



St. Andrew Lutheran Church

September, 2020

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Worship Service Sunday 10 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study Sunday 9 a.m.

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From The Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends and members of St. Andrew,

It is easy today to become critical of those who think differently than we do and not engage in meaningful and heartfelt dialogue. Think back over the past week on how many times you were critical of your boss...your pastor...a friend or family member or especially someone with different political beliefs than yours? It's easy, isn't it, to speak critically of others and use our tongues to bring them down. It might do us some good to remember what the Bible says, "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers" (Ephesians 4:29).

Someone noted, "Our tongues should be a trowel of love in the Holy Spirit's hand, spreading the cement of graciousness-not a wrecking ball shattering the nerves of others. If you've had a sharp tongue, replace it with love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control. Edify one another until He comes".

There are times when we must stand up for the truth of God's Word, to speak His truth in love, gentleness and kindness. There are times when we must speak to others the living Word of God knowing that without the real truth of Jesus people will never be able to make right and good choices. There are times when we will face the wrath and ire of those who disagree. But let that persecution come because we have spoken the truth of God's Word with love not because we spoke in anger. Look at these passages from Proverbs and think a minute on how you can use them to help you are tempted to speak poorly of someone you don't agree with. It is time for us to stop the negative thoughts and negative words. Use the Scripture's guidance to change your attitude and maybe with a different approach like these two:

Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. (Proverbs 16:23)

A man finds joy in giving an apt reply- and how good is a timely word! (Proverbs 15:23)

Give it a try. Something needs to change and there is no better way to bring about change than from the guidance of God's Word.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Filter

September Schedules

Acolyte

6 Elder
13 William Roof
20 Chase Fullet
27 Zach Roof

Fellowship

Suspended until further notice

Greeters

6 Jeff and Elena Brooks
13 Dave and Marty Frick
20 Tracy Kleitch
27 Mary and Jack Sandborn

Worship Readers

6 Nancy Filter
13 Elena Brooks
20 Marck Haworth
Mary Sandborn

Altar Guild

Nancy Filter and Mary Sandborn

Elder

Jeff Brooks



THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

On Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. we continue to do our Thursday Adult study through the power of Zoom. At that time we will evaluate whether it is smart to open the church for a direct contact Bible Study. Even if we do resume in-person Bible study we hope to continue to use Zoom at the same time so those who don't feel comfortable coming out or who have studied with us from a long distance may also continue to study with us. Our topic will continue to be the lessons for the next Sunday.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School will begin in person on September 13th. We will practice social distancing and wearing of masks. All children ages k-8th grade are welcome. Looking forward to learning more about the bible and Jesus. Sunday Adult Bible Study will not meet at this time.

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Knoop and I are excited to start preschool on September 15th. Even though there are quite a few changes in our program and procedures we are happy to be opening. The 4-year-old class will be held from 8:45 to 11:45 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for \$125 a month. The 3-year-old class will meet from 8:45-11:45 on Tuesdays and Thursdays for \$95 a month. This is the first time in many years that the preschool will not be offer separate classes for 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds. We will be offering a completely different curriculum to ensure the development of each child. On September 9th and 10th we will be giving personal tours covering Covid-19 procedures and the students will have a chance to see the classroom before school starts. Please call or text Sandy Peabody at 517-526-4147 for more information. Please pass along this information to anyone that may have little ones.

NOISY OFFERING

On Sunday, September 13, 2020 the noisy offering will go toward Gideon's.

Save your change (and bills) and bring them to church and drop them in the buckets to help us "Make a Joyful Noise to

September Birthdays

1 Megan Kleitch
4 Joe Latusek
Becky Ruehs
6 Ed Mofatt
8 Todd Fullet
9 Drew Fullet
10 Sam Beavers
Ray Bodak
Emily Felzke
12 Steve Bayshore
Jill Fullet
Cameron Ruehs
14 Elaine Hartman
Ed Sprague
17 Becky Ward
Kathy Wright
18 Bruce Kenyon
23 Martha Frick
Dixie Mae Hartman
28 John Simon
30 Elena Brooks
Mike Hartman



September Anniversaries

3 Don and Bonnie Miller
7 Chris and Cali O'Neill
14 Dave and Martha Frick
Dave and Kathy Peters
20 Dan and Darlene Bekins
29 John and Jeanne Bauer



