

# St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church Newsletter



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

March 2023

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



## "Be At Peace"

From the Desk of Pastor Bryan  
March 2023

As we transition from the season of Epiphany to the season of Lent, I offer this prayer to you:

*Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life.*

This prayer, The Prayer of St. Francis, is probably my favorite prayer that embodies this sense of peacefulness. I was introduced to this prayer while I was a student chaplain in seminary, and throughout my faith journey I have reflected upon this prayer. I love that God has blessed us with different skills and abilities—instruments, if you will—that we share with others in a variety of ways. Yet far too often than we'd like to admit, we get too proud and boast that our instruments are better than others, or we become too clouded to realize the true potential of our instruments.

This month, in the midst of life's chaos near and far, in a world yearning for some semblance of peace, I encourage you to reflect upon this prayer. In your life and in your context. What resonates with you? What challenges you? How is God actively at work in granting you peace? How will God empower you to be an instrument of peace in these coming days?

May this prayer give us a renewed sense of peace as we enter into this Lenten season and journey with Jesus—the greatest instrument of peace—to the cross and beyond the cross.

In Christ,  
Pastor Bryan

**Searching  
for a New  
Pastor**



## Ministry Site Profile (MSP)

The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) Committee had its first meeting on February 8. As a cross-section of the congregation, the MSP Committee is tasked with crafting the document that describes St. Andrew's history and identity, our sense of mission and vision for the next chapter of our ministry, and the leadership needs we are looking for in our next settled pastor. Stay tuned for ways that you can help the MSP Committee carry out this essential work! If you are interested in being part of this committee or have any questions, please contact Carol Spiegelberg or Pastor Bryan. The Committee's next meeting is Tuesday, March 7 at 9:00 a.m.





## Highlights of Church Council Minutes February 9, 2023

Present: Teri Rucinsky, Matt Moore, Carol Spiegelberg, Kathy Bellaire, Emmy Kasuboski, Steve Last, Greg Egner, Pastor Bryan Schmidt  
Excused: Chris Ziegler

### **Treasurer's Report:** Matt Moore

Matt Moore presented the financial statements and Bills to be paid. January 2023 net income was \$8,841.43 positive. Motion made and approved to accept financials reports and bills to be paid.

### **Old Business:**

Counting Process - Counting process is being updated. Members interested in assisting in the counting will be contacted to schedule.

### **New Business:**

Welcome New Council Member - Greg Egner

Long Term Council Members Numbers - Council will be reviewing options regarding Council Members and quantity to serve as well as Council Committees. Note: If any member of Church is interested in serving on Council please reach out to a current member or the Church Office for more information.

Discussion of Worship Survey Results - Kathy reviewed the results of the survey with Council. We had an excellent number of respondents. The results will continue to be accepted. Further meetings will be scheduled to involve Church members in this important process.

Altar Flowers: Kathy Bellaire reviewed with Council the price increase of our current vendor. Other options were reviewed. A decision will be made at next meeting.

### **Pastor's Report:**

Pastor will be forwarding the list of membership changes to Council. Discussed an opportunity for an Intern Program being put on by Synod.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Christian Action** - Excited for Feed the Children Program. They will be holding Pizza Friday's this year.

**Congregational Life** - No Report

**Education** - No Report

**Evangelism** - No Report

**Fellowship** - No Report

**Property** - Update on the Deer Stand. Property Committee will decide on options for selling the Deer Stand. Assistance will be needed setting up for voting Feb 21, 2023. The relighting of the cross, altar, chancel and transept area of the sanctuary has started with the purchasing of materials. From now on it will be referred to as the Brighter Tomorrow (BT) project.

The sub-committee for the renovations of the pastor's bathroom, office and main office started to discuss the project - from here on referred to as Office Renovations (OR).

- o Some discussion given to logistics and room use during OR project. Must coordinate with Pastor and the secretaries.

- o Next meeting Feb. 15 at 8 AM

Next meeting of Property Committee is Feb. 23, 2023 at 8 AM at the Delta Restaurant. All are welcome!

