



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

May 2026



**FROM YOUR
PASTOR**

East Central Synod of Wisconsin – Assembly 2026

Every six years our synod congregational voting members have the opportunity to elect a Bishop to serve our synod. That occasion will happen at this year's synod assembly, taking place June 4-6th.

Sue Redman and Shirley Guse are voting members attending from St. Andrew's this year and will be part of this very meaningful and important process!

An official abbreviated description of this process and the role of Bishop follows:

The election of a synod bishop in the ELCA is a prayer-filled, constitutional discernment process for the Synod Assembly. With the support from colleagues across the ELCA and the prayers of many, the body of Christ in our synod territory sends representatives from each congregation to elect a leader for a six-year term to guide the life of our synod, its congregations, and its rostered leaders.

The bishop is pastor to the whole synod who is called to care for our life together. They ordain rostered leaders, care for the roster, tend ecumenical relationships, speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, lead the synod in mission with the help of synod staff and council, and serve as our chief administrative officer.

There are a few preceding steps to this process which includes receiving recommendations of names of pastors/leaders

as possible candidates willing to be part of the process, preparing background information for possible candidates willing to be nominated (willing to be pre-identified), and prayers from the community including all congregations.

Then our voting members during the assembly will proceed through the process, trusting in God's guidance and care for the process and all involved. We thank Sue and Shirley for their presence and participation at this year's synod assembly.

The synod assembly will be livestreamed throughout the 3 days through the synod website: www.ecsw.org. More information about the synod assembly and their work can be found at: <https://www.ecsw.org/2026-synod-assembly>

May God's grace and direction guide all people in our synod in discernment and decision during the bishop election process!

In Christ,

Pastor Tabitha



If you are in need of pastoral or spiritual care, please contact Pastor Tabitha at the church office, 920-235-6616, or at pastor@standrewsoshkosh.org. Messages will be returned as soon as possible.

Updated contact information will be shared when available.

Updates from the Church Council

Searching
for a New
Pastor



Greetings!

We wanted to keep you informed about the call process and what is happening and what needs to happen.

First, Pastor Tabitha has been with us since Ash Wednesday way back in February and is currently on an agreement to be with us for three months, starting in March. With more discussion with her, we hope that she will be with us throughout the summer, too. She is more than a supply pastor, who comes only on Sunday, and less than an Interim Pastor. She works 20 hours a week, visits shut-ins, works with staff and much more. She is not an interim pastor who works with us through the transitions between pastors nor does she work to show us possible ways for the future.

Secondly, in this time of flux and transition, any questions about where we are, about Pastor Tabitha, or where we are going can be addressed by members of the Church Council: Scott Nagel, Sandy Last, Matt Moore, Chris Ziegler, or Peg Olson. And your questions and suggestions are more than welcome.

Thirdly, the Church Council is working with the Synod Office, exploring options, talking to other ELCA churches and considering possibilities, which are many. The next step in the process is called the **Ministry Site Profile**. The Ministry Site Profile is a deep look at ourselves, who we are, what we do well, what need help with, what kind of Pastor we want, and the trends before us. It is a comprehensive document and it was done three years ago before calling the last pastor. We need five or more people to form the Ministry Site Profile Committee and do the work of building this profile. More information will be available on Sunday, May 3 during coffee hour.

We are living through changing times, but God promises to send the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us and show us our tomorrows.



Church Council Minutes

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, May 11 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.

An Abundance of Thanks...



Thank You to all who assisted in any way with our Holy Week worship services and the extra efforts of the Altar and Flower Committees and Worship Assistants. Also, many thanks to Chris Ziegler for organizing the Easter Breakfast (expenses covered in part by a Thrivent Action Team grant), as well to those who assisted in preparing, serving, and cleaning up the breakfast. A free-will offering of \$290.37 was collected, which has been given to ELCA World Hunger Appeal.



Confirmation Sunday May 17

Our St. Andrew's congregation will celebrate with Josie Vroman as she affirms the faith of her baptism through the rite of Confirmation. We rejoice with Josie as she reaches this stepping stone in her faith life.

Vacation Bible School



The ELM Tree Vacation Bible School is an ecumenical Vacation Bible School, provided by a group of nine Oshkosh churches. This year's VBS will be held July 27 - 30, from 4:00 – 7:30 pm, at Christ Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Watch for further information.

Support NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Oshkosh 5k for Mental Health

NAMI Oshkosh 5k Saturday, May 2, 2026 - 9AM-12PM, Oshkosh North High School

Whether you run or walk, we hope to see you there!

<https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/Oshkosh/NAMI/Oshkosh5KforMentalHealthSuicideAwareness>

Thanks Received...



From World Relief Wisconsin:

Thank you so much for your generous financial gift to World Relief Wisconsin! We are so grateful for your care and support. This gift will help us to continue supporting our newcomer neighbors as they make this community their home. Thank you for engaging in the work of welcome and belonging!

With gratitude, Kalina Davis



"How did God hear your prayers in the old days ... before they were beamed via satellite?"

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday –
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Staff

Pastor Tabitha Gallatin, Supply Pastor
Sandy Last and Sue Redman, Co-secretaries
Kris Selk, Organist and Choir Director

May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Good Shepherd Sunday & 65th Anniversary 9:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship Coffee Time 1:00pm Cross & Crown Alliance Church	27	28 12:00pm WALC Women & Children English Classes 6:30pm ACA Meeting	29 7:00pm Choir Practice	30 9:00am Property Committee Meeting 12:00pm WALC Women & Children English Classes	1	2 12:00pm ACA Meeting
3 8:45am Choir Practice 9:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship Time & Pastoral Search Info Meeting 1:00pm Cross & Crown Alliance Church	4 6:00pm Christian Action Committee Meeting	5 12:00pm Lunch Bunch - Good Yolk 12:00pm WALC Women & Children English Classes	6	7 12:00pm WALC Women & Children English Classes	8	9 12:00pm ACA Meeting
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24 Day of Pentecost 9:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship Coffee Time 1:00pm Cross & Crown Alliance Church	25 Church office closed	26 6:30pm ACA Meeting	27	28 9:00am Property Committee Meeting	29	30 12:00pm ACA Meeting
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