



St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church Newsletter

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

May 2023

Please come and worship with us – in the Sanctuary and on Facebook!

“It Isn't the Changes That Do You In”

From the Desk of Pastor Bryan

May 2023

“Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end.”

— SEMISONIC, “CLOSING TIME”

“The beginning of wisdom is to call things by their right names.”

— CHINESE PROVERB

As we enter the month of May, I am excitedly beginning my work in the Basic Training in Transitions course that is offered through the Lutheran Transitional Ministry Association (LuTMA), a collaboration between the ELCA and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Phase 1 of this work is a virtual twelve-week teaching course that covers the major themes of transitional ministry. Phase 2 will be a week-long intensive that will be held at the beginning of October in New York state.

One of our required texts for Phase 1 is the popular book *Managing Transitions: Making the Most of Change*, written by the late William Bridges. The title of my article this month comes directly from the first chapter of this text. While probably geared more toward a business audience, the image to the right comes directly from this book. Bridges begins his book by making a clear distinction between the terms change and transition.

While change is understood to be circumstantial or situational, transition, on the other hand, is more emotional or psychological—a particular process that individuals go through as they come to terms with all the details that stem from any given change. The diagram above details this process of transition—(1) Letting go of an old way of thinking or being, (2) Going through an in-between time when the old is gone but the new isn't fully up and running, and (3) Coming out of a transition and making a new beginning. I appreciate that there is an ebb and flow to this understanding of how transition works, and much of my work with you as Interim Pastor has been (and certainly will continue to be) to accompany you through this season of transition and provide awareness of the process as a whole.



I'm excited to share more of my learnings in the months that lie ahead. As we conclude the Easter season later this month, my prayer for you is to remain curious, remain faithful and remain open to the Holy Spirit's work in shaping a new beginning for the good ministry here at St. Andrew's.

Your partner in this season of ministry,

Pastor Bryan



Council Meeting Minutes
St. Andrew's Evangelical
Lutheran Church
April 7, 2023

Present: Pastor Bryan Schmidt, Kathleen Bellaire, Carol Spiegelberg, Chris Ziegler, Greg Egner

Call to order: 7:00 pm. Carol Spiegelberg

Dwelling in the Word: The Council members reflected on Colossians 3 : 12-17 and shared their thoughts about what they found meaningful in this scripture.

Treasurer's Report

Materials provided by Matt Moore were reviewed. Chris Ziegler highlighted sections of the report for members. We continue to have a negative budget currently, with expenses outweighing contributions. March bills were reviewed. Kathy Bellaire made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented, Pastor Bryan seconded, Motion passed.

Old Business:

1. Roles and Responsibilities of Council Members/Support Needed
 - a. Committee Ideas- Discussion and decisions tabled due to the absence of several Council members. Members were encouraged to continue to look at the committee roles and responsibilities to determine if any can be changed, eliminated, or combined.
 - b. Quarterly Survey- a survey regarding our new worship schedule will be developed and included in the third quarter mailings.
2. Staff Support

It was noted that Jeff continues to be out, and Marcia Galicia is currently completing the janitorial duties. The Executive Committee will meet to discuss

coverage should Jeff's absence become a long-term situation. Darlene Bruce continues to help in the office in Sandy's absence and is doing a wonderful job. Kay and Pastor Bryan can handle the remainder of the duties together at this time.

New Business:

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Bryan reported that he will begin online classes next week related to the role of an interim Pastor. He has met with the confirmation students and their families and will forward a final count of the number of students being confirmed to Carol Spiegelberg as soon as possible. The Lenten round robin was well received, and Pastor Bryan thoroughly enjoyed participating. He will look for other opportunities to collaborate with fellow congregations in the future. Pastor reminded everyone that on April 16 we will begin our new worship schedule with one service at 9:30 am with an online service following.

