



AUGUST 2022



Worship Service—Sunday 10 a.m. Sunday School—Sunday 9 a.m.
Adult Bible Study—Thursday 10 a.m.
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Home of Wee Grow Christian Preschool

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



CHURCH EMAIL TRANSITION

During the month of August, St. Andrew will be transferring our contacts and email server over to GMAIL. St Andrew's email **name** will stay the same, only the **server** will be changed to Gmail: **portlandstandrew@gmail.com**.

Please add this updated email to your contacts as we will start sending out emails from this address in August!

We are planning to phase out the @sbcglobal.net email by September 30, 2022.

Any questions or concerns please reach out to Shannon at the office.

AUGUST SCHEDULES

Acolyte

- 7 William Roof
- 14 Gwen Fullet
- 21 Bella Roof
- 28 Chase Fullet

Fellowship

- 7 The Roof Family
- 14 Dave & Marty Frick
- 21 Jeff & Elena Brooks
- 28 Sue Ruehs

Greeters

- 7 Mary & Jack Sandborn
- 14 Sue Ruehs
- 21 Dave & Marty Frick
- 28 The Roof Family

Worship Readers

- 7 Elena brooks
- 14 Chris Roof
- 21 Mary Sandborn
- 28 Mark Haworth

Piano

- 7 Marion Koeppen
- 14 Judy Nobis
- 21 Marion Koeppen
- 28 Judy Nobis

Altar Guild

Elena Brooks & Mary Sandborn

Elder

Jeff Brooks



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Many churches take the summer off from Bible study. Though that has not been the case for awhile at St. Andrew, it will be this summer. Taking a break in this way will give St. Andrew's new Intentional interim, whoever that may be, a chance to begin his service sometime in mid-August or the beginning of September. Look forward to Bible study to start up again at that time.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

First day of Sunday School will be September 11 at 9 a.m.

FROM THE TREASURER

For the month of June, our expenses exceeded income by \$5,922.60. In June, we paid out extraordinary expense to Pastor Filter of \$5,769.23 for unused vacation. Year-to-date our contributions have exceeded expenses by \$18,999.38.

On June 30th, our checkbook balance is \$389.67, our discretionary fund balance is \$46,796.93, building fund balance of \$3,178.98, and Temple Scholarship fund balance of \$22,968.07.

It is important that financial support for the church continues as we proceed in the coming year to decide the future of St. Andrew with an interim pastor. We also need to address some maintenance needs as we go forward.

Church envelopes are available upon request. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Envelopes are available for anyone who requests them and can be used by members and non-members alike. Contribution statements are provided for tax purposes for cash and check contributions received in church envelopes and for all contributions received by check, even if not placed in a church envelope.

ENRICH For the present, Pastor Filter continues to be part of the Board of Directors of ENRICH. ENRICH has a thrift store in Ionia on Main St. to help support their Community Circle project which gives furniture, appliances and other household good free to those in need in the county. Families are referred through churches and other helping agencies in the county. If you have new or gently used furniture, appliances or other household goods to donate contact Ed Filter.

ENRICH of Ionia County at 343 W Main St, Ionia, MI 48846

Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10:00am to 1:00pm

Wednesday 9:00am to 11:00am.

Other times by appointment: 616-522-1126.

Please contact them via email at enrichionia@gmail.com.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Trissa Sandborn
8 Tracy Wineland
10 Ricky Simon
11 Michelle Perry
12 Jeff Dole
13 David Peters
14 Cooper Ruehs
15 Mya Collins
16 Dan Bekins
Judy Bodak
20 Dorothy Vollen
26 Caleb Felzke
28 David Frick
Chase Fullet
30 Brock McCrumb



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Bruce & Kathy Kenyon
12 Mark & Cathy Haworth
Nathan & Diane Sprague
17 Sam & Karlyn Beavers
28 Pastor Charles & Ruth
Burhop



STEWARDSHIP CORNER



INTENTIONAL INTERIM SEARCH

Grace, Peace and Mercy from our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ!

After the Leadership Team met with Pastor Roger Straub and went through a detailed checklist, we felt he would be a good fit for us as an Intentional Interim Pastor (IIP). Thus, based on our by-laws, we held a voters meeting Sunday July 17th after the 10AM service. Despite a power outage from 9:15AM to 10:03AM, 16 members were able to attend the meeting. The measure proposed was to approve or dis-approve Pastor Straub as our IIP for a minimum of 1 year.

The measure passed by over two thirds majority of 15 “yes” and 1 “no”. Therefore, based on the vote, I called Pastor Straub and officially extended a call from St. Andrew for him to be our IIP. As a result Pastor Straub is currently praying on it and giving God time to help him decide. He will let the Leadership Team know in a few weeks. Furthermore, I emailed Pastor Kasper (the coordinator of IIP’s for the Michigan District), Pastor Bill Wangelin (our Circuit Visitor), and President Rev. David P. E. Maier’s (Michigan District Synod) office regarding St. Andrew’s IIP call to Pastor Straub.

