



SEPTEMBER 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

 The Installation Service of Intentional Interim 

Pastor Roger Straub

September 25, 2022 ~ 10 a.m.

*St. Andrew Lutheran Church
8867 Kent Street
Portland, Michigan*

Please join us during our worship service as
Pastor Dr. Robert Kasper
will lead the service and perform the installation of
Pastor Roger Straub

*Please join us for a potluck luncheon
immediately following the service
in the Fellowship Hall*

CHURCH EMAIL TRANSITION

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 have almost completed our transition!

If you have not received any of our regular emails, (i.e.: Sunday announcements, newsletters) please call or email Shannon so that she is aware of the problem.

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

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULES

Acolyte

- 4 William Roof
- 11 Gwen Fullet
- 18 Bella Roof
- 25 Chase Fullet

Fellowship

- 4 The Roof Family
- 11 Jack & Mary Sandborn
- 18 Jeff & Elena Brooks
- 25 POTLUCK

Greeters

- 4 Mary & Jack Sandborn
- 11 Sue Ruehs
- 18 Dave & Marty Frick
- 25 The Roof Family

Worship Readers

- 4 Elena Brooks
- 11 Chris Roof
- 18 Mary Sandborn
- 25 Mark Haworth

Piano

- 4 Marion Koeppen
- 11 Judy Nobis
- 18 Marion Koeppen
- 25 Judy Nobis

Altar Guild

Tracy Wineland & Jeanne Bauer

Elder

Jeff Brooks



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

After Pastor Straub's installation on Sept 25th, look for updates in the Sunday announcements and the October Newsletter for when Bible Study will start back up.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

FROM THE TREASURER

For the month of July, our expenses exceeded income by \$2,628.04. Part of this was investment loss on the scholarship fund of \$2,116.67. Year-to-date our contributions have exceeded expenses by \$16,371.34.

On July 31st, our checkbook balance is \$4,851.60, our discretionary fund balance is \$41,821.93, building fund balance is \$3,180.68, and Temple Scholarship fund balance is \$20,851.40.

Prior to the opening of preschool for the new year, we are hoping to have our parking lot seal coated and re-painted.

Since Pastor Filter retired and with summer vacations, our attendance and financial support has fallen off. I pray that as summer schedules come to a close, as we install and continue with intentional interim Pastor Straub, and with the lessening of Covid issues, that attendance and financial support will increase as we continue through the process of assessing our church and its future.

ST ANDREW FACEBOOK PAGE

Please consider following us - <https://www.facebook.com/standrewlutheranchurchportland/> - on Facebook.

We are working to increase our social media presence by utilizing Facebook. If you "Like" and "Share" our FB posts, we will reach more people! We are trying out a few new things on our FB page, like a weekly memory verse and a summary of our Sunday services.

We also try to post upcoming events and even changes to those events, if needed. This is a great way to reach a lot of people quickly!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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



STEWARDSHIP CORNER



INTENTIONAL INTERIM INSTALLATION



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

Rev. Roger Straub will be installed at St. Andrew on Sunday, September 25th during our 10:00a.m. service.

Rev. Dr. Robert Kasper will preside over the service and install Rev. Straub as our Intentional Interim for at least one year. Rev. Dr. Kasper is the Assistant to outgoing President Rev. Dr. David P.E. Maier and incoming President Rev. David Davis and also oversees the Intentional Interim training and deploying.

As part of the celebration we will have a potluck luncheon after the service. If you are able, please join us as God continues to bless St. Andrew as part of His kingdom! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email myself or Shannon at the office.

Praise Him in all His glory, Mark.

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:

Sept 4, 11, & 18 – Pastor Sutterer

Sept 25 – Pastor Dr. Robert Kasper - IIP Installation

LWML - WOMEN IN MISSION

Fall is upon us, the beauty of a new season with renewed activities and routines.

I am looking forward to having an LWML informational meeting on Sunday, Oct. 2nd at 9:15 before church to share the mission and work of the LWML with you. We can learn about service projects to work on to help locally in the community. Our LWML Quarterlies have great Bible Studies that we can study God's Word. If you are interested, please join me in the conference room on October 2nd. Hope to see you there.

Thanks, Judy Nobis

The Fall LWML Rally will be held in October, no date and place has been set yet.

Our Mission Grant emphasis this month is Gospel Outreach to Women and Children in Mongolia - Lutheran Hour Ministries - \$100,000. Mongolia is a country in East Asia cradled between Russia and China with a population of 3.25 million. After a long period of repression, Christianity came to Mongolia just 30 years ago. God has opened the door for Lutheran Hour Ministries to share the Gospel with people in Mongolia who have never heard of Jesus. They are focusing on reaching the Kazakh people, who face many social, economic, educational, and language barriers. This grant will provide funding to reach out and share God's Word and Love with Kazakh women and children through Women's Listener groups religious broadcasts and Christian resources in their own language. Hearing the Word of God in their language encourages and strengthens their faith.

