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 2026



Mathematics of Blessings

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2nd Corinthians 9:8

Count your Blessings! It's not just a phrase. I learned this week that there's an actual hymn entitled, "Count Your Blessings" written and composed by Johnson Oatman Jr., of New Jersey in 1897! The lyrics of this hymn remind the hearer and singer that in all circumstances, when times are easy and when times are difficult, there is a benefit in counting your blessings. In taking stock of these blessings, we are able to fully appreciate our lives. The refrain of this hymn provides this encouragement:

Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done.

November is a natural time to take stock of the blessings we have received throughout the year and throughout our lives and give thanks to God. It's important to be intentional, thoughtful and reflective in this task. Incorporating this practice into our devotions is one way to be intentional.

I invite you to include these prompts in your devotions this month:

+ I am thankful for the following people in my life this week…

+ I am thankful for the following blessings of experiences and activities in my life this week…

+ I am thankful for the following blessings that have been provided for me this week…

+ I am thankful for the following blessings at/through St. Andrew's this week…

In practicing the naming and recognizing of blessings in our lives, God reorients us to be grounded in the goodness of God's grace. Therefore we are positioned to live our lives with meaning and purpose, with peace and love.

But beware, If you tried to accurately "count your blessings" I think you'll find there are too many to actually count. So don't trouble yourself with the mathematics of it all!

I invite you into a prayer of thanksgiving for these and all other blessings from God:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we humbly thank you for your goodness to us and to all that you have made. We praise you for your creation, for keeping us and all things in your care, and for all the blessings of life. Above all we bless you for your immeasurable love in redeeming the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with thankful hearts we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to your service and by living in your gifts of holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all worship and praise, now and forever. **Amen.** *(from ELW)*

From Christ's abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. John 1:16

May Blessings abound! Pastor Tabitha

Contact Information for 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.

Ministry Site Profile October 2026 Report



The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) went before the St. Andrew's Lutheran Church council for review and approval on Monday October 12, 2026.

The discussion centered on many key aspects of the report, and with suggested changes the MSP was approved by the Church Council that night.

The changes were completed and the document was submitted electronically the next day.

Later that week, Pastor Nate Gauerke from the East Central Synod of Wisconsin responded with suggested changes. Many of the changes simply involved moving a sentence or two from one area or section to another. The most significant suggested change was around the Summary Description and from Pastor Gauerke's question, "How do you, (St. Andrew's) love God, the community and the world?

The revised Summary Description said that we love God through our worship, our service to the community through Feeding Hungry Kids and other activities, and welcoming others to use our building, and by supporting programs like ELCA World Hunger appeal.

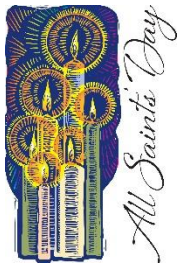
Once the Synod approves our MSP, the next step would involve formation of the Call Committee.



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, November 9 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.



All Saints' Sunday

All Saints' Sunday is celebrated in the church on November 1st. We will remember the members of our congregation who have died since the last All Saints' Sunday in the prayers of the church as we give thanks to God for their faith and their witness.

We remember:

Jacquelyn Kildsig
H. Gene Drecktrah
David Morrison
Tracy Hawley

In addition to members of our congregation who have gone on to life eternal this past year, we continue our tradition at St. Andrew's of writing the names of our loved ones who have died on outlines of butterflies so that they may be mounted on the wall around the cross in our Sanctuary. The butterflies remain for the rest of our Church year (through Sunday, November 22) and remind us of the promise of the Resurrection of the Body and the Life Everlasting that we confess each week!

Christ the King Sunday

Sunday, November 22, 2026

On this Sunday that concludes the Church year, we celebrate in anticipation of the completion of God's good plan for Creation – for all of us! Please join us as we worship the King of Glory!

Thanksgiving Eve Service



Our sister Oshkosh ELCA congregations are hosting a joint Thanksgiving Eve worship with us on Wednesday, **November 25, 2026, at 6:15 pm at Calvary Lutheran Church, 2580 W 9th Ave, Oshkosh**. The worship will be followed by a pie fellowship. You are invited to take part!

Pie donations are gratefully accepted (please not all pumpkin!). You may take your pie along with you to Calvary when you go to worship.

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

You are welcome to sing in a joint choir for the worship. See Kris Selk for details.

Lunch Bunch!



Our next Lunch Bunch outing will be at Burger King, 620 North Main, on Tuesday, November 3 at noon. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. We hope you can join us for a casual gathering to show appreciation for restaurants supporting our Feeding Hungry Kids program.

