



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

January 2023



"Beginning Well"

Rev. Bryan Schmidt,
Interim Pastor

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Dear members and friends of St. Andrew's,

Welcome to 2023! I am grateful for all your kindness and support in my first month with you as Interim Pastor, and I trust that our partnership in the coming months will only grow stronger as I help you navigate this time of pastoral transition.

With the busyness of the Advent and Christmas season behind us, I am sure several of you are eager to know a little more about what comes next in the transition process as you prepare to call your next settled pastor. This month, I share an excerpt of the covenant agreed upon by the leadership of St. Andrew's, the Office of Bishop of the East-Central Synod of Wisconsin, and myself as your Interim Pastor. As someone who has always valued the importance of clear communication and goals, I share this with you in hopes that what is outlined below may serve as a helpful reminder for the good and faithful work that we are each called upon to carry out in Jesus' name.

Members and Friends of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church:

- A. Commit to the Gospel by faithful participation in worship, learning, and fellowship activities.
- B. Support the ministry of the congregation through your service and gifts.
- C. Accept Pastor Bryan as your Interim Pastor, uphold him in prayer, and accord him love, respect, and good will.

- D. Expect Pastor Bryan to preside at baptisms, celebrations of Holy Communion, and other rites of the church.
- E. Agree that Pastor Bryan will not be considered for regular call to this congregation.

Pastor Bryan as Interim Pastor of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church:

- A. See to the core attributes of pastoral ministry to the congregation: preach and teach the Word of God; preside at worship; provide pastoral care; officiate weddings, funerals, etc., and give pastoral leadership for the meetings and activities of the congregation.
- B. Devote time and energy to assessing current youth ministry at St. Andrew's, and providing care, attention, and support to the congregation to make future youth programming more sustainable.
- C. Encourage support of the total ministry of the ELCA and the East Central Synod of Wisconsin and provide a monthly report to the Office of Bishop.
- D. Be responsible for the recording of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, funerals, etc.
- E. Agree under no circumstances to: be available for regular call to this congregation, be involved in the congregation's call process except when the synod bishop requests such participation and, become a member of this congregation after his time as Interim Pastor of St. Andrew's concludes.

Next month, I'll talk more about the work we are called upon to share together, the support of our East-Central Synod of Wisconsin, and a general outline of what the call process will look like. In the meantime, **THANK YOU** for your faithful partnership! You are a blessing to this congregation and all of its good and faithful work.

In Christ's love and service,
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Council Minutes were not available at this printing. A copy will be posted on the bulletin board outside of the office as they are available. You may also contact the office if you wish a copy. Thank you!



Worship Committee

Greetings to All,

As we begin a new year at St. Andrew's the WMC would like you to consider joining us in one or more of the activities we provide. We are in great need of helpers for the Altar

Committee, coordinated by Darlene Bruce. The duties of the committee include:



Preparing the elements for communion (filling wine cups and preparing wafers) and placing them in the sanctuary and/or cleaning up after communion for either the first or second service. If you are interested in participating with Darlene in this activity, please call the Church office or talk with Darlene.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 29, 2023

10 - 11 am

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE THAT DAY

8:45 am

We will gather for the **Annual Congregational Meeting at 10am on Sunday, January 29**. Please join in to plan our participation in God's mission in our new year together. We will also vote for the second time on updates to the Constitution of St Andrew's – so **please request a copy** if you would like to look through the document.

We will work to make this meeting efficient and accessible to our members in person and via Zoom.



Another pressing need we have is for ushers, especially for the second service. Duties of the ushers include welcoming people arriving for worship and offering them a bulletin, closing the gates at the altar for communion and ushering those wishing to commune to the altar, identifying anyone wishing to receive communion at their seat, counting the number of people attending the service, assisting people in locating the bathrooms and fellowship hall, etc. Peg Olson coordinates the ushers' group, and they are scheduled through the church office. If you are interested in joining this group, please call the church office or talk with Peg.



2023 Giving Envelopes

2023 Giving Envelopes have been ordered, but delivery is delayed due to a labor shortage. We will get them to you as soon as they arrive. In the meantime, we have provided an alternative to the envelopes for your gifts. You will find "generic" giving envelopes in the pews or on the back table in the narthex. Keep checking for more information. Thanks for understanding!

If you would like to learn more about the WMC activities, please consider joining us at a meeting. Our next meeting is on January 18 at 1:30 in the fellowship hall. Thank you for your consideration.

Many blessings in the New Year,
Kathy Bellaire, Council Liaison to the WMC.

Committee Meetings

You are welcome to attend any meetings



Worship & Music Committee

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 1:30

PM

Council Meeting

Thursday, January 17, 7 PM

Property Committee

Thursday, January 26, 8 AM

At the Delta Restaurant

WE ARE
grateful
FOR YOU!

Thank you for your Offerings

Thank you so much for continuing to bring the

love of God to our congregation, neighborhood, community and world.

If you would like to help support us as we continue in the mission that God gives us your gifts will go far!

You may mail in your offerings to St Andrew's Lutheran Church, 1100 E Murdock Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54901, or give ONLINE. Your click on our link takes you to a secure portal at our website: standrewsoshkosh.org. You may also use the QR code:



Thank you so much!

We are here for you!

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Email us: office@standrewsoshkosh.org (office)

pastor@standrewsoshkosh.org (Pastor)

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

