



# St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Newsletter

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

March 2022

Sunday Worship at 8:00, 8:45 & 10:45am

Spring Forward time change on Sunday, March 13, 2022

Dear friends,

Here we are! Two years into the pandemic, when originally, we hoped it would only be two weeks of hunkering down and toughing it out.

I sometimes have trouble believing that it was a whole year - March 15, 2020 to April 4, 2021 - between our Sundays in worship in the sanctuary!

Not much looks the same to us. Work, shopping, school, recreation, and certainly church-life are all so different from what they once seemed to be.

Our families and groups of friends have aching gaps from bereavement and our gatherings remain somewhat sparse as folks must judge the level of healthy participation in groups.

But I am hopeful.

Our church is working hard at re-entering life together. We are continuing to grow in the ways we can support people's faith through worship, and education

We are learning to reach out into a world so desperately seeking well-being once again.

Both our Worship & Music committee and our Congregational Life committee are seeking to understand the struggles and longings of our young families, because they have suffered so much during this pandemic.

For them, school and day care were regularly disrupted so that making a living was all the more challenging. Time to be - simply to be - has been so much harder to come by for young families.

For them, vaccinations came much later or not at all, and the decision to risk their children's health was agonizing.

Do you wonder that they might have deep reservations about attending church, and taking part in Sunday School or other faith forming activities?

Our congregation has always had a special love for children and for battling hunger. Our mission to feed hungry children moves into its fifth year! What a joy!

But we also long to feed our children's **faith** and the faith of their parents!

One focal point for our mission must be to understand what young families and children need as the pandemic wanes, so that they begin to pick up the threads of happier and healthier life together.

Jesus said, "*Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.*" (Luke 18:16)

And I am hopeful!

We will find the way forward that does not leave our children behind, or unfed, or without support for their faith.

I trust this because God loves them, and you love them with such tender faithfulness. Thank you!

As we begin Lent and practice our faith in new ways to grow and deepen our trust in God, please pray for our children, our youth, our families, and for all of us who love them.

God will guide us into the way that leads to life: to health, to renewal and to new life in Christ.

It is an adventure, it challenges us, but it leads us to new life in the one who has died, is raised, and lives again!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Karen Jewell



**Will be available in our next newsletter!**



**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022**

**L E N T** This year in addition to on-line worship Ash Wednesday (at 10:00am) we will also be able to worship in the sanctuary at 12 noon and 7:00 pm and meet in the parking lot at 5:30 pm. The Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion will be offered to you at our in-person worship services.

Please call Pr Karen (920 235-6616) if you would like ashes and communion but cannot come to church. I can bring them to you!

We will have a Lenten Gift to take home for your Lenten devotions starting on Feb 27! (If you can't come for worship, we will also have these available for you in the office.)

Through the 40 days of Lent, we will be offering a half hour worship on Facebook at 10 am and then in the sanctuary on Wednesdays at 12 noon. Worship will be part of our evening confirmation time from 6:30 to 7:00 pm and all are welcome.

Hope you can join us!

***Easter's on its way and a new beginning!***

We were able to re-start St Andrew's in-person worship in the sanctuary on Easter Day last year (April 4, 2021).



We thank God for this anniversary of renewal and hope as we prepare for Easter Day this year.

St Andrew's Worship committee will shape the schedule for Easter Day (April 17, 2022) so that we can bring the Holy Week and Easter worship to you in person, in the parking lot, and on-line. Details coming next newsletter!



**Easter Flowers**

Flowers to enhance our Easter altar may be ordered now! Plants are ordered from House of Flowers and may be given to the glory of God, or in honor of a person or an event, or in memory of a person or people you wish to remember.

Prices per plant:

Lily	\$15.00
Hyacinth	\$16.00
Hydrangea	\$40.00 (pink or blue)
Mums	\$20.00
Azaleas	\$35.00
Tulips	\$16.00
Kalanchoe	\$20.00
Daffodils	\$16.00
Cyclamen	\$20.00

Call or email the office to place an order. Envelopes for ordering are also available outside the office. **All orders must be placed by Sunday, March 13th.** (Color requests are allowed, but not guaranteed.) As always, you may take your plant home after the Easter Sunday services. We thank you for considering this gift to St. Andrew's!!



