



# St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church Newsletter

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

April 2024



## Highlights of Church Church Council Meeting Thursday, March 14, 2024

### Roll of Members:

Carol Spiegelberg, Matt Moore, Chris Ziegler, Greg Egner, Kathy Bellaire, Sarah McAninch

**A. Treasurer's Report-** Matt Moore February expenses and payroll exceeded giving by \$3,347.66. This is partially to do with how the last payroll cycle ends in February and slightly elevates the budget. In addition, operating expenses are less since last year and we are blessed to stay current with all accounts. Greg Egner made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented, Chris Ziegler seconded. Motion Passed 6-0

### D. Old Business:

1. Congregational Reports –Completed before March 1<sup>st</sup> Matt Moore compiled the financial information required for the report. Carol Spiegelberg coordinated with the church office to make sure the information was gathered and sent to the Synod by the deadline date. Thank you to all.

2. Church Offices - Renovations – Carpeting and paint have been approved for the church offices. Additional upgrades are pending further discussion. Thank you to all those volunteering their services.

3. Supply Pastor - April Dates–All April dates are secured as well as many through May. Supply Pastors generally suggest a fee of \$200-\$250 for their services. Schedules will be available as timing allows.

### E. New Business:

1. Council Meeting - day of week – Thursday is approved going forward

2. 2024 Synod Assembly –Greg Egner and Carol Spiegelberg are approved to attend in May

3. Miravida Living Report-Kathy Bellaire shared the news of cardiac and post stroke services being added. She also shared the extraordinary stories and struggles of international nurses working in the states and the determination they have to succeed.

4. Newsletter Deadlines –Prior to meetings

5. Crossways Camp –A letter will be sent out to see if there are any interested families. Kathy Bellaire volunteered to go if there is an interest.

6. Stewardship - Time & Talents –A goal to restart in 2024. Encouraging members to use their talents, big or small, in a variety of ways. Further discussion and committees are needed.

### F. Pastor's Report – No Report

**G. President's Report –** Chris Ziegler is looking forward to the coming year.

### H. Committee Reports:

1. Call Committee – Matt Moore is currently working with the bishop to provide the next available pastor. We patiently wait for the time God sees fit to bless our congregation.

2. Christian Action/Fellowship –Funeral times and details were shared with the committee for our sisters in faith now departed. Carol Spiegelberg brought a suggestion to the committee of having St. Andrews added to the Herald Newspaper Church Directory. This directory will be published weekly for a yearly fee of \$500. Additional ads could be purchased throughout the year to advertise church activities and news. It was agreed that this ad would serve both Feeding Hungry Kids and the church in the coming months. Greg Egner made a motion to approve the \$500 fee as presented, Kathy Bellaire seconded. Motion Passed 6-0

3. Property –Steve's update 3/14/24

- Samples for trim are currently in the office for review
- The library door has been put back on
- A plow hit the outdoor bench and caused damage. The bench will be repaired
- 4 Classrooms were cleaned and organized (Marcia & Sue)
- A cabinet is needed for the literacy group. The committee suggested finding a cabinet already in the building that can be repurposed.
- Matt Moore agreed to be the contact for the property committee going forward
- Next property meeting is March 28<sup>th</sup> at 9am

4. Education –Chris agreed to be contact for education committee going forward. Discussion about working with members from surrounding churches. This would create a larger group to share instruction and activities for adolescent members.

5. Worship & Music – Kathy Bellaire- Inserts will continue to be placed in pamphlets. Continued use of country specific candles for prayers was discussed. It was decided that candles representing a specific country will no longer be placed in the sanctuary. The WMC will discuss the possibility of offering a special service of prayers for the nations later this year.

A special thank you goes out to the members who provided candles for the remembrance of Ukraine, Israel and Gaza during the year.

6. Stewardship-Chris Ziegler is working on ways to reawaken this part of our fellowship

7. Technology/Office-Sarah McAninch has agreed to be the contact for technology going forward

**I. Adjournment & Closing Prayer-  
Adjourned at 9:32 p.m.**

*A complete set of minutes can be found on the hallway bulletin board next to the office.*



**Call Committee of  
St. Andrew's  
Evangelical  
Lutheran Church -  
Search Update**

Your Call Committee has been working diligently these last few months getting ready to begin the call process. I am happy to inform you that we have recently (Mar 21st) been provided a candidate by the synod and have scheduled the initial interview.

I will provide information as we continue through the process.

Please keep the Call Committee and our candidate(s) in your prayers as we begin the process of identifying our next pastoral leader.

Matt Moore  
Call Committee Chair



**Thank You!**

Many, many thanks to every single person who helped in any way make our worship services and time together during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter so meaningful. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated. You are the salt of the earth! Thanks so much!



