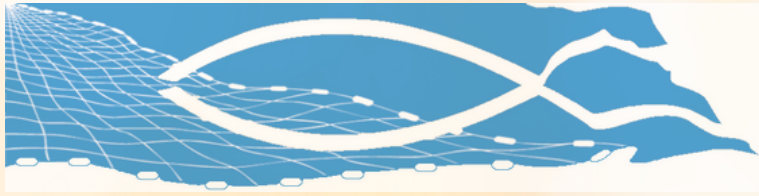


St. Andrew's Net



September 2023 Newsletter

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

Pastor Ben Lander

Sunday Mornings

Worship @ 9:15am

Sunday School @ 10:30am

Coffee fellowship

before & after services

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From The Pastor's Desk

*“Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!”
- Psalm 139:7-8*

Reverend Richard Halverson is credited with the saying, “you go nowhere by accident.” In context, this was part of his weekly benediction to his congregation before dismissing them out into the world to do God’s work wherever God placed them that week. No doubt, Psalm 139 was likely part of his inspiration for that benediction. In it, David reminds us that God is unmatched in His knowledge and wisdom. His omniscient gaze meets us wherever we find ourselves.

To some, this is a terrifying thought; to others, it brings great comfort. Depending on the state of one’s character and relationship to God, He is either a cruel taskmaster, waiting for them to mess up, or a gentle Father, ready to dust them off and set them on the right path again. In truth, we all can feel a mix of both at times. This can lead to the false belief that our salvation is only as secure as our best days, and as fragile as our worst. So, we find ourselves questioning our standing with God, hoping beyond hope that we die on an upswing and God finds our efforts acceptable.

The reality, however, is that Christ draws the line of salvation below our best and our worst days. Because salvation is a gift of God’s grace through faith, it does not rest on our undulating feelings and weak efforts, and that is cause for praise! Jesus said in John 10:27-28, “My sheep listen to My voice; I know them and they follow Me. I give them eternal life and they will never perish. No one can snatch them out of My hand.” How comforting is that?! To know that Jesus, who is God incarnate - the One who sees and knows everything there is to know about us - cares so deeply for us and desires our salvation.

Does that mean that He is ambivalent to sin? Not at all! The mark of a true disciple, a true “sheep”, is that we hear our Shepherd’s voice and follow Him. **Just as you don’t go anywhere in life by accident, you don’t become anything in life by accident either.** Discipleship requires effort on our part in order to become more like Christ, day by day - not to earn our salvation, but because we want to follow our Shepherd’s voice wherever He leads us. Let’s determine this season to **grow** and to **go**, so that we might **show** Christ’s love to the world.

Your fellow sojourner,
Pastor Ben



September Outreach: Renewal Ministries

Renewal Resource Ministries is an evangelical Christ centered ministry focused on helping individuals and congregations to grow in the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. This is done primarily through emails. To receive these devotional thoughts, articles, and booklets, send your requests to: Office@standrewlutheranmuncy.org



Pancake Breakfast

Join us on Sunday, September 10 at 8:00a.m. for a pancake, sausage and egg breakfast with a side of fellowship!!

Sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Chancel Choir News

Calling all singers! Chancel Choir Rehearsals will be starting up on Wednesday, September 20 @ 7pm. Welcome back to our veteran members, but there's still plenty of room for new singers. Come and sing when your schedule permits, and let's lift up a joyful noise together! What a wonderful way to serve our Lord and Savior at St. Andrew! Any questions, see Joy.



Life Chain - October 1, 2023

The 32nd Lycoming County Life Chain will take place on Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 2:30pm on the Golden Strip in Williamsport. Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans in remembrance of 60 million lives lost to abortion, praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations and for an end to abortion. For more details, or if you would like to participate, please see Larry & Sharon Barnard

Kingdom Kids

Mark your calendars for September 17th, immediately following the worship service, for a special presentation from Kingdom Kids to kick off our Sunday School year!

ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS:

Kingdom Kidz Inc.

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EDUCATION THROUGH PUPPETRY

Join us for an exciting program full of fun, inspiration & music for the whole family put on by our new puppet friends!

ALL AGES WELCOME

Sunday, September 17, 2023

10:45 a.m.
following worship service

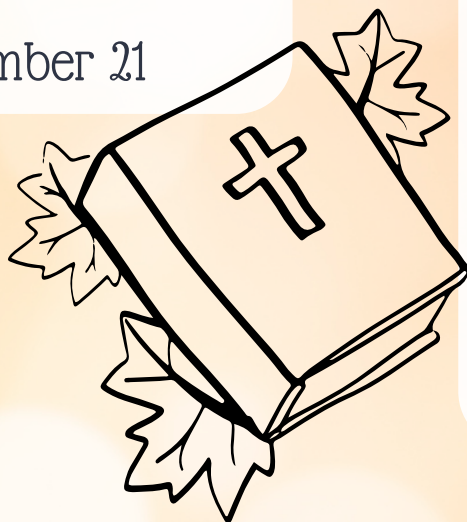
St. Andrew Lutheran Church Social Hall
201 S. Main St. Muncy, PA 17756

Small Group

Bible Study Dates

September 07

September 21



Fall Bible Study

Christianity & World Religions
Starting: Wednesday, October 4th
Times: 10a.m. & 6p.m.
Location: Chapel
Sign-Up Sheet in the Narthex

Welcome ♥ September

Birthdays

September 02 - Casey Merk
September 05 - Joe Cardinale
September 05 - Diane Campbell
September 05 - Jared Stermole
September 07 Becky Hibschman
September 08 - Sarah Alexander
September 08 - Benjamin Johnson
September 12 - Tange Berger
September 14 - Jennifer Johnson
September 14 - James Muffley
September 16 - Charles Miller
September 17 - Cathy Johnson
September 18 - Will (Paul) Wertman
September 18 - Frances Worthington
September 21 - Alex Myers
September 25 - Spencer Myers
September 27 - Orienne Marrel

Anniversaries

September 2 - Richard & Judy Van Buskirk
September 4 - Ken & Connie Miller
September 05 - Terry & Julie Roller
September 07 - Philip & Kay Myers
September 20 - Joe & Sharon Cardinale
September 21 - Richard & Michele Styer
September 26 - Calvin & Janet Myers

September 04, 2023

hello
FALL

First Day of Fall:
September 23, 2023



September Volunteers

Greeters

September 03 - Jerry Watson

September 10 - John & Luanne Libbey

September 17 - Larry & Sharon Barnard

September 24 - Need Greeter

Acolytes

September 03 - Levi Lander

September 10 - Teagan Brinser

September 17 - Sam Haddon

September 24 - Gina Styer

Sunday School Teachers

September 03 - No Children's Sunday School

Happy Labor Day

September 10 - No Children's Sunday School

September 17 - Sunday School Kick Off

Kingdom Kids Presentation

September 24 - Terri Stermole

Alter Flower Delivery

Ginny Gruver

Lectors

September 03 - Sheila Morehart

September 10 - Kay Myers

September 17 - Steve Haddon

September 24 - Larry Barnard

We are always in need of volunteers:

Greeters

Sunday School Teachers

Nursery Workers

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Please contact the office if you can
volunteer!

Serving others and Serving Christ!