



# St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Newsletter

Welcome to worship and life at St. Andrew's!

May 2019

Sunday Worship at 9:00 & 10:30 am

Dear friends,

A long slow spring with lots of cloudy, chilly days following a winter filled with treacherous ice and blinding snowstorms does not make people happy.

Forgive me, I know you know this! But Spring has finally begun to arrive and yet so many people seem to be in distress – with grey moods that match our grey skies.

Easter Day has come, our worship filled with the beauty and fragrance of spring flowers – like those finally beginning to open outside our doors. But are we still a bit Lenten in our outlook?

Maybe our hearts are mirroring that first Easter – when the wonder and unexpected joy dawned on the disciples only slowly. After all, it was more than they had ever dreamed possible!

As they begin to take it all in – that their Lord Jesus was alive and among them after such a terrifying death – can't you hear them saying: "We couldn't have imagined..." "We had no idea..." And "What just happened?"

I always like to ask my confirmands and the folks in our bible studies to think about that last question – *What just happened?* Because it leads to the question, **What difference does it make?**

Whatever is life-giving makes a difference!

Good news can make a HUGE difference – if you have ever sat in the Surgical Waiting Area or by the Emergency Room and the doctor comes out to say – I think it's going to be OK!

Suddenly we can breathe again, suddenly all the world looks brighter, and a huge weight we didn't even realize we were carrying lifts from our shoulders. Our loved one, our friend is going to be OK!

What a difference!

Or how about when your student gets the final acceptance letter to the college they so hope to attend? Or when they hear that the scholarship has come through and they are now free to take part in an adventure that will change their lives forever?

All of these experiences of getting good news are glimpses and reflections of the impact of the Good News we celebrate at Easter.

On a Working Preacher podcast from Luther Seminary, Professor Matt Skinner said that on Easter morning we hear about a lot of people running around – finding the empty tomb, seeing the discarded grave clothes, but we don't see a lot of transformation yet. It took time!

In the gospel stories of Easter we can see how it took time for the disciples to begin to wrap their hearts around the difference that the Resurrection of Jesus makes.

You and I – in our discipleship, in our walk of faith – may be able to see the difference it has made in our lives. We are invited to look for it.

The angels – the messengers of God – invited the women to **come and see** the empty tomb, then **go and tell** what they have seen – and let it make a difference – first, to set free the disciples who had denied knowing Jesus or run away in fear – set them free to return to the love that cannot die, the love that welcomes them home.

Easter is not just one day for us – but 50 days! A whole season to return to that undying love, to grow our hearts into freedom in the aftermath of Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

50 days to practice freedom, offer forgiveness, seek reconciliation, breathe in renewal, and find well-being in Good News that makes that amazing difference. May it be so for you!

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Karen Jewell

Highlights of Church Council Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2019 - 7:00 PM

Present: Matt Moore, Jackie Kuhn, Jim Heidl, Peg Olson, Pastor Karen Jewell, Ann Stephan, David Olson, Carol Spiegelberg, Warren Luce

Excused: Teri Rucinsky, Rose Rivera

Financial Reports: Matt Moore presented the March bills paid, the balance sheets, and the profit and loss statement for year-to-date vs budget, and year-to-date vs previous year. Jackie Kuhn moved to approve March bills paid and the treasurer's financial reports. Warren Luce seconded the motion. Motion approved. (ADA restroom is \$20,277.01, as of March 31, 2019.)

#### Old Business

Received a card of gratitude from Christ Lutheran for our donation to their new home. They appreciated all the people who welcomed them with signs along their route to their new home.

#### New Business

Honorarium Request – website assistance. Student from the university went beyond the call of duty to help us with our website. Pastor made a motion asking for an honorarium from Thrivent TBD in the amount of \$75 for this student. David Olson seconded. Motion approved.

Table Request – Fellowship and feeding program. Matt Moore made a motion to add two more plastic tables to the Fellowship Hall with the funds coming from the kitchen fund. Carol seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Confirmation camp Request – It was suggested to give more financial assistance to students who are attending camp. The costs are \$450 per week and this is a hardship for students. Suggestion made to use Thrivent grant of \$250 to purchase candy bars and then have the children resell them at a profit to make more money to attend camp. This idea was supported for future years but there is not enough time this year to make that happen. Matt Moore made a motion for the church to pay up to \$1050 to send three students to Crossways Camp this summer from Thrivent TBD. Jackie Kuhn seconded the motion. Motion approved.

