



St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church Newsletter

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

November 2021

Sunday Worship at 8:00 on Facebook, 8:45am in Sanctuary and 10:30 am in the parking lot

Thanks and

Blessings!

Dear friends,

I just returned from Theological Conference with fellow leaders from our Synod. We held our opening worship, and a wonderful Compline service outside around the campfire. This is Bishop Ann Edison-Albright leading us at the opening Eucharist.



It was a wonderful experience. Our teachers were Pastors Kara and Andy Root, who had met with us virtually last year and came back when we could be together in person this year.

Andy Root taught us a new word: *Zeitkrankheit* which is German for "Time sickness." Even before the pandemic we all seemed to be racing around and never able to get caught up, but it seems even worse now.

He pointed to our technological acceleration, and the acceleration of our social lives – pointing out how quickly our social norms have changed – and finally, the acceleration of the pace of life.

It all leads to a spiritual crisis for us – how do we attain more (the world's definition of success), and how will our congregations act so as to be successful in this time of extreme acceleration of changes?

He said that we stop feeling as if we were present here and now – busy lives that we think should be full lives, but end up feeling too busy to live well.

And our focus on attainment misleads us, as Andy asked us, where and how is God moving in our lives?

Kara Root took our next session to talk about Sabbath. She especially directed us to look at the Sabbath command in the Ten Commandments.

Once a week we are called to REST. And you and I cannot measure our lives by what we do when we rest.

In a world that would shape our entire identity by what we produce and teach us only to value our lives by what we produce – children are devalued as non-entities and the aged or those who are challenged by their conditions or illnesses are considered non-entities!

But our faith and our scriptures challenge that worldly evaluation of us and teach us that we are made in the image of a God who made everything Good and then **rested.**

When we rest, we have time to remember that we belong to a God who loves us and did everything to heal us, to rescue us and to redeem us from death.

When we rest, we have time to attend to the people that God has given us to love! God gave us the sabbath command to help us remember that we belong to God and to each other.

²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

In Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus invites us to come to him and find rest for our souls. When we are yoked to him and to each other – we find rest.

The challenge and joy of these messages is to find a way to see our life together as St Andrew's Lutheran Church in a way that embodies the sabbath blessings of God.

I am excited to see where it will lead us as we continue together in faithfulness and practice Sabbath and continue to look for what God is doing in our neighborhood – so that we may join in and follow our Lord into the future God means for us to know – a future that God promises is GOOD!

Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel of Jesus Christ! It is so good to be with you!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Karen Jewell



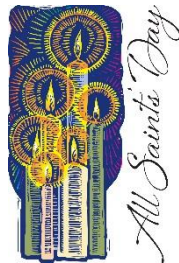
The October 2021 Council Meeting was regrettably cancelled because we were unable to attain a quorum. Minutes of the November meeting will be found in our next newsletter!

Special Days in November

All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 7, 2021

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 Thanksgiving, Nov 25th) 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 21, 2021

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!



Thanksgiving Day is November 25, and we will have some prayers and a faith practice to enrich your Thanksgiving gathering for you to take home.



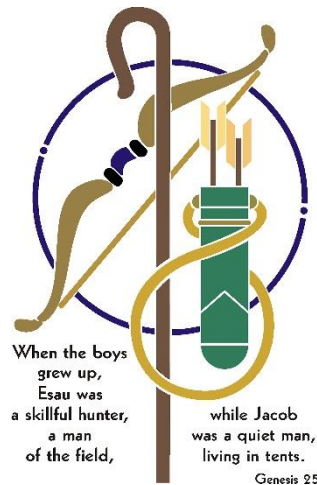
We would also like to offer a slice of pie to take away with you that Sunday. If the weather is nice we may eat together outside! Otherwise, you will have something delicious to take home.



If you would like to help our fellowship by providing a pie to share would you please bring it to church on Friday, November 19th? Thank you!

