



# St. Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Sunday Worship at 9:30 am and on Facebook

November 2025



**FROM YOUR  
PASTOR**

*Grace and peace to you from God  
our Father,  
and our Lord and Savior Jesus the  
Christ.*

I want to thank each of you who attended one of the "Cottage Meetings – Part 2." I appreciate the feedback about what is meaningful to members and friends of the congregation. The conversation and suggestions will be helpful to me and the Church Council and committees as we move forward.

I am sharing a synopsis of the Cottage Meetings, so that those who attended a meeting can know what people shared at other meetings. And those who were unable to attend a meeting can know some of what was shared.

There are many things that people have appreciated and found meaningful in our ministry over the past year. It ranges from services held in conjunction with the other ELCA churches, to the Pop-Up Adult Forums, the book discussions, the music, reading and sharing the books "Autopsy of the Deceased Church" and "Our Iceberg is Melting," new hymns and liturgies, new activities, Feeding Hungry Kids, the support of the congregation during illness, the summer sermon series on lesser known people of the Bible, and the robust outreach to our homebound members.

The things that we would like to do better focus around "more." We would like more people in choir, more people in church, more families and children and a Sunday School, more ministries, more information about the finances in the newsletter, more welcome for visitors, and more joy in the congregation. It was also suggested that we can do better at working through conflicts, ask for hymn requests, and extend invitations to people beyond our congregation.

Based on some suggestions that were made, we will be looking at additional ways to communicate with the congregation beyond the newsletter and NET.

In response to the question about what people are looking for in the coming year, there were several suggestions. More people – especially children and teenagers, more outreach to the neighbors, a new roof, a new directory, and increased service in the church, were all named.

And there were some really good ideas shared when people were asked what suggestions they have for me as I begin my second year of ministry at St. Andrew's. These suggestions were made: sing more hymns that we know, continue to pray for current events, continue to talk about difficult things, continue the Pop-Up Adult Forums, encourage people to do more, don't spread myself too thin. And a question was raised for me: How do we take the sermon into our daily life? One person explained that she did not like the summer sermon series because she knows the Gospels and prefers to hear about what she knows.

Again, I am grateful for all of the ideas and feedback that was shared. Because of the diversity of the congregation, I cannot do all that was suggested. But I will do my best to address the desires of the congregation where possible.

We will continue to grow together in faith, love, and service as we serve God and our neighbor.

Blessings in Christ!

Pastor Karen E Tews

### Contact Information for Pastor Karen

Please add Pastor Karen's cell phone number to your cell phone contacts: 815-821-2426. Especially during hours when the office is not open, the cell phone number is the best way to reach her.

## Church Council Highlights



The Church Council minutes will be emailed to church members and friends who are on the newsletter mailing list. For those who don't receive the

newsletter by email, you can pick up a printed copy of the Church Council minutes at the church – from the same place that you pick up a print copy of the newsletter.

The next Council meeting will be held Monday, 10 November at 7:00 pm in the Yellow Room off of the Fellowship Hall. Church Council meetings are open meetings, and everyone is welcome to attend.

### **Special Congregational Meeting - To Approve Furnace Replacements**

It feels like the domino effect - first the pews were starting to fail, then the sanctuary roof was leaking and needed to be replaced, and now we have discovered that two of our three furnaces are not in working order.

The Church Council has called a special Congregational Meeting for Sunday, 9 November immediately following worship, to approve replacing the two furnaces that are not in working order. Both furnaces are 19 years old. The cost of replacing the two furnaces, and repairing the air intake damper that is not closing, is \$12,677. Please plan to stay following worship for a brief meeting to approve the replacement of the two furnaces.

**A quorum of 40 people is absolutely essential to be able to replace the furnaces** and have heat this winter, so please make every effort to attend the meeting. Thank you!

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



## All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is celebrated in the church on the Sunday after All Saints Day – 1 November. This year we will celebrate All Saints Sunday on 2 November. We will remember the members of our congregation who have died since the last All Saints Sunday. We will remember them with a candle placed at the baptismal font, and in the prayers of the church, as we give thanks to God for their faith and their witness.