#### Pastor's Report: **Pastor's Council report April 9, 2019**

On Saturday, April 6, three students & one parent attended our **First Communion preparation** class: Jack Anderson, Jack Heidl, and Katherine Stephan. They baked the bread for Maundy Thursday worship.

We have welcomed Mavis Anderson, Andrew Jerry, Patrick Riley, Carol Wokosin, Warren Herwig and Joanne Murphy-Herwig as **new members to our congregation**. I would like to submit their names to council for approval. Pastor Karen made a motion to accept these people as new members. Jackie Kuhn seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Anniversary Sunday**, April 28, is going to include a list of founding members in our bulletins, and a special reception organized by Carol Harper between and after worship. Nancy Netys and Sandy Last will provide special music at our worship services.

**Lenten Round Robin** worships conclude tomorrow with Pastor Brad Dokken (Peace) visiting at noon and Pastor Bryan Schmidt (Lutheran Campus Min – UWO) visiting at 7:00pm. Next week is Holy Week – with special Sunday worship on Palm Sunday (April 14), and with noon and 7:00 pm worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and with Sunrise Easter worship at 7:00 am and Festival Easter worship at 9:00 and 10:30 am. (Track shoes!)

**Christ Lutheran Church** moved from Church Ave to 36 Broad St (Hooper bldg.) and our members helped to cheer them on their way to their new church home on Sunday, March 24, and our offering gift to Christ Lutheran will be used for a new sign and other needs. (Pastor Connie sent us a thank you letter)

Brenda Francis, Greg Egner and I will be representing St Andrew's at the **2019 Synod Assembly** in Appleton, May 17 to 18. Our conference assembly that was cancelled in February because of bad weather will take place at the Friday lunchtime at Synod Assembly so that conference news and decisions can be made this year.

**Youth Pizza making** Saturday, March 23, was a wonderful, successful event and the Iversen family passed along the wisdom to the Stephan family who have offered to help with this important fundraiser.

We will need **funds to support our youth attending confirmation camp**. Each family will contribute but we will need to raise funds to help our students attend. We have three youth attending camp June 9 to June 14 at Waypost (Crossways camp near Bevent, WI). May we use funds from the Thrivent mission fund? (Update: already discussed and approved above.)

We would like to lift up our council leaders in worship so that members know you and are able to connect your name and face and area of interest that they may connect more directly with mission activities that interest them. Would like to propose that we introduce you at the worship you attend on the first of the month each month for the next few.

Thursday, April 4, I **renewed my ordination vows** at a service known as the Chrism Mass with my colleagues from the East Central Synod of Wisconsin. It was a very meaningful time enhanced by great conversation at the luncheon and on the way up and back with fellow pastors.

I met with the **Synod Stewardship committee** on Sunday afternoon (April 7) to discuss developing some workshops on generosity in the Synod and hopefully a stewardship event for our confirmation students and families next school year. I am eager to explore and support every kind of encouragement and education for our congregation in stewardship practices.

**Deep thanks** to every family and individual that helped us provide food for the Lenten meals – very appreciated by our confirmation and YMT students.

**Deep thanks** to Jeff Ellman who opened the building before 6 am for the voting officials at the last election for 2019, and to Peg Olson who has done it for St Andrew's for years!

Spoke with Angie Fralish of **Winnebago County Literacy Council**. Her organization would like to consult with us about providing another safe and accessible site for tutors and students to meet.

## Committee Reports

Christian Action, Carol Spiegelberg – New names for Feed the Children

Feeding Hungry Kids for all 3 churches  
Subtitled for St. Andrew's -- Andy's Lunch Café  
Subtitled for Food Truck-- Andy's Dragon Lunch Wagon

Serving Time for Andy's Lunch Café will Monday through Friday

Serving Time for Andy's Dragon Lunch Wagon, Monday only  
from 11:00- 12:30 for both areas.

