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

Sunday Worship at 9:30 am and on Facebook

August 2026



Please include in your prayers those affected by the tornado and storms this week in Appleton, Neenah, Menasha and surrounding areas. Jesus reminds us in our times of turmoil, challenge or concern, that He is present right here with us. He assures us with the same words he spoke to the disciples amidst the storm in the Gospels, "Take Heart, it is I; Do not be afraid." God is present in this time of clean up and recovery as well.

Pastor Jen Pocket, Staff member of the East Central Synod of WI has shared the following reflection and included resources for receiving help and giving help during this time.

Pastor Tabitha

After the Storm: Sharing Love with Appleton, Menasha, and Neenah

In the wake of the EF-3 tornado that impacted Appleton, Neenah, and Menasha, I've seen the tagline for our synod come to life in real time. Indeed we are curious, courageous, and Christ together in these early moments of recovery for our neighbors who have been impacted the most. The trauma of a scary weather event and the stages of grief brought about by complex loss meet the stirring so many of us feel to "do something" or to "help" in some way; and in that milieu of experiences and emotions - we have been given the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Here is what I'm seeing, hearing, and learning:

1. **We are mostly okay.** After calling pastors, leaders, and congregations in areas most impacted, we have learned that St. Timothy in Menasha

sustained damage to their building. Pastor David shared that the steeple on School Court is down, roof shingles are off, and trees down. St. Paul's in Neenah near Doty Island was okay with some tree limbs down and possible minor exterior concerns. The pastors who live in Neenah and Menasha are mostly okay; though there is some external damage to their homes, trees have been lost, the loss of power, internet, and water due to the Menasha Water Utility being out of operation is also still impacting their communities. There are members of congregations and friends of leaders that have been personally impacted by loss.

2. **We are not in this alone.** Our neighbors in the surrounding synods have reached out to us to lend support and they have shared generously. The La Crosse Area Synod sent cases of water. The Greater Milwaukee Synod has made a financial gift and has shared phone chargers and power banks. The South Central Synod of Wisconsin has helped with connections and offered prayers. Lutheran Disaster Response and the Wisconsin Council of Churches have been in touch to check on us and lend support.
3. **There are ways to lend and receive support.** St. Mark's in Neenah (140 S. Green Bay Rd.) will continue to receive bottled water and portable phone chargers/power banks from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm through the end of the day on July 29th. Likewise, Gloria Dei in Neenah (1140 Tullar Rd.) will begin serving a free community lunch for anyone in need from 11:00 am -

2:00 pm beginning on July 29th until the need is met. A [poster](#) is available with more details. In addition, St. Mark's in Neenah and Christus in Greenville (N1915 Julius Drive) will be open from 9:30 - 3:30 to provide space for anyone to cool off, charge devices, and receive spiritual care and prayer.

4. **Financial generosity is best.** While many feel the pull to personally contribute something. Financial gifts allow people to be helped with dignity and in a way that is best to them. There are a couple of ways to make contributions. An insert, slide, and link to give to LDR will be available and shared as soon as we receive it. Lutheran Disaster Response will continue to stay in touch with us if there is work being done on the ground that can benefit from support. People can also give online through this [link](#) and select "Local Disaster Relief" from the menu. These funds will be shared where they can do the most good in lending support.
5. **We are a part of something larger than ourselves.** Volunteer Fox Valley is creating a [volunteer standby list](#) and you can find that link here to lend a hand. United Way Fox Cities is a place where people can [report damage, volunteer, or donate](#). You can call them at 211 or access their website here. [Resources for mental health](#) are available through NEW Network of Care.
6. **We are Christ together.** The following intercessory prayer is available for worship in the coming weeks in the form of prayers from Sundays and Seasons. For all who were impacted by the tornadoes in Appleton, Neenah, and Menasha, that they may find community, strength, and hope amid loss and uncertainty. Grant healing to those carrying the weight of complicated grief, and surround them with compassionate neighbors and steadfast care. Strengthen and protect first

responders, linemen, volunteers, and all who labor to restore what has been broken. Stir our hearts to respond with generosity, wisdom, and humility. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

As Pastor Amy Engebose walked her neighborhood in Menasha she met a little girl with her dad who was afraid. Pastor Amy said to the girl, "This was pretty scary, wasn't it?" With tears the girl shook her head. Then she said, "We are about to make so many new friends who are going to help us get through this together." Thanks be to God for friends and neighbors near and far who are ready to be the hands and feet of Christ.

Peace, in Christ,

Pastor Jenn Pockat
Associate to the Bishop



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.



Council Notes

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, August 10 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.

Pastoral Search..



As a part of the process for calling a new pastor for St. Andrew's, a *Ministry Site Profile (MSP)* must be completed, approved by the Church Council, and forwarded to Synod office.

Beginning in May, both in the bulletin and newsletter, there was a request for volunteers, and five persons stepped up for this Committee, including Sue Redman, Kathy Bellaire, Peg Olson, Scott Nagel and Greg Egner.

The first meeting of the group was Wednesday, June 24. Three of the members were present. We began by reviewing the MSP that was developed in 2023 before Pastor Tews was called.

We reviewed each sentence seeing if what was said about the congregation in 2023 was still accurate today. Some things - for example about Oshkosh - have not changed, but we did see changes in terms of our congregation. We then sought language to insert for our current congregational life. We worked through about half of the document that night and set up meetings for July 1 and July 22. We also came up with four questions to survey the congregation, which were shared both in the newsletter and in the back of the church. Our next meeting was July 1 and we went through the rest of the 2023 MSP document. Additional information for the MSP will be gathered and the next process was entering the language into the electronic version of the document.

Our plan was to have the 2026 MSP entered and reviewed before we pass it onto the Church Council for approval.