Stewardship Corner

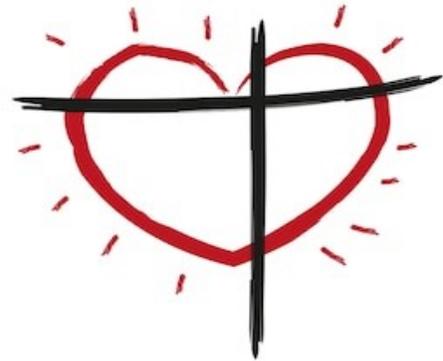
God's Love Is Constant

A pastor visited a member of his congregation who was a farmer. He noticed that the farmer had a weathervane on top of his new barn with the inscription, "God is love." What do you mean by putting those words on your weathervane?" he asked. "Do you mean that God's love is as changeable as the wind?"

"Oh, no, just the opposite," the farmer replied. "I mean that God's love is the same no matter which way the wind blows."

Very likely the farmer had in mind the verse from Hebrews 13:8 which reads, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." This is a good verse for all of us to remember. Maybe we've had some disappointing things happen that can make us doubt God's love for us. Maybe things are not going well at work. Maybe one or more of your children are going through difficult times.

Maybe someone we know has died. Life can be very confusing and frightening. Sometimes it's hard to admit to another person that we're concerned that we don't "have it all together." God knows, and His love for us remains constant even though our emotions may run from very high to very low.



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As painful as some of these experiences are, we can really learn from them. Best of all, they serve to help us mature in faith. Furthermore, they teach us about other people. If we have these problems, shouldn't we think others may too, even if they don't talk about them? The Apostle Paul knew what it was like to have problems, and he found a purpose in them: "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, Who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God*" (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). First, we should praise God for the comfort He gives us. He is the Father of all mercies! Then, Paul says, we should comfort others just as God has comforted us. How can we do this? By listening, by being patient when friends don't act as they should as a result of their emotional pain, and, most of all, by sharing our experience with them and telling them of the comfort God brings. Doing these things is practicing good stewardship of the gifts God has given us. God will help us keep our eyes on Him instead of our circumstances, and He will help us to place our trust in Him.

LADIES GROUPS

Book Talk

Please visit the web page for our Current book.

<http://www.standrewbooktalk.weebly.com>

If you have any questions about the book, the date or location of the next Book Talk, talk to Ruth Helmreich or Nancy Filter for more information.

LWML - Women In Mission

September brings hopefully the start of planning for our LWML fall events. As of now, we are not sure of our Fall Rally plans for October. St. Andrew is tentatively scheduled to host the Rally and we set a date of October 24th. We will have to see what the guidelines will be to gather in larger groups as we move into September. Will keep you posted.



Please continue to use your mite boxes as you pray for the new Mission Grants selected this past summer. The list of grants is posted on the LWML information board. Thanks for your giving and service to LWML.

MEN'S & LADIES GROUPS

Men's and Ladies Group Meetings

The Men's and Ladies Group Meetings that traditionally meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month are not taking place for the time being.

Ladies Group Meetings

The ladies have once again started the college pal mission, we wish all of our college students luck this year. If your child was missed or you need to update an address please let Tracy (Kleitch) Wineland or Elena Brooks know.

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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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20	21	15	16	17	18	19	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
27	28	22	23	24	25	26	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 30	31	Sep 1 Alter Guild: Nancy Filter and Mary Sandborn Elder:	2	3 10:00am Adult Bible Study - Zoom	4	5
6 10:00am Worship Service	7 LABOR DAY	8	9	10 10:00am Adult Bible Study: Live or Zoom?	11	12
13 9:00am Sunday School (Live) 10:00am Noisy Offering (Gideon's) 10:00am Worship	14	15	16	17 10:00am Adult Bible Study	18	19 7:00pm Beacon of Hope Sk for Mental Health Awareness (97 W 22nd St., Holland, MI 49423)
20 Food Collection Day! Newsletter Deadline 9:00am Sunday School (Live) 10:00am Worship	21 6:30pm Prayer and Growth Meeting	22	23	24 10:00am Adult Bible Study (Cancelled)	25	26
27 Confirmation: Parent Meeting to discuss 9:00am Sunday School (Live) 10:00am Worship	28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3



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