We remember:

Jane Ann Martinez  
Lucinda R. Laabs

In addition to remembering members of our congregation who have gone on to life eternal, we have the opportunity to remember family and friends who have died. The butterflies adorning the sanctuary bear the names of our beloved dead, as we give thanks to God for each of them and the faith they had and witnessed to in their lives.



## Lunch Bunch!

At the September Congregational Life Committee meeting, we decided to test the waters and see if folks at St. Andrew's are interested in a monthly lunch gathering. We are calling our lunch group the "Lunch Bunch."

For our first Lunch Bunch outing we will meet at Mike's Place on Tuesday, 4 November at noon. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex, so that we can let Mike's Place know how many of us to expect.

## Pop-up Adult Forum



Our November Pop-Up Adult Forum will be on Sunday, 16 November, at 10:45 am in the Council Room. We will be discussing the recent letter from the majority of the bishops of the ELCA, dated 8 October 2025. The letter addresses “stand(ing) where Jesus stands— with and for those whom society often seeks to exclude, erase, or diminish.” We will discuss the social statements and other documents that are referenced in the letter. Those who would like a copy of the letter in advance of the Adult Forum can get one from Pastor Karen.



## Thanksgiving Eve Service

All Saints Lutheran Church is hosting this year’s ELCA, city-wide worship on Thanksgiving Eve at 6:30 pm. The combined choir will rehearse at 5:30 pm, and all are invited to stay for Piefest after worship in Hallelujah Hall. Those attending are asked to bring a pie to share. There will be to-go containers available to take leftover pie home or to donate to local shelters (TBD).

All Saints is fully accessible with no stairs, and there is a hearing loop and large family restroom for those who need assistance.



## Giving Tuesday

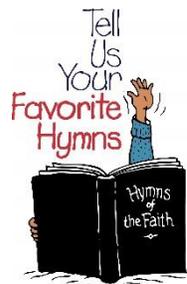
Giving Tuesday is just a month away. This year we would like to have an event to celebrate generosity on Giving Tuesday. Giving Tuesday is 2 December. If you would like to serve on a team to help with the event, please see Pastor Karen. A fun and impactful event is what we are aiming for.



## Ministry to our Homebound Members

The Congregational Life Committee is organizing making small gifts for our homebound members for Christmas. Our committee found a cute little nativity ornament made out of Jenga blocks. We are inviting everyone who is interested in helping to make them to come to church on Saturday, 8 November at 9:00 am to help paint the blocks. Then the next Saturday, 15 November, we will again meet at 9:00 am to assemble them. Come and join in the fun of making these gifts for our homebound members.

## Hymn Survey



Just a reminder to complete the hymn survey that was included in the October newsletter.

Printed copies are available in the red bin on the table in the narthex. Completed surveys can be returned to the same red bin.

Thanks for completing the survey!



## Sunday bulletins are now available on our website!

Simply go to our website, [standrewsoshkosh.org](http://standrewsoshkosh.org) and click on:

- Faith Life
- Worship
- Worship Bulletin

While you are on the website, check it out! We have updated it. You will find many other useful resources. Thank you to Jakob Iversen for helping with the update.



## Pastor Karen's Thank You Notes

Thanks to Gary and Darlene Bruce for hosting the hayride, and for the delicious hot dogs and chips after the hayride!

Thanks to Pam Nemmetz and Peg Olson for all of their work on the All Saints Sunday butterflies. It is a wonderful way to remember our loved ones as we celebrate All Saints Sunday.



## Thanks Received..

Dear Friends at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the residents and staff at Park View Health Center, I would like

to extend our heartfelt thanks for your thoughtful gift of scented lotions, sprays, and body wash. These items will surely be enjoyed by our residents and bring an added touch of comfort and care to their daily lives. Your kindness and generosity are always deeply appreciated. Knowing that our community has such wonderful supporters means so much to us, and your gifts truly brighten the day for those we serve. Thank you for all you do to support Park View and our residents. We are grateful for your continued care and generosity.