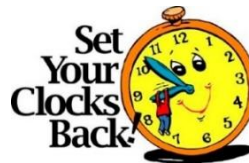
BLESSING OF THE HUNTERS

On Sunday, November 14th we would like to offer a blessing and prayers for all our folks who will be heading out for the Deer Season November 20th to 28th – maybe our deer stand in the parking lot has something to do with this? In any case, we do want to pray for your safety – so please join us for worship as you are able!



Day Light Savings Time Ends

Sunday, Nov. 7



Remember to set your clocks back one hour! - OR - Arrive at church one hour early! ☺

Christmas Poinsettia Orders Due by Sunday, November 28th

We will be decorating our Christmas altar area and narthex with poinsettias. Plants may be given in memory or honor of our loved ones, friends, or special occasion.



Ordering envelopes are located by the flower chart – or call the church office (920) 235-6616. You may also mail your order to us, if that is more convenient.

Choice of colors: Red, white, pink, Monet, or marble. Six-inch pot, \$16.00 each. We thank you!

Calling all singers and instrumentalists!



Would you help provide Christmas music for our Christmas celebrations? If you enjoy singing or playing your instrument, we can use your help!

We need to record music ahead of time to be able to support our on-line and other special worship services, and we ask you to let us know now before **November 15** that you are interested in helping. We will be recording your special music in November for our Christmas worship services.

Please call the office (920) 235-6616 to volunteer or speak with Brenda Francis or Pastor Karen if you have questions. Thank you so much. We are looking forward to a beautiful Christmas celebration. Let your light shine!

BY HEART Study

Meets at 12 noon most Wednesdays – we are studying Luther's Small Catechism, the scriptures that inspire it, and the history of his life that helps us understand it even better for our own lives. Please feel free to join us.

And please know that Pastor Karen is still seeking the best way to share the classes with those who cannot attend in person. She hopes to have recordings available soon for those who cannot attend in person. Thank you!

Children's Message

Did you know that in addition to regular Sunday worship services on Facebook Pastor is also sharing a Children's Time on Facebook? Go to our Facebook page [Facebook.com/standrewsoshkosh](https://www.facebook.com/standrewsoshkosh) on Sundays to find that special time together.

If you have a child who needs a SPARK Story Bible – please let Pastor Karen know or call the office (920) 235-6616. We use our SPARK Story bibles for the Children's Time on FaceBook on Sunday mornings.



News from the office



The Net

Catch what's happening at St. Andrew's
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Each Friday a mini newsletter called THE NET (St. Andrew was a fisherman!) is emailed to members who have requested receiving it.

In THE NET there are timely announcements, the weekly calendar and the worship assistant schedule. We have been sharing this publication so that you may have up-to-date information about what is happening at St. Andrew's. Many times a meeting date gets changed or new event is added to our calendar after the monthly newsletter is sent.

Also included with that emailing is a copy of the weekly devotional Taking Faith Home and the upcoming Sunday's bulletin.

If you would like to be included on that mailing list, please email the office office@standrewsoshkosh.org or call 920-235-6616 and we will be happy to include you.

We also offer this monthly newsletter either in print format mailed to your home or emailed to your inbox. If you would like to receive the newsletter or would like to change the method in which you receive it, please also let the office know.

Contact Us!

Pastor Karen	920-235-6616 pastor@standrewsoshkosh.org
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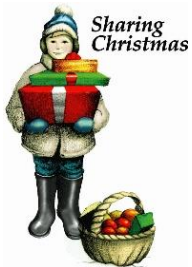
Our voice mail is checked remotely and quite frequently, as well as confidential. Please feel free to leave a message and we will return your call ASAP.

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



HUGE thank you to all who helped and to all who came to our Harvest Faire. The Harvest Faire was held for a good fellowship opportunity but also as a benefit for our friend Pastor Danny of the Cross & Crown Alliance Church medical expenses. We raised \$1,583.40. Thank you so much.

Another thank you to everyone who contributed coats and gloves for the Coats for Kids Program. We donated 24 coats and some gloves and hats. Your generosity will help so many folks.