## Feeding Hungry Kids July 8 - August 23

Our Feeding Hungry Kids program is coming! Hot meals will be served on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. On Tuesdays at 4 pm we will be providing a bag of groceries.

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.

## Rummage Sale

May 4

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sponsored by the Christian Action Committee



St. Andrew's will be holding a rummage sale here on Saturday, May 4, from 8 am to 4 pm. If you have any items to donate, please contact Carol Spiegelberg at 920-420-7832. What a great time to sort through things you no longer need, and they can be rehomed to someone else who can put them to good use! Thanks for your support.



## Miravida Living

On March 4<sup>th</sup> Sirley Guse and I attended the annual meeting of Miravida Living. Theresa Bertram, President and Chief Executive Officer highlighted some of the exciting new ways that Miravida is engaging in new directions as they look toward the future. The corporation has achieved certification in post-cardiac care so that they can be a resource in our community for individuals needing additional care following a heart attack or after cardiac surgery. They are currently working on a certificate for post stroke care with the same goal in mind. The plan to expand the services available to people needing additional care who may not be at a need level where residential care is needed over a long period of time will help Miravida Living to continue to be a vibrant organization into the future. The corporation is also partnering with UWO, UWGB and World Relief Fox Valley to support immigrants and refugees who are interested in becoming health care providers. Miravida Living currently employs 9 individuals from Africa, who work in food service and housekeeping. These employees are hardworking and dedicated and have been an excellent addition to Miravida's team. A young nurse, Adanna Okeke, originally from Kenya shared her story of immigrating to the USA to study at UWO and her joy at becoming a nurse at Bethel Home. Three new Board members were elected to three-year terms, Kathy Bellaire, Pastor Jan LaVake and Mary Murkin. The meeting was informative and fun. Thank you for the opportunity to represent St. Andrew's, I am proud that we continue to be a one of the congregations supporting this important mission.

Kathy Bellaire

## Crossways Camp Ministries

On March 16 Tracy Menchaca and I attended the Crossways Annual Meeting at St. Mark's Church in Neenah. We received an update on Camp Operations for the three camps, Pine Lake Camp in Waupaca, Imago Dei Village, in Clintonville and Waypost Camp in Hatley. We were introduced to members of the camping staff and learned about

the new strategic directions the ministry is moving toward. The most important of these has been the consolidation of some of the administrative duties and sharing of camp staff across the three sites, making it possible to continue to offer a wide range of camping experiences at all three camps. A review of the proposed budget was provided, indicating that Crossways is well positioned to go forward into the new year with confidence. Three members were elected to the Board; Tom Scheuerman from Appleton WI and Rev. Joe Wilkinson who will both be serving a second term, and Laura Welden, from Glendale, WI. joining the Board for the first time. Members of the camps' staff shared inspirational stories from children and adults about how Crossways Ministries has impacted their lives and we got to play a game and learn a song, a fun way to give us a part of the camp experience that greets those who attend. We plan to offer a Temple talk in the near future about what we learned and share information about camping and volunteer opportunities soon. We walked away feeling happy, energized, and optimistic that Crossways will continue to be an integral part of the ELCA ministry for years to come.

Kathy Bellaire

### Lutheran Campus Ministries

On March 17, Shirly Guse and I attended the annual meeting of the Lutheran Campus Ministries at All Saints Church in Oshkosh. Two individuals were elected to the Board of Directors, Kathy Dutcher and Dave Richards. Pastor Crystal Lee provided an update on the current operations of the ministry on the UWO campus. Currently the Gathering Place has no students coming to The Gathering Place for faith-based activities. The two upstairs apartments are both occupied, and the students living there provide a monthly donation to the program, in addition to bringing others into the house which provides opportunities for interaction with Pastor Crystal. The Board of Directors and Pastor Crystal have determined it is time to move in a different direction. An Ecumenical Partnership with other community churches will be the focus going forward. A partnership with Algoma Blvd United Methodist Church (Pastor Ellen) and Trinity Episcopal Church (Father Chris) is being formed with the goal of pooling resources to provide an inclusive, affirming, faith based and fully ecumenical ministry on the UWO campus that represents the values of mainline protestant churches. The goal is to have this new structure in place for the Fall semester of 2024. The three pastors each provided an overview

of their vision and enthusiastic support of this new direction. The Gathering Place will continue to be the site of operations for this ministry. To that end there are several projects that need attention in the house, a list of volunteer opportunities for anyone interested in getting involved is posted in the narthex. Shirley and I thank you for the opportunity to represent St. Andrew's.

Kathy Bellaire

## Committee Meetings

All members welcome!



### Worship & Music Committee

Thursday, April 11 at 10 am

### Council Meeting

Thursday, April 11 at 7 pm

### Property Committee

Thursday, April 25 at 9 am



Thanks  
for Your  
Support!

## 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!