Committee Reports:

Christian Action/Fellowship: Carol reported that a fellowship dinner will be held on May 10th for all the Confirmation kids and their parents. Council members are encouraged to attend. Our Feeding Hungry Kids program is scheduled to run from July 10- August 25. Lunches will be served Mon-Fri, with Fridays being pizza days. Carol is working with local pizza parlors to determine if there is interest in donating pizzas toward this effort. Piggly Wiggly has offered to put a large box in their entryway for donations to Feeding Hungry Kids. Carol noted that many area businesses as well as many of our neighbors make generous donations to this program annually. Pastor Bryan suggested we might like to explore collaborating with other congregations as well. Chris reported that 70 people attended Easter breakfast. Enough donations were received to cover the cost of the breakfast. Leftover food

was donated to Father Carr's. Carol requested a report be forwarded to her including the names of individuals who helped make and serve the breakfast.

Education: No report

Carol noted an Easter Egg hunt was Emmy forwarded her report from the Crossways Camps Annual Meeting to Council Members

Technology: Pastor Bryan reported that he is currently reformatting the weekly bulletins to make them more compact and user friendly.

Worship and Music: Kathy reported the agreement with Pick n Save has been signed and they have received a key. Altar flowers, when donated will be provided by Pick n Save beginning April 16, 2023. We will continue to order flowers for Christmas and Easter from The House of Flowers. The WMC has begun looking at the guidelines for ushers. Kathy requested that Council members review the current guidelines and email her any suggestions. Pastor Bryan will email a copy of the current guidelines to Council members.

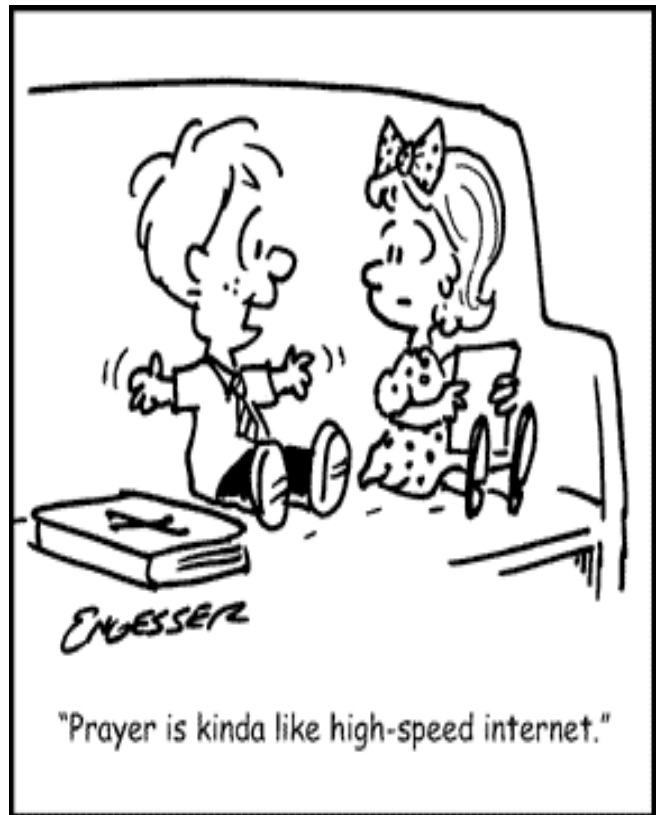
Ministry Site Profile: Carol reported that work is continuing, and 2 additional meetings have been scheduled. The committee will be distributing a congregational survey in the coming weeks to elicit more information about member priorities going forward. The committee only received nine responses to the last questionnaire. The committee and Pastor Bryan are planning an informational presentation at a worship service soon.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Next Council meeting: May 11 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Bellaire
Council Member

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





SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

At their March meeting, the Church Council voted to approve going to one service, beginning Sunday, April 16th at 9:30 am. Please note this time change.

How may we BEST keep in touch with you?

Email? Mail? Phone? Website?

Your contact information is precious, and we don't give it out. But we are so grateful to stay in touch.

Please let us know your preference for contacts.

Here is how to contact us:

office@standrewsoshkosh.org

1100 E Murdock Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54901
(920) 235-6616

www.standrewsoshkosh.org

Synod Assembly



East Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA

"To Hear the Word of God and Share in the Lord's Supper"
Saturday, May 20, 2023

Pastor Bryan Schmidt and two members will be representing St Andrew's at this year's **Synod Assembly** – voting on church issues and mission actions for 120 congregations and all of the baptized members of our Synod. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us into the mission of God and gift us for the work in our area!