We are planning on another survey with the congregation looking forward to our future. Please join us following worship on August 9 in the Fellowship Hall for a presentation of the first *survey results for our Ministry Site Profile*. The Ministry Site Profile committee will share responses from the survey, answer questions, and talk more about the process for MSP and the next survey.

Prayer Chain



Did you know that St. Andrew's has a prayer chain? We pray for members, friends, and others for whom we are requested to pray. Prayer requests are communicated through emails. If you would like to be on the Prayer Chain email list to receive prayer requests and support our members and friends through prayer, please be in touch with Pastor Tabitha or the church office.

If you would like to ask for prayers, you may directly email prayerchain@standrewsoshkosh.org with your request, or get in touch with Pastor Tabitha or the office.

Feeding Hungry Kids



Feeding Hungry Kids is a congregation ministry that continues to be a big part of our mission, as an important outreach as we help to meet the needs of our neighbors. We will be distributing meals for six weeks, July 20 through August 28 – Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. There is a sign-up sheet to join this ministry – choose the days that you can come and serve. Those helping are asked to come at 8:00 am.

There are also sign-up sheets to donate parts of the meal. For each day we have two food items that can be donated. Sign your name – and how many of that item you are able to bring. We ask that food donations be brought to the church on Sunday morning, so that we can plan for the shopping that needs to be done for the week.

Donations of money and gift cards are welcome, and they are to be given through the offering plate or to the church office. Gift cards for either Aldi or Piggly Wiggly are welcome contributions.

It's Lutheran World Relief – School Kits – Time



The school supplies are on sale now, so it is time to make School Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

One good way to assemble the school kits is to provide all of the items on the list to make one school kit, and bring them all together. If it is easier for you, you may bring an item or two per week during August. There will be boxes in the narthex for the School Kit donations.

Items needed this year are:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper
- One pencil sharpener
- One pair of blunt scissors
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2 ½ inch eraser

Drawstring backpack-style bags will be provided.

During the summer when we are out shopping, we can help children around the world with the supplies that they need for school and the future that lies ahead of them. Thank you!

Thanks to Our Musicians



The choir has been singing one time per month this summer. We have also had special music in June and July from Nancy Netys (flute), Emily Selk Loper (cello), Greg Egner (solo), and Kathy Bellaire/Paula Kundert (duet). Many thanks to these folks for sharing their music at worship.

Choir Begins

It is midsummer (already) as I write, but it is time to start thinking a bit about the fall season. Labor Day is September 7 this year, which gets the choir going. The plan is for us to meet to rehearse for an hour at 7:00 pm in the choir room on Wednesday, September 9. Then we will sing at worship right away on Sunday, September 13. We are always hopeful of gaining additional voices for our small choir. If you like to sing, please consider trying us out. You will be warmly welcomed!

Kris Selk



Confirmation Classes



Confirmation classes will be starting in fall for those in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. Anyone in those grades who have not yet started Confirmation Class and would like to, please contact the church office. As plans are made for the fall we will share more information about orientation and start date of classes.

2027 ELCA Youth Gathering

**All current (for 2026/2027 school year)
8th – 12th Graders are invited**

St. Andrew's is teaming up with all Oshkosh ELCA Churches on a trip to the Youth Gathering!



What is it?: A gathering of 30,000 teenage youth from all around the country. We join together to do community outreach, service projects, learning, study, worship and sight-seeing in Minneapolis,

Minnesota! Enjoy entertainment, music, new experiences, and meeting new people!

#ELCAYG27

Dates: Monday, June 28th – Friday, July 2nd, 2027. (Travel prior to the gathering may begin Sunday, June 27th – travel days are yet to be determined.)

Initial Cost: \$200 Non-refundable Deposit/person.

Total approximate cost: \$1,000-\$1,500/per person & includes registration, housing, travel, group T-Shirt and most meals. We will plan to do fundraising for much of the cost.

Deadline for us to register early with other Oshkosh churches: **September 30, 2026.**

Check out their YouTube intro video to see what a youth gathering is like!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jaFrIxAGN9Y>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqObFk0pe-Y>

Check out the Gathering website here:

<https://www.elca.org/gathering-2027/about-what-is-the-gathering>

Please call church office or email:
pastor@standrewsoshkosh.org for more info or to register.

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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8 am - noon



"Your enthusiasm during my sermons is flattering, Andy, but I must ask that you stop pumping your fist and yelling 'Woop! Woop!'"

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship Coffee Time 1:00pm Cross & Crown Alliance Church	27 10:00am Worship & Music Committee Meeting 11:00am Feeding Hungry Kids	28 1:00pm WALC Women & Children English Classes 6:30pm ACA Meeting	29 11:00am Feeding Hungry Kids	30 1:00pm WALC Women & Children English Classes	31 11:00am Feeding Hungry Kids	1 12:00pm ACA Meeting
2 9:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship Coffee Time 1:00pm Cross & Crown Alliance Church	3 11:00am Feeding Hungry Kids 2:00pm Christian Action Committee Meeting	4 12:00pm Lunch Bunch - Taqueria 1:00pm WALC Women & Children English Classes	5 11:00am Feeding Hungry Kids	6 1:00pm WALC Women & Children English Classes	7 11:00am Feeding Hungry Kids	8 12:00pm ACA Meeting 12:00pm Choir Fellowship
9 9:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship Coffee Time and Pastoral Search Info Meeting 1:00pm Cross & Crown Alliance Church	10 11:00am Feeding Hungry Kids 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	11 Election Day 1:00pm WALC Women & Children English Classes 6:30pm ACA Meeting	12 11:00am Feeding Hungry Kids	13	14 11:00am Feeding Hungry Kids	15 12:00pm ACA Meeting
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