We would like to put the Giving Tree out in May asking for pantry and gift cards.  
For Feeding Hungry Kids.

We will have kids and parents/grandparents helping to set up crafts and lunches from 9 – 10:30 on Fridays only to involve more children.

Feeding Hungry Kids begins on July 29. We hope to establish the location in the neighborhood of Andy's Dragon Lunch Wagon (the Food Truck) on July 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Congregational Life, Rose Rivera – no report

Education, Teri Rucinsky (excused)

No report but is begging for VBS volunteers. I am hoping to form a committee that can meet Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30-5:15 at church. I would like someone who has been part of Vacation Bible School (VBS) at St. Andrews in the past to attend, since I have never participated with this before. We are also looking for a Sunday School teacher for the remainder of the school year.

Evangelism, Jim Heidl No report

Fellowship, David Olson:

To my fellow council members - wow - a month has already passed! I am walking a path that I hope will assist in my desire to optimize opportunities for fellowship for all of our members.

My actions to date:

1. I sat down with Pastor Karen to get her thoughts on fellowship. We concluded there are many nice activities going on in which need ongoing support. Along with this, I am going to pursue other opportunities which would increase participation in current and new activities. I have one suggestion that I will share with the group tonight.
2. I am trying to get to know more members. Colleen and I are going to go to church at 10:30 on occasion to meet others that we haven't met before. We have enjoyed the coffee fellowship in between services a couple of times. This is a tight little group that we are trying to break into! Pray for us!
3. I have touched base with Chris Ziegler (Easter breakfast), Gary Bruce (STAMP), and Tom and Marcia Galica. I am looking forward to my first STAMP breakfast this Saturday. I have to speak with Brenda Francis on Art and Soul.
4. By next meeting, I am going to start developing the group of people that will make up the Fellowship committee. I am going to post something in the church bulletin about our committee and what we are about and ask for people and ideas!

As I go through this process, I ask for your input and prayers!

Property, Warren Luce,  
First item to be accomplished is to reseal the parking lot. Capital improvement fund balance is \$5924.79. We could cosmetically seal the lot without making the repairs but would have no warranty and the cost is \$3500 for seal and stripe. Or we can make the repairs then cosmetically seal it for \$5300, includes a warranty. Other projects are Going Green Project and looking at replacing lighting to save money. We also have to make exterior repairs of panels and window seals. Warren made a motion to have the \$5300 project completed by Valley Sealing. Matt seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Peg called for a vote. Motion approved.

Going Green Project – Warren Herwig has taken on the project of reviewing our lighting. No price has been established since it is an ongoing study. He is going room by room evaluating our lighting.

ADA project – moving ahead with looking at construction plans. Double checking numbers and

what permits and approvals we need. Steve is working on dimensional plans. Eight percent increase in cost of raw materials this year. Office applied for disability grant through ELCA. Looking at possible grants with Thrivent. Warren will do another temple talk to express interest in project. Has sense of urgency to begin construction.

Landscape project – Sue Zinth will lead. Budget of \$1200 for materials for dirt, stone and plants. Functional improvement as well as beautification. Tree trimming and stump removal.

Stewardship/Discipleship, Ann Stephan  
Pastor Karen and Ann met with Jake Czarnik-Niemeyer and will start on April 28 participation in Crossways Capital Campaign. Plan laid out for 6 weeks. We will be approaching people and asking them to give beyond their St. Andrew's offerings for the Crossways Capital Campaign.

Technology/office, no report

Worship & Music, Peg Olson

Worship & Music Committee Meeting - April 1, 2019

1. Gluten free bread will not be used exclusively for communion on Easter as previously planned, due to allergies. We will serve communion as we usually do with two kinds of wafers.
2. Palms for Palm Sunday and the new Paschal candle are ordered.
3. Holy Week worship plans were discussed.
4. We will use "Now the Feast and Celebration" liturgy during summer.
5. April 28 worship will be an anniversary recognition.
6. Next meeting will be June 3 at 4pm.
7. Sound piece for second wireless system broke. Need to buy more replacements to stay ahead. Pastor made a motion to request funds to repair sound system parts up to \$200 from Memorial funds. Jackie Kuhn seconded the motion. Motion approved.