Dear Lord, we thank you for providing workers in the harvest field. Thank you for Lutheran Hour Ministries staff who you have placed in Mongolia. Help them to share your Word boldly, Bless them with lasting relationships as they help build Your kingdom and share Your grace and mercy, in Your name we pray. Amen.



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 September 18th 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 *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. We will meet on September 24th at 9:15 am at Fabiano's 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/>

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

Mark your calendars, Game Night makes its return on September 24th from 6:30 to 8 pm! Bring a board game or cards, if you'd like, or play one of ours. Bring a snack to share if you'd like. Meet us in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of fun and games!

HYMN FESTIVAL

Our Savior Lutheran Church Lansing, has invited our church to join their choir for this event on Sunday, November 13th at 3:00 p.m. They will begin practices on Tuesday Oct. 4th. If you are interested, contact Judy Nobis at 616-558-8889 or nobisjudy@gmail.com.

FOOD DONATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 18th is our normal 3rd Sunday Food collection day and will benefit the Portland area Food Banks.



NOISY OFFERINGS

On Sunday, September 11th, the Noisy Offering will go to 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 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.

Staff of Wee Grow

IMPORTANT PRESCHOOL DATES

Sept 7 - Parent Orientation - 6:30 p.m. - All parents of registered children are asked to attend

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

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

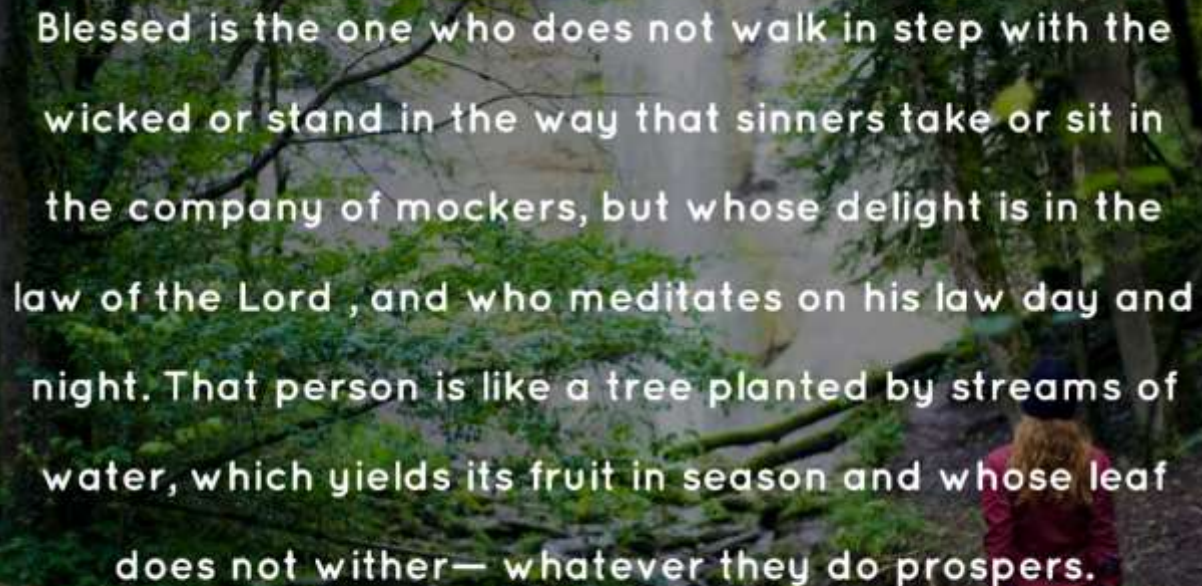


SEPTEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 28 10am - Worship Service 11:15am - Fellowship & | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 Altar Guild: Jeanne & Elder: Jeff Brooks | 2 | 3 |
| 4 10am - Worship Service 11:15am - Fellowship & Pastor Sutterer | 5 Preschool 4s Start | 6 Preschool 3s Start | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 9am - First Sunday School 10am - Naby Offering - 10am - Worship Service 11:15am - Fellowship & Pastor Sutterer | 12 Preschool 4s Start | 13 Preschool 3s Start | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 Newsletter Deadline 9am - Ladies Group 9am - Sunday School 10am - Food Collection 10am - Worship Service 11:15am - Fellowship & Pastor Sutterer | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 9-11am - Ladies Book 8:30pm - Game Night | 23 | 24 |
| 25 9am - Sunday School 10am - BR Roger Straub 11:15am - Fellowship & Rev. Dr. Kasper | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Altar Guild: Ruth & Laura Elder: Jeff Brooks | 30 | 1 |

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord , and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

Psalms 1:1-3 NIV