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

Sunday Worship at 9:30 am and on Facebook

October 2026



**FROM YOUR
PASTOR**

God's Renewing Spirit Shines in the World!

This month marks a seasonal transition from summer to autumn, as we witness leaves turning from radiant hues of yellow, orange, and red. In fact, one such tree in the courtyard area in St. Andrew's backyard just beckons one's attention to it!

It's amazing that the leaves turning are not a sign of dormancy, but ironically, they are a sign of change for the sake of continued growth and life.

This is the month that we formally recognize the work of Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation. We will do so in worship on Sunday, October 25th.

For me, one of the most compelling themes of the reformation and our Lutheran heritage/theology is the witness of the Holy Spirit working to bring the Gospel to us ANEW. It's the idea of renewing change that prompts a little fear inside for me (because I'm not a fan of change most of the time!!) and a lot of hope (because I know that change will bring new life).

This means that when there is transition in life—in our individual faith lives, in our congregation, or even across the wider church, we can look for the signs that God is doing something of worth and value. We are not stuck, for God is always doing something, always working.

Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus reminds us this Reformation month that God's

reforming spirit is at work for you and me, and for this congregation:

“So we will grow up in every way to become the body of Christ. Christ is the head of the body. ¹⁶ He makes the whole body grow and build itself up in love. Under the control of Christ, each part of the body does its work. It supports the other parts. In that way, the body is joined and held together.”

Ephesians 4:15b-16

“You are now in Christ ²³ You were taught to be made new in your thinking. ²⁴ You were taught to start living a new life. It is created to be truly good and holy, just as God is.”

Ephesians 4:23-24



We are so blessed to be part of a Lutheran Church which, by our theological and practical faith perspective, we can thank God for God's continual changing and shaping and growing of hearts and lives and congregations in faith. For we can appreciate God's comprehensive and creative work in every time and place!!

Happy Autumn Reformation Month!

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.

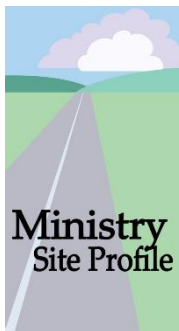
Church Council Highlights



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, October 12, 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.

Ministry Site Profile Survey Two: “Our Future” Survey Results



There were 38 responses and 37 surveys filled out. This is a tremendous response given the size of our congregation and our average worship attendance. A big thank you to all who completed a survey or responded in any way.

As we look to our future as a congregation, we know that things are always changing. With that thought in mind, the four choices that were listed were:

- Part-time pastor only serving St. Andrew's.
- A pastor shared with one or more congregations.
- Supply Pastor used each Sunday with other ministry work provided by the congregation.
- Train lay leaders to lead worship and preach and have ordained ministers sanctify Holy Communion.

Survey responders were asked to rate first choice, second choice, third choice and fourth choice.

Of the four options above, part-time pastor serving St. Andrew's was chosen first by 23 people. And a pastor shared with one or more congregations was chosen first by 12 people, or in other words 35 of 37 survey responders chose either part-time pastor serving St. Andrew's or a pastor shared with one or more congregations. That is 95% of you chose one of these two possibilities as your first choice.

Even when looking at second choice: 17 people choose a pastor shared with other congregations, and seven more choose a part-time pastor only serving St. Andrew's. So 65% of you even as a second choice choose one of these two possibilities.

Supply pastor showed up mostly as a third choice and lay leaders option, received the fewest votes.

Next steps:

On Sunday, **October 4** during Coffee Hour there will be a presentation of that document in condensed form for final thought and input.

On Monday, **October 12** the Church Council will vote on the Ministry Site Profile on behalf of the congregation.

Following approval it will be sent to the East Central Synod of Wisconsin.

Lunch Bunch Tuesday, October 6 12 pm at Pizza Ranch



Join the Lunch Bunch to show appreciation to one of the restaurants who supports Feeding Hungry Kids and enjoy the buffet while visiting with others from St. Andrew's. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the office and meet us at the Pizza Ranch on October 6th. Everyone is welcome – even if you don't sign up in advance.

