



St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Newsletter

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

Sunday Worship at 8:45 and at 10:45 in the sanctuary and 10:45am on Facebook

November 2022

Thanks and Blessings!

Dear friends,

November is coming in with extra mild temperatures. We have all been scurrying about like the squirrels getting our autumn chores done and exulting in the chance to be outside with such comfort.

As I rake, I am struck by the trees that are still green, still holding leaves and still seem ready to take on the next day – whatever it may bring!

In my back yard I have a cherry tree given to me by friends who know how much I love simply being able to go out and pick a cherry off the tree and savor it.

It has had many challenges, including a golden retriever and several rabbits who have munched on various parts. At one point I was so worried that it was dying – a whole part of the tree dropped its leaves and the tree looked frail, and frankly, I thought it was done for!

But I couldn't bear to take it down and it went on growing a partial head of leaves for some years. And it kept living. The boughs that were dead did come down, and the tree kept living. Even its trunk damaged by the rabbits has healed up and looks whole.

Today I took a photo of it – it is holding onto green leaves, proudly has a full head of leaves when most of my other trees are bare or getting there.



My Cherry tree!

This tree reminds me that we can keep on even when we are damaged or challenged or not sure we can survive whatever has happened.

Our members and all of our congregation have faced amazing challenges – we have been hurt, sick, separated, fearful, wondering if we had a future beyond a pandemic and many other things that have changed us in ways we weren't sure we could survive.

But we are here. By God's grace - with faithful and sacrificial generosity – we are here.

You have been the most generous partners in mission that I could hope to know. I am grateful for all of the years of work that we have shared in this place.

I retire from ministry at St Andrew's at the end of this month. By the end of November, I will have served as an ordained pastor for 31 years and 27 of those years with you at St Andrew's. I cannot thank God enough for this gift of time doing what I truly love with people I deeply respect.

You will have new leadership to share in the work you do here. God will be guiding you through changes and challenges to new mission as well as confirming you in the things you do so well – loving children and fighting hunger.

Thank you so much for all of the adventures we have shared. Thank you for your grace for my mistakes and failures and foolishness along the way.

I know you have a future in Jesus Christ – serving him, loving him and the people he gives you to love in this place. May it be a future filled with faith, hope and love.

Thank you so much for your fellowship and faithfulness along the way – as we have followed Christ together. It has been so good to be with you!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Karen Jewell

Special time: On November 20th we have just one in-person worship at 10:00 am. Facebook worship will be posted at 10:45 am.



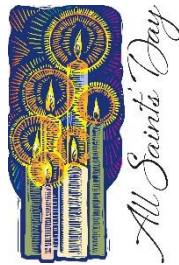
September Council Minutes will be forthcoming in a future edition of *The Net*. The October 2022 Council Meeting was the exit interview for Pastor Karen Jewell. Only financial reports were generated and will be available.

Special Days in November

All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 6, 2022

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 Eve Nov 23rd) 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 20, 2022



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

Thanksgiving Eve worship, Wed, Nov 23, 2022



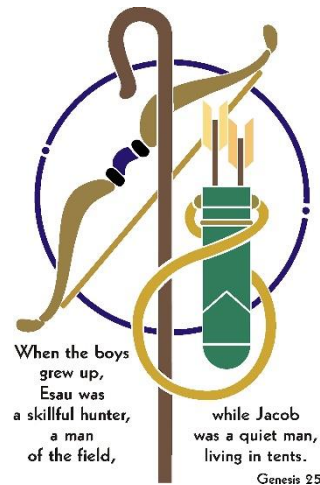
Several Oshkosh Lutheran Churches will offer a Joint Thanksgiving Eve worship at 6:00pm at St Andrew's followed by a pie fellowship. Our members and pastors will take part in leading the worship. A massed choir will rehearse at 5:15pm and sing during the worship.



Please feel free to join in worship and fellowship, and, if you like, please bring a pie to share! This is a lot of fun and we hope you will be there!

BLESSING OF THE HUNTERS

On Sunday, November 13th we would like to offer a blessing and prayers for all our folks who will be heading out for the Deer Season November 19th to 27th. We will pray for your safety – so please join us for worship as you are able!



Day Light Savings Time Ends

Sunday, Nov. 6



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

Christmas Poinsettia Orders Due by Sunday, November 27th

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 ask you to let us know before **December 11** that you are interested in helping

Please call the office (920) 235-6616 to volunteer or speak with Kris Selk, our Organist/Choir Director if you have questions. Thank you so much. We are looking forward to a beautiful Christmas celebration. Let your light shine!

The Archeology and History of the Bible

Meets at 12:30 pm on Wednesdays through November– this video based series is a National Geographic series with excellent commentary, photography and insights into the bible. Please feel free to join us.



From the Christian Action Committee:



A 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 to help Relief in Ukraine and our local elementary school Emmeline Cook. We raised over \$1300. Thank you so much.

Another thank you to everyone who contributed coats and gloves for the Coats for Kids Program. Our collection box overflowed with coats! Your generosity will help so many folks. The Salvation Army has over 1500 children signed up to make use of your gifts and those of our larger community. Thank you!

Winnebago Mental Health

Christmas Needs



We are collecting items to be used at Christmas for patients at the Winnebago Metal Health Institute through Dec. 2. 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)
- Stamps
- Stuffed animals
- Male and female tennis shoes
- Activities including puzzles (100-350 pieces), Perler beads, word search books and playing cards
- Gift cards for Walmart, Kohls, Hobby Lobby, Target, Kwik Trip and fast food places
- Checks can made out to WMHI Patient Events GG#20 (these funds can ONLY be spent of patients)

Questions? Call Kate Bahr Fuller at (920) 235-4910 ext. 2311.

Calendars



If you have extra 2023 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

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.

The Salvation Army of Oshkosh bell ringing registration site is now active and accepting reservations. Your help is needed ringing bells to help others. Go to: RegisterToRing.com

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.

Committee Meetings

All members welcome!



Christian Action Committee

Monday, November 7,
at 6 pm
Meet at the Delta
Restaurant

Council Meeting

Thursday, November 10, at 7 pm

Worship Committee

Tuesday, November 15, at 7 pm

Property Committee

Thursday, November 17, at 8 am

Looking Ahead to December

Advent 2022 begins Sunday, Nov. 27



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 2022

November 30th, December 7th, 14th
We worship at 12 noon.

Please come to help us light the candles and sing as we await the coming of the Savior! Please join us as you are able.

Christmas 2022

On Wednesday, December 21, at 12 noon

we will celebrate with a [Blue Christmas](#) worship – a quieter worship for those who live with grief at the holidays.

On Saturday, December 24,

4:00 pm Lessons and Carols
6:30 pm Carols by Request
7:00 pm Candlelight Communion

We also worship on **Sunday, 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.



Christmas Worship Schedule