



St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church Newsletter

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

July 2023

Please come and worship with us Sundays at 9 am and on Facebook, Sundays at 10:45!!



From the Desk of Pastor Bryan July 2023

Blessed July, dear friends! As part of last month's NET, I shared an update on where St. Andrew's stands in the call process.

The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) Committee has met several times to continue its work in completing the larger profile. This team has worked *hard* to address each section of the MSP with careful attention to detail, and I applaud the time and effort they have put forth in making the MSP come to life.

While the hope last month was for the draft copy of the MSP to be ready for Council's review in July, there are still several areas of the MSP that need review and revision. As of this writing, Church Council plans to review the draft of the MSP at its August meeting. Once Church Council has approved the MSP, the synod office will review and formally approve

it and, from there, a Call Committee will be formed, and prospective candidates given to the Call Committee from the synod office.



If you or someone you know has questions or concerns about the call process, **please reach out to me directly, either by phone or email.** It is my hope that these monthly updates will help keep St. Andrew's abreast of the process, but I warmly welcome any opportunity to talk about it more in detail. Any time of transition can feel daunting, and St. Andrew's is no exception to that! Your prayers, your patience, and your openness to the Holy Spirit guiding this process is so incredibly important!

Peace be the journey,
Pastor Bryan



Highlights of Council Meeting Minutes June 8, 2023

Present: Pastor Bryan Schmidt, Teri Rucinsky, Steve Last, Carol Spiegelberg, Matt Moore, Greg Egner

Treasurer's Report

Budget materials provided by Matt Moore were reviewed. We continue to have a negative budget, with expenses outweighing contributions. Greg Egner made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented, Carol seconded; Motion passed.

New Business

The council members discussed restructuring our committees, and Pastor Bryan prepared a graphic organizer for members to use to guide the discussion. He also presented information from other church bodies, noting that the constitution and bylaws call for 10-14 committee members, which is much higher than other church bodies. In addition, the information about what committees do in the bylaws does not match the work that our committees are currently doing. Council is considering moving information about committees out of the bylaws and into Continuing Resolutions instead. Council members reviewed and compared constitutions from other churches as a reference tool. They identified limitations and struggles of the current structure as well as listed possibilities going forward that invite creativity & collaboration.

Pastor's Report: Pastor discussed coverage for the dates he will be gone in June, July and August. He has also been working

with the synod regarding the transition process.

President's Report: We will be having an Exec meeting on Thurs 9/15.

Committee Reports: Committee Reports were presented via email to council members, with summaries below. No questions regarding committee reports were raised nor discussed at this time.

Congregational Life: Verbal report: FHK is a go, and they are very excited about having this again this summer. Watch the bulletin for other upcoming dates and events.

Education: No report

Evangelism: No report

Property: Property is continuing to work on issues like staffing the custodial position, as well as the Deer Stand. Bathroom issues are being addressed. AC was activated. The summer projects they plan to work on are the Brighter Tomorrow project as well as resuming the Office Renovation Project. The committee addressed some concerns regarding storage issues within the building as well as created a plan for spring and summer yard work.

Stewardship/Discipleship: No report

Technology: No report

Worship and Music: No report

Ministry Site Profile: The MSP Committee has a draft almost ready that they will be sharing with the council soon. In addition, we will beginning to work on developing a Call Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 by Teri Rucinsky.

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



Pizza Ranch Fundraiser for Feeding Hungry Kids

July 24, 2023
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Come for a meal and help others have good things to eat! We will be gathering at Pizza Ranch in Oshkosh, 1051 S Washburn St (just south of Ninth Ave) to enjoy a fun meal and support a fund-raiser for Feeding Hungry Kids (FHK).

For years, Pizza Ranch has helped us raise funds to buy food and supplies to serve our local school children and their families during Feeding Hungry Kids.

Please come as you are able and join in the fun! Thank you!

Feeding Hungry Kids

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
July 10th through Aug. 25th
11 am - 12:30 pm



The start date is approaching fast! We are thrilled to be able to offer take away meals to our neighborhood children.

We are still collecting food or gift cards from Piggly Wiggly. There is still time to volunteer, sheets are on the table across from the office OR contact Carol Spiegelberg at 920-420-7832.

NEEDS list for FEEDING HUNGRY KIDS

You can help feed hungry kids!

Brownie mix
Canned vegetables (corn, green beans, carrots)
Canned fruit (applesauce, fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges, peaches)
Crackers (saltines, snack)
Cookies (chocolate chip, sugar, and Girl Scout)
Cereal (Rice Krispies, Trix, Fruity Pebbles)
Dressings (Ranch, French)
Gravy (chicken, beef)
Honey
Instant mashed potatoes
Instant rice
Jelly (grape, strawberry)
Juice boxes
Ketchup
Lemonade (powdered)
Macaroni
Mac and cheese

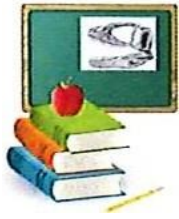
Mustard
Marshmallows
Rice Krispie treats, granols
Spaghetti
Spaghetti sauce
Taco shells (hard and soft)
Soup (chicken noodle, chicken with rice)
Syrup
Small bottles of water

Supplies Needed:

Disposable gloves (M, L, XL)
Garbage bags (30 gallon)
Kitchen bags
Toilet paper
Lunch bags
Divided paper plates
Plastic silverware
Paper cups

Gift cards (Piggly Wiggly)

Community Back to School Fair is coming soon!



August 15 and 16, 2023
North High School
1100 West Smith Ave
Oshkosh, WI 54901

We are gathering resources that will be distributed at the fair to 1000+ students and their families that need some help getting off to a good start at school this fall.

Our Christmas in July display will have little backpack “ornaments” that you can take with you, if you wish. You may donate clothing, department store gift cards, or cash to help provide the needed items for the children and youth.

At the Back-to-School Fair children will receive school supplies, clothing, haircuts and hygiene items – and the big boost in confidence that your gifts bring!

No need to wrap your items. Please ring them go church by Sunday, July 30 to give the organizers time to complete their preparations.

Thank you for all you do!



Pop-up Choir

CALLING ALL WHO LOVE TO SING:

A pop-up is by definition intentionally temporary. The pop-up choirs we are assembling once monthly this summer are just that - temporary. No strings attached. No robes, no extra rehearsals, no sitting up in the choir area. We will sing something that is easy to put together, probably a hymn. You don't need to read music to be a part of this musical group. Rehearse in the choir room at 8:45 the morning we sing. That same-day rehearsal is the only extra effort involved. If you like to sing, please join us July 16 as we pop up to sing the special music for the day's worship. Making music in a group is fun!

Education Committee Brainstorm Meeting



EDUCATION

A time of conversation and exploration about faith formation possibilities at St. Andrew's will take place after worship on Sunday, July 16. Please join us if you are able. If you are unable to attend or have other questions, feel free to contact Pastor Bryan at pastor@standrewsoshkosh.org.



Committee Meetings

All members welcome!

Worship & Music Committee

Tuesday, July 11, at 10 am

Education Brainstorm Session

Sunday, July 16, at 10:30 am

Property Committee

Thursday, July 27, at 9am
Delta Restaurant

Habitat for Humanity



Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh is accepting Home Buyer Program pre-applications for the 2024 build season. Forms and more details are available on their website.