**Stewardship** - No Report

**Technology** - No Report

**Worship & Music** - No additional Report

**President's Report:** No Report

**Transition Committee Report** - Carol had 9 attendees at the initial meeting of the MSP Committee. Any member interested in this Committee please reach out to Carol or the Office for info. The next meeting will be held March 7th at 9:00am

Next Council Meeting March 9, 2023 at 7:00pm

Sincerely,

Matt Moore  
Church Treasurer  
Acting Council Meeting Secretary

*A complete set of minutes can be found on the bulletin board outside of the office.*



## Lenten and Holy Week Worship

Wednesdays in Lent (March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29)  
Worship at 7 pm

Sundays in Lent (February 26 to March 26):  
Holy Communion at 8:45 and 10:45 am.

Palm Sunday (April 2):  
Holy Communion at 8:45 and 10:45 am.

Maundy Thursday (April 6):  
Holy Communion at 7:00 pm

Good Friday (April 7):  
Holy Communion at 7:00 pm

You are always welcome!

## Easter Sunday Worship April 9, 2023



Worship at 7:30 am  
Easter Breakfast from 8:30–9:30am  
Festival Easter worship at 10:00 am

Come and worship!  
You are most welcome!

## Easter Breakfast!

**Sunday, April 9**  
**8:30 to 9:30 am**



This is one of our favorite fellowship times all year! Member families cook all your favorite breakfast foods, serve you before and after Easter worship and we have the chance to catch up with one another once again.

Would you like to help? Call or text Chris Ziegler (920)312-3842

## **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.

Price per plant:	Lily	\$20.00
	Tulips	\$16.00
	Hyacinth	\$16.00
	Kalanchoe	\$22.00
	Hydrangea	\$44.00
	(pink or blue)	
	Daffodils	\$16.00
	Mums	\$20.00
	Cyclamen	\$22.00
	Azaleas	\$40.00

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 12th.** (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!

## **From the Christian Action Committee:**

### **COTS, Inc. food drive**

Now through March 5

COTS, is a nonprofit Meal Ministry team who deliver hot meals to residents and provides transitional shelter helping individuals experiencing homelessness in the Fox Valley. Their goal is to end homelessness by helping individuals to transition to self-sufficiency and independent living. Every Monday, Wednesdays and Friday evenings meals are provided. For more information, go to <https://appletoncots.org/> They are seeking pantry items listed below. Eggs, Cereal, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Sugar, Canned Meat, Vegetables, and Soup



## Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive

February 12 – March 5, 2023



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, COTTS, Inc, 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.

## Feeding Hungry Kids

July 10 - August 25

Serving 11 AM -12:30 PM

Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays



Our Feeding Hungry Kids program is coming! Hot meals will be served on Monday and Wednesdays and it will be Pizza Day on Fridays! The Christian Action committee is hard at work planning for what has become an annual mission of St. Andrew's. Meals are provided for children who might not otherwise have a meal during the summer months. Please pray for this work! Watch for a needs list and ways to get involved.



Daylight Savings Time begins!

Sunday, March 12th

Our time "springs forward".

Please don't forget –

set your clocks ahead one hour!



## Meetings

You are welcome to attend!

### Worship & Music Committee

Thursday, March 2, at 1 pm

### Christian Action Committee

Monday, March 6, at 6 pm

### Ministry Site Profile Committee

Tuesday, March 7, at 9 am

### Council Meeting

Thursday, March 9, at 7 pm

### Property Committee

Thursday, March 30, at 8 am at the Delta Restaurant



### Thank you for your Offerings

Thank you so much for continuing to bring the love of God to our congregation, neighborhood, community and world.

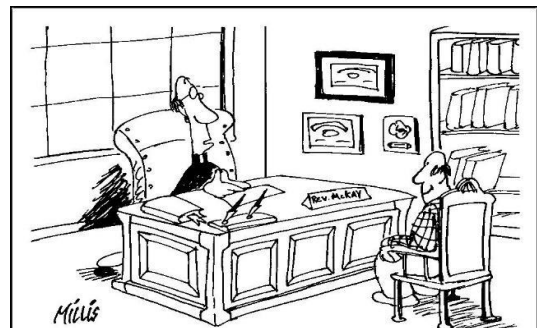
If you would like to help support us as we continue in the mission that

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](http://standrewsoshkosh.org). You may also use the QR code:



Thank you so much.



"We're grateful for the checks, but in order for us to cash them, you'll have to make them out to the church, not to 'The Big Guy Upstairs.'"