President's Report:

Went to Elijah's Place open house. Wonderful experience being there. Very welcoming. Need to ring doorbell but they are very happy to see you.

## Meet your council members!

On the first Sunday in May and in June we will introduce the council members present at the service you are attending – so that you can put names to faces and get better acquainted!

Peg Olson – council president & Worship/Music  
Dave Olson – council vice president & Fellowship  
Jackie Kuhn – council secretary  
Matt Moore – council treasurer & Finance  
Jim Heidl - Evangelism  
Warren Luce - Property  
Rose Rivera – Congregational Life  
Teri Rucinsky – Education  
Carol Spiegelberg – Christian Action  
Ann Stephan – Stewardship

## Update on the Accessible Restroom project



Your generous gifts continue to come in and grow our needed amount (\$40,000.00) to create the accessible restroom near the sanctuary. You are working together to provide the best hospitality for all who worship here. Thank you so much. Our total stands at **\$20,277.01** as of March 31.

Thank you for your generosity!



**Sunday, May 19, 2019**

Join us as we confirm our third-year students at the **10:30 am Holy Communion worship** service on Sunday, May 19. Our students study the bible and the small catechism of Martin Luther for three years. Please pray for our students as they complete their studies to declare their adult faith in Jesus Christ among us. Thank you!

## ECSW: [Synod Assembly](#)



**“We are Church for the Sake of the World”**

Red Lion Paper Valley in Appleton, WI

May 17 and 18, 2019

Brenda Francis, Greg Egner and Pastor Karen Jewell will be representing St Andrew’s at this year’s Synod Assembly – voting on church issues and mission actions for 126 congregations and 97,000 baptized members of our Synod. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us into the mission of God and gift us for the work in our area!

## Pre-Synod Dinner & Event

All are welcome –

**need not be attending assembly!**

**Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:30 pm**

**“God’s Story – Our Story: engaging worship and culture”**

**Dinner 5:00 – 6:00 PM**

Red Lion Paper Valley Hotel

333 W College Ave. Appleton WI 54911

In worship we remember who and whose we are as God's people. Our worship is rooted in a specific context and in the vibrant diversity of the body of Christ. Come discover what our liturgical practices reveal about our understanding of God's story and the body of Christ.

This event which is led by glocal (**global + local**) musician educators, help us to explore concrete ways in which worship through music, art, and narrative builds our ability to be rooted in our context while bridging cultural differences in our communities.

Learn to sing your story and receive the songs and stories of marginalized communities from here and around the world. Return to your ministry with take-away tools for congregations and communities to be ambassadors of reconciliation.

**Event 6:15-8:30 PM**

**Fox Cities Exhibition Center, Appleton, WI  
(Connected to the Red Lion  
via an adjoining Walkway)**

Registration forms on-line [ecsw.org](http://ecsw.org) or available at church. Cost \$35.00, includes dinner.

## Synod Assembly Offerings in 2019

The 2019 Synod Assembly will be May 17-18.

Our **financial offerings** at Synod Assembly will be split: 50% going to ELCA Global Barnyard, and 50% going to the Bishop's Resource fund. You may give an offering to St Andrew's with **Synod Assembly offering** in the memo line. Our offering will be offered in worship at assembly.

**Synod Assembly Service project:** The 2019 Synod Assembly Service Project is in support of the ELCA Global Barnyard! Your Congregation can participate by making a purchase of farm animals, supplies, etc. from the ELCA Good Gifts Program. Once your congregation has raised funds for a purchase visit the [ELCA Good Gifts Website](http://ELCA Good Gifts Website) and make your purchase! Send your receipt to Darlene Kalfahs at [darlene.kalfahs.org](http://darlene.kalfahs.org) or bring it to the Global Barnyard table at Synod Assembly! At the assembly you can view how your donation has made an impact as Church Together.

Thank you for your support of Synod mission!

## May Bible Studies



**Monday nights May 6, 13, 20  
(7:15 to 8:45 pm)**

We will begin a study of the writings of **C.S. Lewis** – a layperson's view of our faith and

its implications for our life. Lewis has a wonderful way of applying the biblical word to the challenges we face. Please feel free to come any night you are able – we try to make each session stand alone for those who cannot come every week!