Sunday, May 14, 2023

Join us as we confirm our third-year students at the **9:30 am Holy Communion worship** service on Sunday, May 14. Our students study the bible and the small catechism of Martin Luther for three years. Please pray for our students as they complete their studies and prepare to declare and then practice their adult faith in Jesus Christ among us. Thank you!

Committee Meetings

All members welcome!



Christian Action Committee
Monday, May 2, at 6 pm

Worship & Music
Wednesday, May 17, at 10 am

Council Meeting
Thursday, May 11, at 7 pm

Property Committee
Thursday, May 4 at 8 am
Thursday, May 25 at 8 am at Delta



Special Music for Summer

Spring is finally here! It is time now to think about special music at our summer worship services. We would like to schedule special music to be offered while the choir is on summer break. If you would like to help by singing a solo, duet or in a small group or by playing an instrument, please see Kris Selk, organist (land line 920-235-3362; klsek@yahoo.com) or notify the church office with your contact information. We hope to get things lined up by mid-May. Thanks for your help!



St. Andrew's Prayer Chain

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, we are blessed to have a prayer chain ministry here at St. Andrew's.

You can email a prayer chain request to Pastor Bryan at pastor@standrewsoshkorh.org. Please note that all requests are kept very confidential.

Regular offerings help St. Andrew's Lutheran Church so much!

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!



Fellowship Dinner for Confirmation Students and Families

A special fellowship dinner for Confirmation students and their families will be provided on Wednesday, May 10th, at 6:00 pm. All current students and their families are most welcome to attend! Please notify the church office or Carol Spiegelberg, (920-420-7832) if you are planning to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!



Lutheran Campus Ministries Annual Meeting

Pine Lake raised \$78,000 of the \$80,000 to fix Pine Lake Chapel, and the project is underway. \$10,000 + was raised from action teams through Thrivent.

The board and stockholders are building a plan to find the right person for the position of the new Executive Director (presently an interim Executive director)

Marketing - ambassador program to get to churches, congregations and youth groups.

Financial reporting - now streamlining- new and more consistently on a monthly basis.

2023 Budget

Total revenue \$994,038
Total expenses 1,159,957
Net balance \$(165,919)

Some of the help with the shortfall goals are:

- Fund raising \$70,000
 - East Central synod support \$50,000
 - South Central synod support \$20,000
 - Greater Milwaukee support \$20,000
 - The process of selling a parcel(s) at Imago Del camp which is underway \$80,000
 - Ambassador program \$30,000
- The goal is \$270,000 with the progress of \$147,000 of these funds \$70,000 was given from Grace Lutheran Church after 76 years service (closed) through the surplus of selling their building. \$77,000 from employee retention credit. Also \$20,000 and a 15 passenger van given by Incarnation Lutheran Church in Green Bay after closing.

2023 Budget - approved

Board elections held and approved.
Commissioning of the board.

Submitted by: Emmy Kasuboski and Peggy Jirovetz, representatives from St. Andrew's

**A word from
the Christian
Action
Committee:**



We are getting ready for our seventh year of Feeding Hungry Kids. The program will start July 10 through August 25th.

On Mondays and Wednesdays, we will be serving hot meals. Fridays will be pizza days. There will be sign up sheets available to volunteers.

Needs List for Feeding 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)



Synod Assembly 2023
Service Project / Fox
Valley Lutheran
Homes

Please consider donating
the following items:

Postage – Forever stamps and postage of any kind

Reams of Paper – 8.5 x 11 for general printing

500 Piece Puzzles

Coffee Supplies – regular and decaf coffee pods (for a Keurig)

Paper Products – single use utensils, napkins, cups, plates of various sizes

Potting Soil – bags of potting soil for planting flowers

Paper Towel

Toilet Paper

Gift Cards for Menards, Steins, Home Depot, or Gas Cards

You are invited to:



DAY BY DAY

**COMMUNITY
OPEN HOUSE**

THURSDAY, MAY 11

4:00-7:00 p.m.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 5:30 p.m.

*Please join us as we celebrate the opening
of the new Day by Day Shelter.*

*All events will take place at the new Shelter
420 CEAPE AVE., OSHKOSH*

For more information, call the Shelter at 920.203.4536