Additionally, when an IIP accepts a call there is a formal installation ceremony. Depending on if Pastor Straub takes the call or someone else does, this will definitely be part of a future service for us.

Finally, the Leadership Team wants to express their sincere thanks for all prayers, support, and feedback the congregation has provided during this difficult transition!

God’s Blessings, Mark D. Haworth.

Sunday services with communion will continue in the meantime. God has blessed us with some wonderful, retired pastors who serve in other capacities during the week who are willing to preach and lead worship. Here is the list for the remaining Sundays as they are needed:

- Aug 7 – Pastor Sutterer
- Aug 14 – Pastor Eggert
- Aug 21 – Pastor Sutterer
- Aug 28 – Pastor Greunke
- Sept 3 – Pastor Sutterer

LWML - WOMEN IN MISSION

The LWML Michigan District Convention held in Frankenmuth on July 7-9th was uplifting and rewarding with a Mission Goal set of \$275,000 for the next biennium. We experienced an inspiring opening worship service at historical St. Lorenz Lutheran Church with Rev. Christian Jones, Executive Director of Flint Mission Network as the Proclaimer. The banners representing each zone were led in for the procession. "Old Missionary," Gary Thies from Mission Central was our keynote speaker and shared the message for us to be a missionary no matter where we live... "You can speak the Love of Jesus."

There were servant event blessings made by the ladies consisting of lap blankets for Phil's Friends, eyeglass cases for Most Ministries, and mats constructed out of plastic shopping bags for the homeless at Franklin Avenue Mission in Flint. Over three thousand items were received through the ingathering. Items collected were received to support Orphan Grain Train. What a joy to serve in the LWML and its work of service in helping others.

The Mission Grants - 2022-2024 - To God Be the Glory!!

1. "I was Naked and you Clothed Me" - Orphan Grain Train - Michigan -\$18,000
2. Enriching Lives of Children and Families in Michigan's Urban Communities - \$25,000 (Acts 2 Enterprise, Michigan)
3. Scholarships for Deaf Students - \$25,000 - (St. Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf)
4. Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Food and Clothing Co-op to purchase food - \$10,000
5. God's Word for Teenagers around the World - \$16,000 - (Lutheran Heritage Foundation)
6. Clark Park Street Ministry - \$5,000 (Family of God Lutheran Church, Detroit)
7. Scholarships for Female Students Studying to be a Deaconess or Professional Church Worker - \$20,000 (Michigan women in Concordia University system)
8. A rising Need, a Spiritual Opportunity - \$20,000 (Lutheran Special Educational Ministries in Michigan)
9. Sharing the Light of Christ's Love - \$25,000 (Lutheran Braille Workers)
10. "Shepherding the Sheep" Congregational Grant - \$25,000 (Most Ministries)
11. Gifts for All God's Children year-round Program Replication to Additional Churches - \$25,000 (Detroit LCMS area)
12. Expanding Christ's Love with the aging and unchurched in Michigan through Weekly Television on Worship Anew - \$25,000.
13. Multi-Ethnic and Multi-Generational Church, Cross Point Church, LCMS, Ministry and Mission Cost - \$25,000 (POBLO International - Macomb County)
14. 15 Passenger Van Outreach for St. Paul Community Lutheran Church - \$10,500 (St. Paul Community - Pontiac)

LUTHERAN ADULT GATHERING 2022

Mackinac Island

October 14 - October 16 @ The Grand Hotel

You are invited to be renewed, encouraged, and equipped at the Lutheran Adult Gathering on Mackinac Island, October 14–16, 2022, at the beautiful Grand Hotel. Since 1981, the Lutheran Adult Gathering has brought together believers in this spectacular setting to be spiritually strengthened for service to Christ in this world. The theme for the 2022 Lutheran Adult Gathering is "In His Presence: Throughout All Generations," based on Psalm 90:1: "*Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.*" Each generation is loved by God and called by God to love Him and love others. Nationally renowned speakers will inspire and encourage us to connect with the next generation of believers with the hope-filled and unchanging message of the Gospel. <https://michigandistrict.org/event/lutheran-adult-gathering-2022/#overview>

LADIES GROUP

The Ladies have enjoyed a couple months off for summer break and are feeling refreshed and are looking forward to resuming their meetings. The next meeting for the Ladies Group will be August 21st at 9 a.m. in the Conference Room. Planning for fall and beyond is on the agenda. All ladies are welcome, we hope you can join us!

BOOK TALK

Book Talk is the book club of the Ladies Group of St. Andrew. The current book is *On Hummingbird Wings* by Lauraine Snelling. We will meet on August 13th at 9:15 am at Riversedge Grill to discuss the book. Plan to join us whether you read the book or not, we do also enjoy great fellowship.



Please visit our website to learn a little about the book and author. You can also click on the Book List tab at the top of the page to see a complete list of books that the club has read. <https://standrewbooktalk.weebly.com/>

COLLEGE PALS

College Pals is an outreach ministry of the Ladies Group, supporting our college students. The ladies send notes on a monthly basis to the students, along with an occasional care package. We are working on updating our list of college students for the 2022-2023 school year. If you have a college student, please provide your student's college mailing address to Tracy Wineland as soon as possible to her via email at: winelandtracy@gmail.com.

