

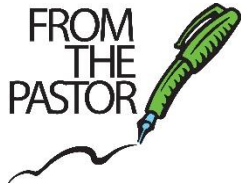


St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church Newsletter

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

August 2023

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



From the Desk of Pastor Bryan August 2023

Blessings to each of you as the month of August is upon us! I don't know about you, but this summer has gone by so incredibly fast.

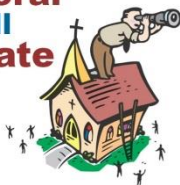
The Gospel text for August 13 is Jesus stilling the storm (Matthew 14:22-33). A suggested hymn for that Gospel lesson is *Calm to the Waves* (ELW 794), written by Mary Louise Bringle. Take a moment to reflect on the words of this hymn:

*Calm to the waves.
Calm to the wind.
Jesus whispers, "Peace, be still."
Balm to our hearts.
Fears at an end.
In stillness, hear his voice.*

In our own personal lives as well as the life of the church, we encounter storms. Some of these storms can be seen from miles away, yet others catch us entirely by surprise. Some move through quickly, yet others more than overstay their welcome. Whatever your story, may you find a moment's peace in your day-to-day life, and may you also share that same sign of peace with one another.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Bryan

Pastoral Call Update



CALL PROCESS UPDATE

The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) Committee met once again in late July to further fine-tune the last couple of sections of the profile. Church Council will be reviewing the MSP later this month and offering any further changes and, ultimately, their approval of the document as a whole. Members of Church

Council have also begun identifying potential members of the congregation to serve on the Call Committee. If you have any specific questions about the transition process, please contact Pastor Bryan by phone (920-235-6616) or email (pastor@standrewsoshkosh.org).



July Council Minutes were not available at this printing. A copy will be posted on the bulletin board outside of the office when they are available. You may also contact the office if you wish a copy. Thank you!



Sunday, August 20
Bless the Pets Service (11:00 am)
Special Worship Time

Bless the Pets is a special worship when we ask God to bless our pets and all creatures. If your pet likes to be around others, please plan to bring your pet! If your pet would not be comfortable here, feel free to bring a picture to share and please know that there will be a special blessing prayer to take home for your pet.

We will worship in our courtyard, outside with the pets where we can enjoy the many beauties of creation. This year Bless the Pets is on Sunday, **Aug. 20** at the special worship time of 11:00 am.



August Pop Up Choir

Who loves to sing?

You are invited to indulge that love in our summer Pop-Up Choir, which will meet this month on August 13. We practice in the choir room at 9:00 to sing at 9:30 worship. No robes or special choir seating are involved. All who enjoy singing are invited to join in for that day as we pop up from the congregation to praise God at worship with our Special Music piece.



Choir season is almost here! The St. Andrew's choir will begin meeting for rehearsal on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00

PM in the choir room. Some important things to know about choir:

- 1) We rehearse for about an hour midweek, currently Wednesdays at 7:00.
- 2) We are open to anyone high school age and above who enjoys singing (not just women!).
- 3) We do not require that you read music; many of us do not.
- 4) We have a sign-out calendar for those times you may be away (so we can plan accordingly).
- 5) The St. Andrews choir has historically been a friendly and welcoming group.

Please consider joining the choir this year. Our season runs from September through May, and we would welcome additional voices!



Feeding Hungry Kids is underway throughout August!

Submitted by Carol Spiegelberg

Feeding Hungry Kids program is going great! We have served so many - at least 100 a week! I want to thank all who gave gift cards or monetary donations. Everything was put to good use.

I also want to thank the wonderful volunteers who help me make this program work.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at Pizza Ranch or who volunteered to work that night.

We would like to thank **Pizza Ranch** on Washburn, where we held the fundraiser - we received \$950.32 - a combined total of a portion of the proceeds during our fundraiser from the restaurant as well donations from patrons in a jar for our mission. Most of all, it was a lot of fun to be there, and so we pass along deep thanks to all who helped.



**God's work.
Our hands.**

2023

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Sept. 10,**

Mark your calendar and join us after worship on Sept. 10 for God's Work Our Hands Day. There will be food and activities for the whole family. We will start the day off with our Chili Cook-Off. We are looking for "Chili Teams" to compete in the cook-off. Contact Carol Spiegelberg if you are interested.

Communion Assistants

We are interested in adding another communion assistant to the schedule. Anyone interested in volunteering for this role should notify the office.



Communion Assistants

**Confirmation classes begin!
Wednesday, September 13
6 – 7 pm**

Sixth, seventh and eighth graders, please plan to come to our **first class** on Wednesday, September 13, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

To register and/or for more information, please call or email the office or Pastor Bryan, (920) 235-6616, office@standrewsoshkosh.org or pastor@standrewsoshkosh.org



All members welcome!

Christian Action Committee
Monday, August 7 at 6 pm

Worship & Music Committee
Tuesday, August 8 10 am

Property Committee
Thursday, August 31 at 9 am

Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 16 at 7 pm



Community Back to School Fair

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 in the narthex has 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.

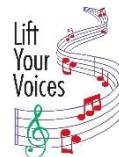
At the Back-to-School Fair children will receive school supplies, clothing, haircuts and hygiene items – and the big boost in confidence that your gifts bring!



Calling All Green Thumbs!

Lutheran Campus Ministry-Oshkosh is gearing up for its annual plant giveaway. Please consider planting or purchasing some easy-to-grow houseplants that would be ready by the end of August. Label your plant by name/congregation and include any specific directions for care. Drop off your plant to the unlocked garage (or in the house if open) at The Gathering Place at 620 Elmwood Ave anytime between August 31 and September 3.

Questions? Contact Lutheran Campus Ministry at (920)231-1168 or lcmoshkosh@gamil.com



Like to sing? Enjoy Broadway tunes?

The Winnebagoland Barbershop group invites you to come and pay homage to old Broadway by singing Broadway tunes on Monday night, August 21st, 6:30 – 8pm at Peace Lutheran Church, 240 W. Ninth Ave, Oshkosh. Contact Dick Voakes at 920-410-7875 or mobilevoakesgolfer@gmail.com for more information.