**Choir practice moves to Sundays from 9:45 to 10:15 am**

You are invited to join our experiment! All voices and ages are welcome. We are singing and learning new music for Lent and Easter on Sundays from 9:45 to 10:15am. Would you like to check us out and see if the new time works for you? **YOU ARE WELCOME!** We hope to be singing in person in worship during March as Lent begins.

**We are here for you!**

Visit our website: [standrewsoshkosh.org](http://standrewsoshkosh.org)  
 Like us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/standrewsoshkosh.org)  
 Email us: [office@standrewsoshkosh.org](mailto:office@standrewsoshkosh.org) (office)  
[pastor@standrewsoshkosh.org](mailto:pastor@standrewsoshkosh.org) (Pastor)

Or: Call us on the phone!! (920) 235-6616

## From the Christian Action Committee:



### Synod Build

Our synod is sponsoring a build day for the [Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#) chapter in Oshkosh. Their motto is “No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!” Twin-sized bunk beds will be made for children in need. We are excited to be the building site here at St. Andrew’s! Volunteers from around our synod will be joining us and other churches from our synod are helping with the costs of the beds so that we can make at least 20 beds that day!

Building Site: St. Andrew’s parking lot  
Date: **Saturday, May 7, 2022**  
Cost: \$250 per bunk

#### How can YOU help?

1. Sign up to help with the build
2. Help with providing a meal for the volunteers
3. Donate toward the cost of fleece or donate fleece to make blankets for the bunks (fleece material needed is 2 yards for the top and 2 yards for the bottom)
4. Donate towards the cost of one bunk
5. Donate new bedding for twin size beds. NEW twin-sized sheets and comforters, pillows, mattress pads, and mattress protectors. Quilts that are made should be comfortable for children and may be full or twin sized. SHP requests NO white sheets.

To help with the cost, St Andrew’s Noisy Offering for March and April is designated for the Synod Build. During Lent (March 2 – April 16) we will have coin boxes (located outside the sanctuary) called 40 Days of Giving that can be used for your giving.

Look for sign up sheets soon for helping with the build. Please join in!

## Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive

February 13 – March 7, 2022



**Toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, shampoo, deodorant, body wash, soap, kleenex, toilet paper, wash cloths and hand towels are**

**being collected.** These supplies are expensive and are not covered by the Wisconsin food Share program.

In Oshkosh, goods collected will benefit the ADVOCAP Homeless Program, the Day by Day Warming Shelter, Father Carr's Place 2B, and the Salvation Army. The need is greater than ever this year.

You may drop your items off here at church. If you prefer, you may also donate funds on-line ([click here](#)) or at your local Festival or Walgreens store. Thank you for considering this need.

Thank you for helping!

## Feeding Hungry Kids

We are in the planning stages of our mission for this summer and are considering adding a third day of serving food each week as well as deciding if we might offer meals to more than children and their families.



Some factors change each year such as the ability of other community resources to help us (such as the Oshkosh Area Food Pantry), and the school calendar (school ends early this year). As always, we are concerned for the well-being of the children that we feed! The Christian Action committee is hard at work – thinking and praying through this planning. Please pray for this work!



## Noisy Offering

Our Noisy Offering for March and April is being designated for our offering to the Synod

Build to be held on April 30. (more information can be found elsewhere in this newsletter). Offerings may be dropped in the jar at the sanctuary door on any Sunday, may be mailed into the office (1100 E. Murdock Ave, Oshkosh 54901) or in an envelope marked "Noisy Offering" at Parking Lot worship. Thank you so much!

## Lenten Bible Study

**Wednesdays at  
12:30 in the  
Fellowship Hall  
March 9, 16, 23, 30  
and April 6**



Following the Lenten worship offered at noon we will offer a video-based study called **Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church.** You do not need a book, and feel free to bring your favorite bible or use one here at church!

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The study is based on the work of Tom Wright and is a really wonderful thought-provoking and hopeful way to frame our days as we go through the end of COVID, the invasion of Ukraine and all the other things that challenge us or shake our world. Please join us as you are able. It will be good to see you!



# Meetings

### Christian Action Committee

Monday, March 7, at 3:30 pm

### Worship & Music Committee

Thursday, March 17 at 7 pm via Zoom

### Council Meeting

Thursday, March 10, at 7 pm via Zoom

### Property Committee

Thursday, March 31, at 6:30 pm

