!

Youth Gathering



All high school students are welcome to join us for the youth gathering. Cost is \$150. This year's theme is C.O.F.F.E.E. (Christ Offers Forgiveness for Everyone Everywhere) Featured

speaker is Terrance Talley and the musician is Jonathan Rundman!

BYG (Beginning Youth Group)



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SPAM - Soda, Pizza, and A Movie
Friday, November 17, 6 - 9 pm

Second graders through high school students are invited to join us for soda, pizza and a movie night! Come and see what the fun is all about!

Youth Candy Sale

Enjoy homemade Amish Candy. Great for Christmas gifts - or for your own sweet tooth!

Orders taken

Sunday, Nov. 5 - Sunday Nov. 26

Orders will be available for pickup on
Sundays, Dec. 10 and 17



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

Breakfast

Meet at Delta Restaurant, 515 N Sawyer St
Saturday, November 11, at 8:00 am

Lunch

Meet at Primo Restaurant, 2605 Jackson St.
Tuesday, November 21, at noon

Art & Soul

Saturday, November 11, 10:30 am - 4 pm
Meet in the "Creation Station" off the Fellowship Hall.

Committee Meetings



All members welcome!

Christian Action Committee

Tuesday, November 7, at 6 pm

Technology Committee

Tuesday, November 14 at 2 pm

Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, at 7 pm

Worship & Music Committee

Monday, November 27, at 4 pm