Appreciatively,  
Linzi Gazga Parish, NHA

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

Staff

The Rev. Karen E. Tews, Pastor

Sandy Last, Secretary

Sue Redman, Secretary

Kris Selk, Organist and Choir Director

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

8 am - noon

## Winnebago Mental Health Institute's 2025 Christmas Project



St. Andrew's will once again support the Winnebago Mental Health Institute's Christmas Project to provide Christmas gifts to the residents. Gifts can be brought to the church, and they are not to be wrapped. No glass bottles or bottles with pumps are accepted. Ingredients for self-care items cannot contain alcohol for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> ingredient.

Please bring the items to the church by 1 December, so that we can deliver them.

Requested items include: chocolate bars (no nuts), body wash (no pumps), deodorant sticks, lotion (no pumps), shampoo (no pumps), conditioner (no pumps), journals (no wire), toothpaste and toothbrushes (single package only), winter hats and gloves (no scarves), socks (ankle socks preferred) – warm or fun ones, new underwear/boxers Men's and Women's – all sizes, women's sports bras (no wire), postage stamps, puzzles, Perler beads, playing cards, stuffed animals, diamond art kits, gift cards to stores including Walmart, Dollar Tree, Hobby Lobby, and Target. Or you could send a check made out to WMHI Patient Events GC #20. Funds in this account can ONLY be spent on patients.

## Volunteers for the Winnebago Area Literacy Council Literacy Classes



Right now the literacy classes have lots of babies and little ones who need some extra holding or extra attention. Therefore, they could use some extra volunteers to provide the one-on-one attention. If you would be able to volunteer to hold and rock babies, or walk a young one in a stroller, Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from noon until 2:00 pm, please see Pastor Karen. Thanks!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p> <p><b>Reformation Sunday</b> 9:00am Festival Choir Practice</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Fellowship Coffee Time</p> <p>No Cross &amp; Crown Alliance Church</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>12:00pm WALC Women &amp; Children English Classes</p> <p>6:30pm ACOA Meeting</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12:00pm Bible Study</p> <p>7:00pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00am Property Committee Meeting</p> <p>12:00pm WALC Women &amp; Children English Classes</p> <p>1:30pm WALC Trick or Treating</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>12:00pm Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting</p>
<p>2</p> <p><b>All Saints Sunday</b> Daylight Savings Time Ends</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Fellowship Coffee Time</p> <p>1:00pm Cross &amp; Crown Alliance Church</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00am Worship &amp; Music Committee Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>12:00pm Lunch Bunch - Mike's Place</p> <p>12:00pm WALC Women &amp; Children English Classes</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12:00pm Bible Study</p> <p>7:00pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:00pm WALC Women &amp; Children English Classes</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00am Congregational Life Project Work Time</p> <p>12:00pm Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Special Congregational Meeting with Fellowship following</p> <p>1:00pm Cross &amp; Crown Alliance Church</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>12:00pm WALC Women &amp; Children English Classes</p> <p>6:30pm ACOA Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12:00pm Bible Study</p> <p>7:00pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>13</p> <p>12:00pm WALC Women &amp; Children English Classes</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00am Congregational Life Project Work Time</p> <p>12:00pm Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Fellowship Coffee Time</p> <p>10:45am Pop Up Adult Forum</p> <p>1:00pm Cross &amp; Crown Alliance Church</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>12:00pm WALC Women &amp; Children English Classes</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00am Property Committee Meeting</p> <p>12:00pm WALC Women &amp; Children English Classes</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12:00pm Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Fellowship Coffee Time</p> <p>1:00pm Cross &amp; Crown Alliance Church</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>12:00pm WALC Women &amp; Children English Classes</p> <p>6:30pm ACOA Meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12:00pm Bible Study</p> <p>5:30pm Joint Choir Rehearsal at All Saint's</p> <p>6:30pm Joint Thanksgiving Eve worship at All Saint's Lutheran</p> <p>7:00pm NO Choir Practice</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>Thanksgiving</b> Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12:00pm Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting</p>
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