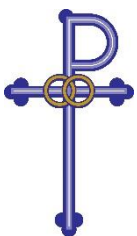
Helped Wanted...Help Needed!



We are in need of folks to help with our ministries. The most critical needs right now are for **Stream Team** (setting up and recording the worship services – if you use a smart phone or tablet you can easily do this!!), **Counting Team** (about a once a month commitment working with 2 others to count and record the offerings), and **Ushers** (also about a once a month commitment).

We also could use more help with **Lectors** (reading the lessons on Sundays), **Communion Assistants** (collecting the communion cups after folks have communed), and **Assisting Ministers**. The **Altar Committee** also would welcome helpers to set up and clean up the communion meal.

Please pray about these opportunities and let the office know if you are interested in helping serve in any of these ministries.



Marriage Blessings

Samuel Seibold and Bailey Sagen were married here at St. Andrew's on Sept. 26. Please hold them in your prayers for a most blessed marriage.



Reformation Sunday October 25

On Reformation Sunday, as we celebrate the Reformation of the 1500s, we also remember the ongoing reforming work that God continues to do in the church through the power and work of the Holy Spirit. When we get off the Gospel path, God brings us back.

Our liturgy on Reformation will celebrate God's loving, renewing, recreating work. **Wear Red!**



Trick or Treat

Trick-or-Treating With the Literacy Classes Thursday, Oct. 29

There are lots of children who come with their mothers to the literacy classes on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. We are looking for some church members to pass out treats for the children as they Trick-or-Treat at classroom doors on Thursday, October 29 at 1:30 pm. We would like to have four or five people to share candy with the trick-or-treaters. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex if you would like to come and have some trick-or-treat fun with the children.

Coats for Kids

The annual "Coats for Kids" drive has begun and will continue through October 29. We have a box in the narthex for gently used coats for kids, and new coats. Please consider providing a coat to keep a child warm this winter. Thanks!



Sunday October 11 is Clergy Appreciation Sunday.

Thank you so much to Pastor Tabitha for your faithful ministry. We are so blessed to have you with us. Thank you, as well, to all pastors for their dedication and ministries.



From the Chirstine Ann Domestic Abuse Services...

....I want to thank you for your generous gift of \$116.37. Your support makes such a difference for survivors of domestic abuse during their most vulnerable moments. Thanks to donors like you, from January through August, 292 adults, 96 children, and 24 pets found safety, healing, and hope through our services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and youth and adult advocacy, as well as to maintain our 24/7 Crisis Helpline.... Thank you for making a difference.

With gratitude, Evan Philippi
Grants and Fundraising Specialist



Thanks Received..

From the family of Patrick Krings, a non-member who passed away in August...

Thank you for the kindness and sense of community that you gave to Patrick. He spoke to me of rides that he received back to his apartment after church and the discussions that he enjoyed.

Susan Bohlssen

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Office Hours

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8 am - noon**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship Coffee Time 1:00pm Cross & Crown Alliance Church	28 10:00am Worship & Music Committee Meeting	29 12:00pm WALC Women & Children English Classes	30 7:00pm Choir Practice	1 12:00pm WALC Women & Children English Classes	2	3 12:00pm ACA Meeting
4 9:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship Coffee Time 10:30am MSP Highlights Shared 1:00pm Cross & Crown Alliance Church	5 2:00pm Christian Action Committee Meeting	6 12:00pm Lunch Bunch at Pizza Ranch 12:00pm WALC Women & Children English Classes	7 6:00 Meal and Confirmation @ Peace Luth. 7:00pm Choir Practice	8 12:00pm WALC Women & Children English Classes	9	10 9:00 am Oshkosh Conference Assembly 12:00pm ACA Meeting
11 9:30am Holy Communion 10:30am Fellowship Coffee Time 1:00pm Cross & Crown Alliance Church	12 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	13 12:00pm WALC Women & Children English Classes 6:30pm ACA Meeting	14 6:00 Meal and Confirmation @ Peace Luth. 7:00pm Choir Practice	15 12:00pm WALC Women & Children English Classes	16	17 12:00pm ACA Meeting 12:00pm Baby Shower - Fellowship Hall
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