



St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church Newsletter

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

May 2024

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

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

Searching for a New Pastor



The Call Committee has been very busy since our last update. Three major milestones have occurred as we

progress through the Call process. First, we had our 2nd in person interview with our candidate. Secondly, the Call Committee unanimously voted to make this person our Candidate of Choice (this allows the process to continue). Lastly, our candidate agreed to be our Candidate of Choice. This means that we continue the call process with this candidate (no more interviews!) and they agree to stop interviewing with other Churches.

This is great news for St. Andrew's! Although the process is not complete yet, we only have a few more steps to go. More updates to come as the process plays out.

Please continue to pray for the Call Committee and our Candidate.

Matt Moore
Call Committee Chair



Council Meeting Minutes
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
April 11, 2024

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

A. Treasurer's Report- Matt Moore - March giving was higher this year than in 2023 due to "My Giving" and loose offerings. Some operating expenses and functioning without a full-time pastor have also decreased overall spending in 2024. In addition, St. Andrews has been blessed as a recipient of \$11,000. Through all this support, St Andrews is able to stay current with all accounts while having shortfalls in monthly donations. Chris Ziegler made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented, Greg Egner seconded. Motion Passed 6-0

B. Old Business:

1. Church Offices - Renovations –the Office Renovations Committee was present to discuss final details of the Pastor and Secretary office renovations. Carpeting and paint have been purchased and many hours have been volunteered already. The committee is requesting funds of \$8000-13,000 to be allocated from the donations given in honor of Sandy Last and Pastor Karen. Another option is to allocate from two funds to complete the work in a timely manner. The office renovations committee agreed to supply a final estimate for all that is still incomplete. That estimate will be reviewed in a timely manner and funds made available for use. Thank you to all those volunteering services and time to give these rooms a much needed refresh!

2. Supply Pastor - All dates through August are secured with supply pastors. Thank you, Carol Spiegelberg, for all your hard work securing pastors.

C. Time & Talents – A “Gifts for Living” form is being developed to offer members ways to best use their gifts in and throughout the church.

D. New Business:

1. 2024 Synod Assembly Offering – The theme this year is “Nature”. A list of suggested gifts will be posted that will be delivered to the bishop at the assembly in Oshkosh. Matt Moore suggested a monetary donation this year of \$400. Greg Egner made a motion to approve. Carol Spiegelberg seconded. Motion passed 6-0.
2. Synod Resolutions Assessment Survey- Land Acknowledgement, Hunger Advocates, Action to end racism- An online participation to establish advocacy.
3. St. Andrews will be having a Spring Rummage and Bake Sale May 4th from 8am-4pm. A list of suggested donations will be in the bulletin for more information. Proceeds will go towards re-waxing the Fellowship Hall floor. Contact Carol Spiegelberg for more information.
4. Feeding Hungry Kids has a total of \$1120.00 currently given in donations.

E. Pastor’s Report – Matt Moore-None

F. President’s Report – Chris Ziegler is looking forward to the coming year.

G. Committee Reports:

1. Call Committee – Matt Moore- A first interview has been completed for a potential permanent pastor.
2. Christian Action/Fellowship –No Report
3. Property –No Report
4. Education –Chris agreed to be the contact person 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

The WMC met on Thursday April 11. The updated Supply Pastor Schedule for April -July was shared. Pastoral greeters were assigned for services through June.

Kris Selk has selected hymns for the June worship services that are congruent with the lessons for the week. We will again offer a “pop-up” choir during the summer months. Kris and Sandy will coordinate which Sundays this will occur. A practice will be held prior to the service for anyone wishing to join. Last-minute volunteers will also be welcomed. Kris will write a short article about summer music for the May newsletter.

A letter explaining the role of the assisting ministers is now being included in the materials sent out to supply Pastors. The assisting ministers have also been given a copy.

Tracy Menchaca, one of our representatives for the Crossways Camps annual meeting, will provide a temple talk regarding Crossways Camps offerings on May 19th. She will have materials available for discussion during a fellowship hour following worship.

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.

H. Announcements-Thank you to everyone for being a part of St Andrews and sharing the good news.

I. Next Council Meeting: Thursday May 9th, 2024. 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

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

**From the
Christian
Action
Committee:**



**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.

Please, **NO** large furniture or TV's. All clothing, adult's and children's, must be clean and in good shape. Small appliances, as well as toys, games, puzzles, jewelry, books, and other miscellaneous items will be accepted.

NO items need to be marked with a price. If anyone has any clothing racks that might be used for this sale, please let Carol Spiegelberg know.

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.



Bake Sale

Along with the rummage sale on May 4, St. Andrew's will also be holding a bake

sale. If you love to bake, we could use more baked goods. All baked goods need to be brought to church by Friday, May 3, between 8 am and noon. If you have any questions at all, please call Carol Spiegelberg at 920-420-7832.

Your help is very much appreciated!

Synod Assembly



**East Central Synod of Wisconsin,
ELCA**

**"To Proclaim the Word of Good News of God in
Christ through Word and Deed"
May 17 - 18, 2024**

Carol Spiegelberg and Greg Egner will be representing St Andrew's at this year's **Synod Assembly** – voting on church issues and mission actions for 120 congregations and for 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!



**Synod Assembly 2024
Service Project /
Crossways Camp**

This year at Synod Assembly, we are rallying support around the Crossways Camps - and we can't do it without you.

Please consider donating the following items:

- Sprinkler on a tripod
- 2 gallon watering cans
- Packets of herb seeds
- Packets of wild flower seeds
- Damping forks
- Rakes for leaves

Donations may be brought to church by May 15.



Special Music for Summer

The choir will have a break from their weekly singing duties from May 26 through Sept.

1. If you sing or play an instrument and would like to provide the special music on one or more of those summer weekends, please contact Kris Selk (920-235-3362) or the church office (920-235-6616).

Once a month this summer we will have special music by the Pop-Up Choir. This is the group that meets at 9:00 AM on the morning we sing to rehearse a familiar tune. All are welcome to be a part of this informal group. Come on those Pop-Up days you are here to worship. You won't get signed up for anything - each time we sing is a one-time event. Members sit in the congregation and come up to sing during the special music spot in the service. Watch *The Net* for information about when the Pop-Up Choir will meet this summer. The first date will be June 9 and we will sing from With One Voice the hymn "O Christ the Same" (the tune is "Danny Boy").

We're looking forward to special summer music!

Committee Meetings

All members welcome!

Christian Action Committee
Monday, May 6, at 6 pm

Worship & Music
Thursday, May 2, at 10 am

Council Meeting
Thursday, May 9, at 7 pm

Property Committee
Thursday, May 30, at 9 am



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 prayerchain@standrewsoshkosh.org. Please note that all requests are kept very confidential.

Volunteer Opportunity



Winnebago Area Literacy Council Women and Children's English Program

As more refugees arrive in our city, our program is growing, and we are currently spreading the word in the community that we need more helpers to play with the kids while the moms learn. We meet at St. Andrew's on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12-2pm. Helpers could start immediately, and as always, we bring on a lot more hands over the summer. Contact Mai at 920-573-5507 if interested.

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!