**Winnebago Mental Health
Christmas Needs**

We are collecting items to be used at Christmas for patients at the Winnebago Metal Health Institute through Nov. 30. A box can be found in the hallway near the Fellowship Hall doors for donated

items. Thank you!

Needed items:

- Chocolate Bars (no nuts)
- Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Winter Hats
- Gloves – but no scarves
- Socks (ankle socks)
- Puzzles
- Stuffed animals
- Playing cards
- Journals
- Gift cards for Walmart, Hobby Lobby, Kwik Trip and fast food places

Calendars



If you have extra 2022 calendars, would you consider donating them to the Oshkosh Correctional Institution for the inmates? We will be collecting until the end of January. Thank you for considering this mission!



Desperate Need for Bell Ringers

Nearly 40% of Americans laid off during the pandemic report that they have now exhausted nearly all their life savings, and many cannot survive even another month without assistance. Add to that an estimated 11 million families behind in their rent or mortgage and the need for the social safety net the Salvation Army provides our local communities has never been greater.

The Red Kettle season is just days away and The Salvation Army remains in desperate need for bell ringers.

Please think of our friends and neighbors in need this holiday season. Visit RegisterToRing.com today and schedule a few hours to ring bells for the victims of the pandemic. Working together, hope marches on.

Committee Meetings



All members welcome!

Christian Action Committee

Monday, November 1, at 6 pm

Worship Committee

Thursday, November 4, at 7 pm

Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 9, at 7 pm

Looking Ahead to December

Advent 2021 begins Sunday, Nov. 28



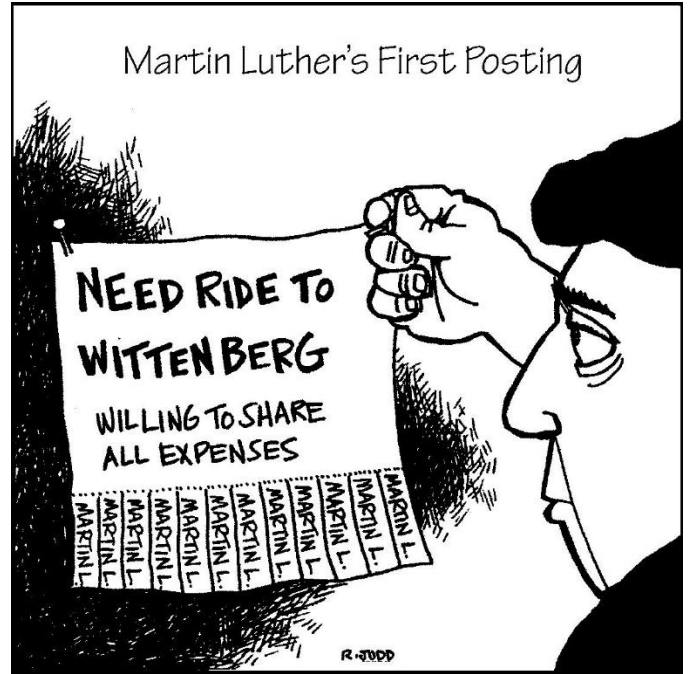
We will have special Advent devotional materials for you to enjoy in your homes. These will be available later in November for you! Please watch the NET for details.

Wednesdays in Advent

December 1st, 8th, 15th

We worship at 12 noon & 7:00 pm

Please come to help us light the candles and sing as we await the coming of the Savior! For those who cannot come for worship inside we will offer Advent Compline each Wednesday at 9:00 pm on-line or on CD/DVD. Please join us as you are able.



Christmas 2021

On Wednesday, December 22, at 7:00 pm, we will celebrate with a **Blue Christmas** worship – a quieter worship for those who live with grief at the holidays.



On Friday, December 24, we plan to offer worship both outside in the parking lot and inside in our Sanctuary! Please stay tuned for the details.

**Christmas
Worship
Schedule**

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

Please come to worship the new-born Christ when you and your family are able to attend. If you need information on sister churches where you are traveling, please talk with Pastor Karen about how to connect with ELCA churches wherever you are visiting.