**Wednesday noon to 1:30 pm May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.**

We are finishing Amy Jill Levine's video study *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A beginner's guide to Holy Week*. Then we will embark on **Prayer in the Bible**. We share a light meal – feel free to join us.

A word from  
the Christian  
Action  
Committee:



Feeding the Children has a new name:



## Feeding Hungry Kids

Dates: July 29 - August 30

Mondays through Fridays

Time: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

We have a new name for all three churches working cooperatively on this program (Our Savior's, First English, and St. Andrew's). Same program - new name!

We are getting excited to get started. We will run the program on Monday through Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup>, serving 11 AM - 12:30 PM.

We are doing a couple new things this year:

1. We will have a "food truck" going out in the neighborhood one day a week on Mondays. We will serve sack lunches from the truck named "Andy's Dragon Lunch Wagon."
2. Fridays we will have parent/guardians and their children help pack lunches and help set up craft area or free items given out to families from 9 AM - 10:30 AM.

Sign up volunteer sheets are available in hallway across from church office, if you would like to give of your time. Thank you!

For more information, contact Carol Spiegelberg (920) 420-7832.

## Feeding Hungry Kids 2019 Giving Tree

Would you like to help support Feeding Hungry Kids 2019? Watch for the Christmas tree in our hallway! It will be "decorated" with "ornaments" of suggested pantry items or Piggly Wiggly gift cards needed to help feed the children this year. Thank you in advance for considering this mission - whether it be food items, gift cards, a monetary donation, or your time assisting. Thank you so much!



The **May 19th** Noisy Offering is designated for the August 2019 Feeding Hungry Kids ministry here at St. Andrew's. We will be offering lunches to children in need July 29 – Aug. 30 during the school district's hiatus.

Thanks to all who donated to the April Noisy Offering. The [Oshkosh Area Community Pantry](#), a collaborative community food pantry, received \$80.02. Thank you for your generosity!

## Help Stamp Out Hunger!

### The Letter Carriers' Annual Food Drive

**Saturday, May 11**



USPS letter carriers are collecting donations of healthy, nonperishable food. Your gifts may be placed at your mailbox or the local post office. Donations will go to our local food pantries and shelters.

Thank you!



**Rooted in Faith  
Growing to Serve**

CROSSWAYS CAMPING MINISTRIES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

[www.crosswayscamps.org](http://www.crosswayscamps.org)

In May and June St Andrew's is engaging the mission of Crossways Camping ministries – by learning, discussing, and considering how to support this wonderful ministry that has helped our children, youth, and adults grow in faith and life. We invite all of our members to discern their role and our congregation's role in partnership with Crossways over the next three years. Thank you for your consideration!

## Committee Meetings

All members welcome!

**Christian Action Committee**

Tuesday, May 7, at 6 pm

**Council Meeting**

Tuesday, May 14, at 7 pm

**Technology Committee**

Thursday, May 9, at 10 am



**Committee Meetings**

## Regular offerings help St. Andrew's Lutheran Church so much!

Would you please support the mission and ministry of St Andrew's Lutheran Church? Your gifts help us carry out God's mission locally and globally.

Whether you give by check or cash or choose the electronic options – your regular gifts really matter. If you would like to offer your gift electronically here is the short URL:

<http://bit.do/stagiving> or the QR Code:



Or you may go to our website [standrewsoshkosh.org](http://standrewsoshkosh.org) to give. Feel free to ask for more information.

Thank you so much!



## Art & Soul Special Art Day Sunday, May 5

Join Art and Soul on Sunday May 5 for a special art day. Children will be able to make a Mother's Day card and gift (beginning about 9:45), and everyone is invited to tie blankets and work on a painted window from 10:00 am until approximately 12:30 pm. Contact Brenda Francis if you have questions or would like to help.



**St. Andrew's Men With a Purpose (STAMP)**

**Breakfast**

**Saturday, May 11 at 8:00 am**

Meet at Delta Restaurant, 515 N Sawyer St

**Art & Soul**

**Special Art Day**

**Sunday, May 5 10 AM – 12:30 PM**

Meet in the Fellowship Hall for special projects - tie blankets, paint a window, make a card!