



St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church Newsletter

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

July 2024

Please come and worship with us – Sundays at 9:30 AM!



New Pastor
Update

GREETINGS FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE

On June 9, 2024 St. Andrew's held a Congregational Meeting to vote on our new pastor.

Pastor Karen E. Tews was presented by the Call Committee for consideration. A bio from Pastor was read as well as information provided by the Call Committee. After a thorough discussion via questions from the congregation, a ballot vote was held. By an overwhelming percentage, Pastor Karen Tews was approved 70-2 as St. Andrew's next Pastor.

Pastor Karen will be starting her Pastoral leadership role on July 15, 2024.

An installation date as our new pastor is still being determined.

A special thank you to all the members of the Call Committee during this lengthy process!

Matt Moore
Call Committee Chair



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

St. Andrew's Lutheran
Church
Sunday June 9, 2024
Special Congregational
Meeting

A. Call to Order – Chris Ziegler called to order at 10:55 a.m. Paul Andrew Johnson from the Synod Council led the congregation in a prayer.

B. Pastor Review-Pastor Karen Jewell retired in November of 2022. In December, Pastor Bryan Schmidt took the call as St. Andrew's interim pastor. The journey then began on identifying who we were as a church and our MSP (Ministry Site Profile). In July of 2023, a profile was created, and a committee selected from a cross section of our congregation. Much gratitude was shared towards all those that were part of the committee: Matt Moore, Jackie Kuhn, Peg Olsen, Kris Racer, Stew Reickman, Matthew Stephan, Shelli Upham, and Diane Vogel. Also, sincere thanks to all the supply pastors and those that helped keep the church running smoothly. It is your focus and passion that carried this church forward.

Pastor Karen Tews is originally from Neenah and currently resides in Freeport, IL. She brings with her 30 years of experience as a Lutheran minister. In addition, her zeal for stewardship is a perfect fit for St. Andrews.

C. Questions

1. How long will she likely be with St. Andrews? No timeline has been formally agreed upon but the average years of a pastor serving in a specific church is currently 2-5 years.
2. Were there other choices? No, currently there are more spots open vs pastors available. Regardless, Pastor Tews checked all the boxes for what St. Andrews was looking for.
3. Is Pastor Tews passionate about connecting with homebound members? Yes, she is truly passionate about outreach and stewardship for every member.

D. Vote 70-YES/ 2-NO -Pastor Approved

E. Completion-Candidate will be notified and has 30 days to reply. Pastor Karen Tews did accept. Pastor Tews will start July 15th.

F. Meeting Adjourned - 11:31 p.m. Ended with closing prayer.



Highlights of Church
Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2024

A. Treasurer's Report- Matt Moore –Overall spending was lower than budgeted for May. Some operating expenses and functioning without a full-time pastor have also decreased overall spending in 2024. In addition, the My Giving donations were higher than last year

B. Old Business:

1. Church Offices - Renovations – Renovations are on schedule, and an expected completion date of July 1st. Thank you to everyone that has helped make this renovation possible.
2. Synod Assembly-Carol Spiegelberg and Greg Egner attended the assembly. Key points discussed were on resolutions and peace.
3. Congregational Meeting- Attendance for the meeting had 61 members in person and 9 members on line. The vote passed 70 to 2. Pastor Karen Tews has formally accepted St. Andrew's offer. Pastor Tews will begin July 15th.

E. New Business:

1. City wide ELCA Leader's Meeting- Discussion began on how to collaborate with other church leaders in the community to create multi-church events and fellowship.

F. President's Report – The agenda highlights current items on the report

G. Committee Reports:

1. Christian Action/Fellowship –Carol Spiegelberg - Canned goods are requested to help support the Feeding hungry Kids program at St. Andrews. These canned goods are combined to send grocery bags home with children for additional nutritional support. In addition, many area restaurants have donated meals throughout the summer. An ad for the summer program will be placed in the Herald. Thank you to all that make this possible. Lastly, funds of a \$100 were approved to create Psalm 23 beads kits based on Pastor Glenn's original. These will be made available once complete.

3. Property – Matt Moore-Discussion on re-waxing the hall is ongoing while waiting on estimates.
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 Kris Selk is continuing to coordinate special music for the summer. Plans have been made for a pop-up choir date for June, July and August. We will be having a Choir picnic on June 22 and the choir will sing on June 23.
6. Technology/Office-Sarah McAninch – No report

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

Community Back to School Fair is coming soon!



Aug.14 & 15, 2024
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 will have 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!

No need to wrap your items. Please ring them to church by Sunday, July 28 to give the organizers time to complete their preparations. Thank you for all you do!



Pizza Ranch Fundraiser for Feeding Hungry Kids

July 22, 2024
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Come for a meal and help others have good things to eat! We will be gathering at Pizza Ranch in Oshkosh, 1051 S Washburn St (just south of Ninth Ave) to enjoy a fun meal and support a fund-raiser for Feeding Hungry Kids (FHK).

For years, Pizza Ranch has helped us raise funds to buy food and supplies to serve our local school children and their families during Feeding Hungry Kids.

Please come and join in the fun!



Feeding Hungry Kids

July 8th through Aug. 23rd
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
- Hot Lunch
11 am - 12:30 pm
Tuesdays - Bag of Groceries
4 - 6 pm

We are getting ready for the Feeding Hungry Kids program. The program will run July 8th through August 23rd. The hours will be 11:00 am - 12:30 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with hot lunches. On Tuesdays, a bag of groceries will be given out from 4 - 6 pm.

Donation boxes will be on the table across from the office. We are currently collecting items for the program.

To volunteer, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the table across from the office, OR contact Carol Spiegelberg at 920-420-7832.

NEEDS list for FEEDING HUNGRY KIDS

You can help feed 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)



Pop-up Choir

The first Pop-Up Choir day was June 9, and the choir sang a beautiful rendition of “O Christ the Same” from the “With One Voice” hymnal. Many thanks to those who participated!

We welcome all who enjoy singing – no need to be a reader of music. We will meet again on July 21 and August 25. If you love to sing and are in town for worship, please consider joining in for this special music.



**All members
welcome!**

Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 9, at 7 pm

Worship & Music Committee

Thursday, July 11, at 10 am

Property Committee

Thursday, July 25 at 9 am

