

St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Newsletter



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

March 2024

Sunday Worship at 9:30 am



Highlights of Church Council Minutes Thursday, February 8, 2024

A. Call to Order – Carol

Spiegelberg Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll of Members: Carol Spiegelberg, Matt Moore, Chris Ziegler, Greg Egner, Sarah McAninch

B. Dwelling in the Word: Joel: 2: 1-2

C. Elections - Matt Moore:

1. President: Matt Moore nominated Chris Ziegler for President, Greg Egner seconded. Matt called 3 times for other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Matt called for the vote. *Motion Passed 4-0 with 1 abstention.*

2. Vice President: Matt Moore nominated Carol Spiegelberg for Vice President, Chris Ziegler seconded. Matt called 3 times for other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Matt called for the vote. *Motion Passed 4-0 with 1 abstention.*

3. Secretary: Chris Ziegler nominated Sarah McAninch for Secretary, Matt Moore seconded. Matt called 3 times for other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Matt called for the vote. *Motion Passed 4-0 with 1 abstention.*

D. Treasurer's Report – Matt Moore January giving exceeded expenses and payroll by \$14,048.29. This is typical for the first month of the year because some members give one large donation for the entire year in January. Greg Egner made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented, Carol Spiegelberg seconded. *Motion Passed 5-0*

E. Old Business:

1. Annual Meeting Review: We had more than the 40 confirmed members in attendance, both in person and online, to achieve quorum. Discussion was had regarding the 2024 budget and the congregation approved this year's budget as presented. A question was also raised regarding the monies in the Feeding Hungry Kids fund. The FHK committee will review the donations and discuss future plans for the program.

2. ELCA Congregational Report: The report is due to the Synod by March 1st, 2024. Matt Moore is compiling the financial information required for the report. Carol Spiegelberg will coordinate with the church office to make sure the information is gathered and sent on to the Synod by the deadline date.

3. Call Committee: Matt Moore informed us that St. Andrews' profile is active on the Synod's website and that the committee has been reviewing the interview questions in preparation of discussions with our first call candidate. Matt will reach out to Pastor Asher to get any updates as far as potential candidates.

4. February Election: There is a primary election for Oshkosh/Winnebago County on February 20th. Matt Moore will have employees at church on Monday to set up for the election. We will have a person there on Tuesday to open the church for the poll workers, and Chris Ziegler will be there when polls close, and close up the church after the workers leave. Future election duties will be assigned as election dates draw closer.

F. New Business:

1. Painting of Pastor's Office: Donations have been received for the painting of Pastor's office. Discussion was had regarding the need for replacing the carpet as well as possible new/additional cabinetry and countertops. Options will be discussed at the next property meeting on Thursday February 22nd.

2. Lenten Soup Suppers: Wednesday evening Lenten services will be held in coordination with 4 other congregations with each congregation hosting one service during Lent. The evening will begin with the host church holding a soup supper at 5:30 p.m. and following with service at 6:30 p.m. St. Andrews will host the first of these on February 21st. Look to The Net for the weekly schedule of where the service will be held.

3. Easter Service/Breakfast: Discussion was had regarding times of Easter services and Easter breakfast. Chris recommended that a Sunrise Easter service would be held starting at 7:00 a.m. and that we hold a second Easter service at our regular 9:30 time. Easter breakfast would be served between services (approx. 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.) This information will be passed on to the church office as well as the Worship & Music committee to finalize plans.

G. Pastor's Report: *No Report*

H. President's Report - Chris Ziegler: Chris thanked Teri Rucinsky for her years of service as council president and to the outgoing council members for their service as dedication as well.

I. Committee Reports:

1. Call Committee - Matt Moore: See above in Old Business

2. Christian Action/Fellowship - Carol Spiegelberg:

Feeding Hungry Kids - Luncheons will be serving hot meals 5 days a week Starting July 8th and going through the end of August. Bags of food will also be sent home with the children at the end of each week.

Lenten Charities - Canned goods will be collected during the month of Lent with the donations being divided between the Christine Anne Center and the Salvation Army. Collection boxes will be on a table outside of the Fellowship Hall entrance.

3. Property – Steve Last: Steve attended the council meeting to let the council know that the property committee has gone over the list of work that needs to be done in 2024 and tried to prioritize the list of what is most important or needs to be done first. Since there is currently no council representative for the Property Committee, Chris suggested that we try to have a council member present at the committee meetings to be able to bring any information or discussions back to Council that requires additional discussion or approval.

4. Education: *No report*

5. Worship & Music – Kathy Bellaire: Coordination of supply Pastors has been accomplished for most of the services through Easter. It was discussed that supply Pastors should be scheduled for a month in advance to make sure there is no interruption in Sunday services until a call has been accepted for a new Pastor.

6. Technology/Office: *No Report*

J. Next Council Meeting:

Thursday, March 14, 2024. 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

K. Adjournment & Closing

Prayer: Adjourned at 8:47 p.m.



Lenten and Holy Week Worship

For the remaining Wednesdays in Lent, (March 5 - March 20), local ELCA congregations will take turns hosting a soup supper at 5:30 p.m. and a service of Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m.

- March 6 First English (1013 Minnesota St)
- March 13 St. John's (808 N Main St)
- March 20 Peace (240 W 9th Ave)

Worship services here at St. Andrew's for Holy Week:

Palm Sunday (March 24):
Holy Communion at 9:30 am

Maundy Thursday (March 28):
Holy Communion at 6:30 pm

Good Friday (March 29):
Holy Communion at 6:30 pm

You are always welcome!

Easter Sunday Worship March 31, 2024

Worship at 7:00 am

Easter Breakfast from 8:00 to 9:00 am

Festival Easter worship at 9:30 am

**Come and worship!
You are most welcome!**



Easter Breakfast!

**Sunday, March 31
8:00 to 9:00 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 Pick 'n Save 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	\$10.00
	Tulips	\$12.00
	Hyacinth	\$12.00
	Calla Lily	\$22.00
	Hydrangea	\$27.00
	Daffodils	\$12.00
	Mini Rose	\$12.00

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 10.** As always, you may take your plant home after the Easter Sunday services. We thank you for considering this gift to beautify St. Andrew's!

**From the
Christian
Action
Committee:**



Daylight Savings Time begins!
Sunday, March 10th
Our time “springs forward”.
Please don’t forget –
set your clocks ahead one
hour!

Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive
February 11 – March 3, 2024

Bathroom tissue, cleaning supplies, dental care, deodorant, diapers/baby care, face/bath soap, feminine care, hair care, laundry detergent, paper towels, razors, and trash bags are the most needed items. 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 or at your local Festival or Walgreens store. Thank you for considering this need.



Food Donations

End Hunger Sundays

During Lent this year, the ELCA will celebrate 50 years of global impact. Using the theme, “A World Where All Are Fed”, the Christian Action

Committee decided to start collecting food on Sundays during Lent. From now through March 24, boxes are set up in the hallway across from the church office. Food donated will go to the Christine Ann Shelter and the Salvation Army.

Bible Study

St. Andrew's will also be hosting a midday lunch and Bible study starting on February 21. They will meet every Wednesday through March 20th. A light luncheon and fellowship will be held at 11:00 am, and Bible study will begin at 12 noon. The format they will be using is Dwelling in the Word. All are welcome! Please join in.



Meetings

You are welcome to join in!

Worship & Music Committee

Thursday, March 7, at 10 am

Christian Action Committee

Monday, March 4, at 6 pm

Council Meeting

Thursday, March 14, at 7 pm

Property Committee

Thursday, March 28, at 9 am



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. You may also use the QR code:



Thank you so much.