CAMP CONCORDIA

We did not have any of our youth attend Camp Concordia this summer. Since no scholarships were awarded, the Ladies Group donated directly to Camp Concordia to support this wonderful Christian summer camp tradition.



SECRET SOUL SISTER

For those participating in the Secret Soul Sister program, please continue to pray for your SSS and provide notes and small gifts as appropriate.

GAME NIGHT

Game night is now on break and will resume in September.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR AUGUST

August 21st is our normal 3rd Sunday Food collection day and will benefit the Portland area Food Banks.



NOISY OFFERINGS

On Sunday, August 14th, the Noisy Offering will go to Concordia University (Ann Arbor). Save your change (and bills) and bring them to church and drop them in the buckets to help us "Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord."





WEEGROW CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Sandy Peabody, Preschool Director

Phone: 517-526-4147



2022/23 REGISTRATION

Wee Grow is still accepting registration for the 2022-23 school year. We offer separate classes for 3's and 4's. The 4-year-old class meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:45-11:45. The 3-year-old class is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15-11:15.

School will begin September 12th or 13th, depending on which class your child is in. There is a \$50 registration and tuition is \$130 a month for the 4's class and \$100 a month for the 3's class. Please contact Sandy Peabody at 517-526-4147 or at skepeabody@gmail.com for more information.

ASSISTANT TEACHER OPENING

We are also looking for an assistant to work in both the 3 year old class and 4 year old class. Hours are 8:30-1:30 Monday-Friday but can be flexible. Applicants must be over 18 and have a high school diploma. Early Childhood education is a plus, but not mandatory. If interested, please contact Sandy Peabody at 517-526-4147 or email skepeabody@gmail.com.

Staff of Wee Grow

IMPORTANT PRESCHOOL DATES

Dates and times for Activity Hour, the Open House, and the Parent Orientation have not yet been set as of the publish date of this newsletter. Please check your email in August for notification of dates and times.

Sept 12 @ 8:45 a.m. — 4 yr. olds start.

Sept 13 @ 8:45 a.m. — 3 yr. olds start.

AUGUST EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 10am - Worship Service 11:15am - Fellowship &	1 Altar Guild: Elena & Mary Elder: Jeff Brooks	2	3	4	5	0
7 10am - Worship Service 11:15am - Fellowship &	8 6:30pm - Preschool Board	9	10	11	12	13 9:15am - Ladies Book
Pastor Sutterer						
14 10am - Noisy Offering - 10am - Worship Service 11:15am - Fellowship &	15 6:30pm - Council Meeting	16	17	18	19	20
Pastor Eggert						
21 Newsletter Deadline 8:30am - Men's Meeting 9am - Ladies Group 10am - Food Collection 10am - Worship Service 11:15am - Fellowship &	22	23	24	25	26	27 Sun - Red Mill Community
Pastor Sutterer						
28 10am - Worship Service 11:15am - Fellowship &	29	30	31	1 Altar Guild: Jeanne & Elder: Jeff Brooks	2	3
Pastor Greunke						

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PORTLAND?

<https://www.miportland.org/events>

BeerFest on Bridge is Back -Better than Ever!! - August 13th - 2pm VIP or 3pm till 8pm. Over 30 craft beers, 6 ciders and 6 wines plus food trucks and vendors! Purchase tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beerfest-on-the-bridge-tickets-323496234947>

Vintage Baseball Game - Portland Blue Sox - Saturday, August 13th and 27th, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. - Vintage Baseball games are played by the 'restored' Portland Blue Sox team. Both the Home and Away teams adopt the rules, uniforms and equipment of the late 1800's. The game was played at historic Bud Plant Field, at Bogue Flats, just outside of downtown Portland.

Cruise In MOTORSHOW - Thursday, August 18th, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Kent St. downtown Portland. Antique / Vintage / Hot Rod Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles; Oldies Music; Raffle and Door Prizes

Portland Community Day @ The Red Mill - Saturday, August 27th, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Farmers Markets, Music, 70+ Arts, Craft & Vendors, Kids Zone, Old Time Demonstrations, Covered Wagon Rides around town, Kids Pedal Tractor Pulls, Tractor Exhibit. Come grab a bite to eat at one of the Food Trucks, VFW Corn Roast, Ice Cream and more. There is a morning 5K Walk/Run for you early birds. You don't want to miss the evening live entertainment in the Red Mill Pavilion. Old Time Baseball game at Bogue Flats.

Farmers Market - Old Red Mill Pavilion - Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sounds of Summer - Entertainment at Bandshell - Thursdays 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. - Enjoy a variety of musical entertainment Thursday evenings throughout the summer.

Portland Splash Pad - Memorial Day to Labor Day from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. - Splash Pad - William Toan Park. https://www.portland-michigan.org/261/1845/William-Toan-Park#liveEditTab_widgets