Day Light Savings Time Ends



Sunday, Nov. 1

Remember to set your clocks back one hour! - OR - Arrive at church one hour early for some great fellowship before worship! ☺

Poinsettia Orders



If you would like to honor or remember a loved one with a poinsettia to adorn our chancel area this season, you can place an order using the envelopes below the flower chart. Prices are the same as last year: red or white poinsettias are $8.00 each; white sprayed poinsettias are $13.00 each. Place your envelope in the offering plate or deliver it to the church office ***by Sunday, November 29!***



We have a **50" flat screen Sony television** (not a smart TV) available for free. If more than one person requests it, we will hold a raffle. Please notify the office in writing if interested. Deadline: November 15.

Civil Rights Tour

Join Bishop Anne Edison-Albright in June 2027 for a journey into the heart of the Civil Rights Movement. Beginning in Atlanta, Georgia and continuing into Birmingham, Montgomery, Selma and Tuskegee, Alabama, you can visit churches, monuments and parks which honor the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950's and 1960's. For more information go to: https://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/dt27060927w64031

Reservations and deposit information are also in the brochure on the bulletin board or you can scan the QR code on the brochure to learn more.



Thanks to…

….Sue and Jim Zinth for maintaining the flower beds and pots, as well as decorating them for fall.

…. Sherry Seabul and Sandy Walth for all the creative work on the front bulletin board.

…. Steve Last for helping us organize by building shelving in the furnace room.

…. Gary Bruce for replacing the kitchen faucet and a number of other maintenance jobs.

…. Marcia Galica and Sue Zinth for their time and effort in beautifying our altar with the fall display.

…. We thank all who have been here unnoticed and worked "behind the scenes". Your contribution has not gone unnoticed, and you have our sincere thanks



Thanks Received..

From Rock the Block….

To the entire St. Andrew's Church Team,

Thank you so much for providing lunch to Rock the Block! Your generosity was so appreciated and gave our hardworking volunteers a much-needed boost. We're incredibly grateful for your support!

Thanks,
Nichole and the RTB Team

Newsletter Article Deadline



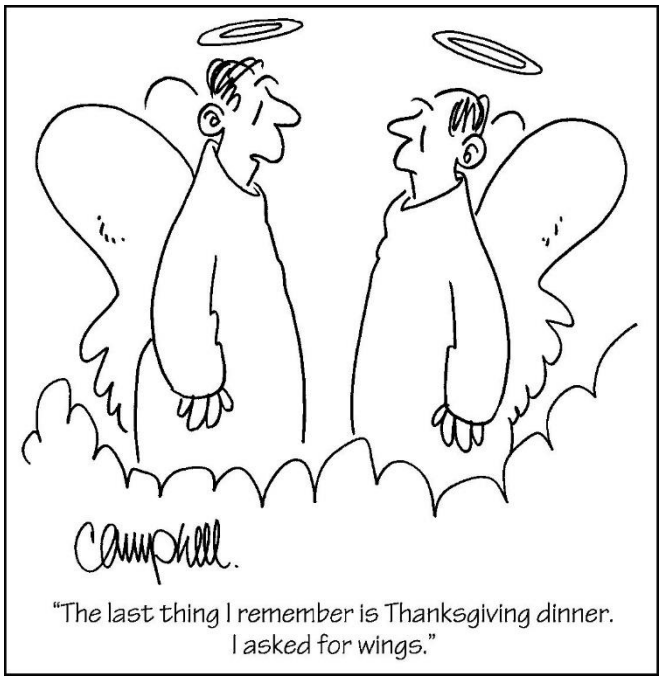
Please have all articles and meeting dates you would like included in the monthly newsletter to the office by the 15th of the month. Thank you!

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

Staff
Pastor Tabitha Gallatin, Supply Pastor
Sandy Last, Secretary
Sue Redman, Secretary
Kris Selk, Organist and Choir Director

Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8 am - noon

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **All Saints Sunday** **Daylight Savings Time Ends** 9:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship Coffee Time 1:00pm Cross & Crown Alliance Church	2 2:00pm Christian Action Committee Meeting	3 **Election Day** 12:00pm Lunch Bunch- Burger King, N. Main St.	4 6:00pm Meal and Confirmation @ Peace Luth. 7:00pm Choir Practice	5 12:00pm WALC Women & Children English Classes 6:30pm Nominating Committee Meeting	6	7 12:00pm ACA Meeting
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29 9:30am Holy Communion Poinsettia Orders Due 10:30am Fellowship Coffee Time 1:00pm Cross & Crown Alliance Church	30 Giving Tuesday Week	1 Giving Tuesday Week 12:00pm WALC Women & Children English Classes	2 Giving Tuesday Week 7:00pm Choir Practice	3 Giving Tuesday Week 9:00am-Property Committee 12:00pm WALC Women & Children English Classes	4 Giving Tuesday Week	5 12:00pm ACA Meeting