



St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church Newsletter

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

August 2021

The July 2021 Council Meeting minutes are not available at press time. When available, a full set will be posted on the bulletin board outside the office. If you would like a copy, please contact the office and we will email or US mail you a copy when they become available. Thank you for understanding.



Sunday School classes

We would like to offer Sunday School faith formation classes once again. Since the pandemic began, we have not had in-person Sunday School. We would like to know if you are ready for these classes to resume in-person. If so, we could really use volunteers to be our teachers and class helpers. Are you interested? Please feel free to contact the Church Office or Pastor Karen for more information! Call (920) 235-6616.



Sunday, August 29 Bless the Pets Service (10:45 am)

Bless the Pets is a special worship when we ask God to bless our pets and all creatures. If your pet likes to be around others, please plan to bring your pet! If your pet would not be comfortable here, feel free to bring a picture to share and please know that there will be a special blessing prayer to take home for your pet. We also give thanks in our worship for those pets who have gone to heaven.

Our usual parking lot worship will move just for today to our courtyard, outside with the pets where we can enjoy the many beauties of creation. This year Bless the Pets is on Sunday, **Aug. 29** at the 10:45 am worship.

Confirmation classes begin

in person!
(A special welcome to our Sixth Graders and other new students!)



At this time, we plan to meet in person as long as our local schools are meeting in person. Parents and students, please come to Orientation on Wednesday, September 8, 6:00 to 7:00 pm in Church.

Please, if your student is new to our classes, call Pastor Karen so that we can order enough study bibles!
Thank you!

Classes begin Wednesday, September 15! We meet at 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
See you there!

God's Work. Our Hands. Sept. 12, 2019

Theme: God Who Watches Over Me

We will have workshops, something for all ages. We will again have our chili cook off. We are looking for people to make their "famous" chili and to bring it in for our chili taste testers. If you are willing to be in the chili cook off, please contact the church office.

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)

Aug. 18

6 - 7:30 pm

We welcome the congregation to join us Wednesday August 18th from 7 to 8:30pm. We will be enjoying the firepit, s'mores and then a water fight! Be prepared to get wet! Water "bombs" will be provided. Please do not bring your own. But do feel free to bring a chair and towel if you like! And bring a fun attitude! Everyone is welcome!

National Youth Gathering 2022

National Youth Gathering is happening in 2022! I am so excited for this opportunity. It will be in Minneapolis July 24th through the 28th. We may add a day on one end of the trip to do some additional service work. If your teen will be in high school in the fall of 2022 or just graduated in summer of 2022, your child is eligible for this trip.

I would love to know if your child has any potential interest in this trip. We need to start planning! There is group-building and fund raising to be done.

This is a meeting of youth groups and churches from around the country. We will have opportunities to meet people from all over. We will do service work and hear nationally renowned speakers from around the world. To check out more about this please feel free to go to elca.org/gathering.

If you have any questions or are interested, please contact me at pattykoplitz@gmail.com or call me at 920-420-5616. *Patty*

Feed Our Children is underway throughout August!

We have so many people to thank for helping us keep this program going. Many, many people and businesses in our community have donated and assisted in this mission!

If you helped with donating funds, gift cards or food we thank you. If you volunteered your time to help with cooking, serving, greeting, or providing good fellowship, we thank you. We end the program on August 26. Please keep us in your prayers so that we are able to feed the children in our community.

We would like to thank **Pizza Ranch** on Washburn, where we held the fundraiser - we received \$712 - a combined total of a portion of the proceeds during our fundraiser from the restaurant as well donations from patrons in a jar for our mission. Most of all, it was a lot of fun to be there, and so we pass along deep thanks to all who helped.



Fabric Kits Needed

We could use your help for the workshop taking place on God's Work, Our Hands Day on Sunday, September 12, 2021. To make a fabric kit, we need two pieces of cotton or cotton blend fabric (no knits or polyester). Each piece of fabric should be either:

- 2-1/4 yards of 58" – 62" wide fabric, or
- 3 yards of 42" – 45" wide fabric
- 2 spools of thread (matching the material or neutral colored general-purpose thread, 250 – 300 yards in each spool)

Thank you so much for your support for this worthwhile project!



Calling All Green Thumbs!

Lutheran campus Ministry-Oshkosh is gearing up for its annual plant giveaway. Please consider planting or purchasing some easy-to-grow houseplants that would be ready by the end of August. Label your plant by name/congregation and drop off your plant to the unlocked garage at The Gathering Place at 620 Elmwood Ave anytime between August 31 and Sept. 3.

Questions? Contact **the new Director of Lutheran Campus Ministry at UWO, Kathleen Mueske at (920) 231-1168 or kathleenlcmoshkosh@gmail.com**

Vaccination Clinics

We hosted two COVID-19 vaccination clinics in July, and we are so grateful to the County Health Department, the Oshkosh Area Schools and the Winnebago Area Literacy Council for their partnership in creating these clinics. People not only received vaccinations, but they also came simply to ask the questions they needed to consider. Now we are talking with the partners to plan further vaccination clinics! Thank you so much to all our volunteers who worked so hard to provide hospitality for all who came. Thank you to our congregational members who have created an accessible and welcoming place to help our community!

FREE Wheelchair Wash & Inspection Saturday, August 7th 10 am to 1 pm

Join us for a free wheelchair wash & inspection, food, music, and fun! Where: J&R Auto Service, 629 N. Main St., Oshkosh. Appointments encouraged, drop-ins welcome. To schedule an appointment please contact Making the Ride Happen: 920-225-1719 or mrh@lsswis.org.

Sponsored by: Winnebago County Health Department, Options for Independent Living, ADRC of Winnebago County, NuMotion, J&R Auto Service, and Make the Ride Happen



Committee Meetings

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All members welcome!

Worship & Music Committee

Monday, August 16 at 7 pm

Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 10 at 7 pm