

FEBRUARY 2023 – NEWSLETTER

# *St. Andrew's Net*



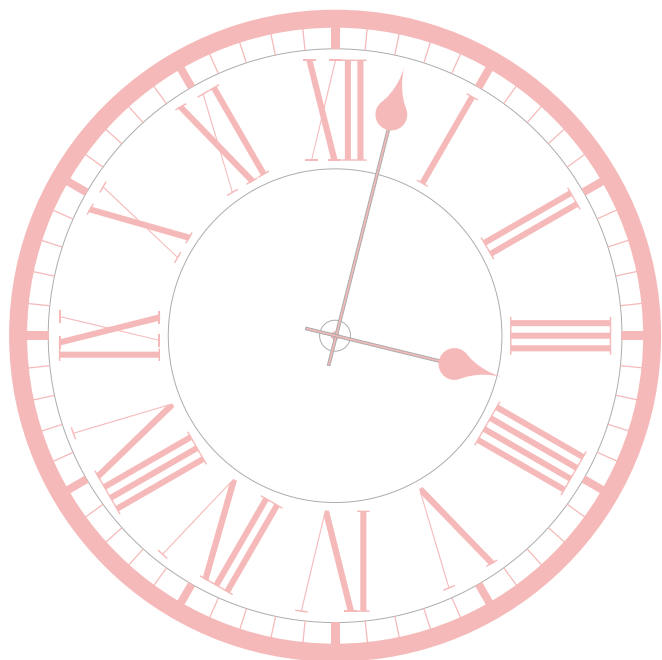
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**WORSHIP SERVICE: 9:15AM**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:30AM**

**Coffee time before and after  
services**



# *From the Pastor's Desk*



**1 Peter 1:18-19** - *“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.”*

I see God nearly every day; sometimes in little ways, sometimes in more profound ways. It's easy to write off the little things as coincidence or our own imagination, but if we believe in a sovereign God, we should expect to see Him involved in all aspects of our life. However, one place that we never need to guess if God is present is when we partake of communion. When we hear the words, “this is the body of Christ broken for you, and this is the blood of Christ shed for you,” we can have faith that Jesus is truly present to forgive us of our sins because He has promised that He will be. Consider what 1 Corinthians 10:16 says - “Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?”

Some time ago, I remember serving communion for a gathering of church leadership. We shared the Lord's Supper together to remind ourselves as leaders that we are also in need of Christ's presence and forgiveness in our lives. At this particular gathering, I distributed the wine, which was placed in an old wooden chalice. It was a beautiful, hand-carved chalice with images around it depicting the Last Supper. The problem was that it had a crack in it, which I didn't notice at first. So, as I carried the chalice and served the wine, all the while some of it was seeping out of the crack, running down the cup and collecting in my hands. By the time we finished my hands were covered in wine.

Now, if you know me, you may know that I can be particular about washing my hands; I don't like them to be dirty or sticky. But as I sat there for the remainder of our meeting with sticky hands, it hit me. Jesus' blood was on my hands – *His* blood...was on *my* hands. Isn't that true for all of us? His blood is on our hands because it is our sin that caused Him to go to the cross and shed His precious blood for our redemption. But then God gave me a different perspective: not only was Jesus' blood on my hands, His blood was *covering* my hands. Thanks be to God that the precious blood of Jesus Christ covers us and cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:7). As we enter into this season of Lent, may we all be reminded of the precious blood of Christ poured out for our salvation, and may we never take it for granted.

Just a cup-bearer for our King,  
Pastor Ben



# *Christian Education Committee*



St. Andrew Lutheran Church is a community-focused congregation committed to glorifying God and proclaiming Christian care and ministry to all segments of our church family. We proclaim the Bible as The Word of our Living God and provide this ministry based on Prayer, Bible Study, and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ for all" This is our vision statement. We wouldn't be able to grow and proclaim the Gospel without our Christian Education Committee.

This committee oversees a few aspects of our regular church operations:

They select a curriculum each year for our Children's Sunday School program and assist in scheduling teachers to help teach our young ones the Word of God. In addition to weekly Sunday School they work in conjunction with the Parish Life Committee to plan our children's events and activities, such as our Sunday School kick-off, Easter Egg Hunt, mini golf family fun night, VBS and more!

First Holy Communion classes are offered each year for ages 7 and up and Confirmation classes are offered for grades 7-8, each at the parent's discretion,

This committee also oversees all of our Bible studies throughout the year. From our weekly Adult Sunday School class led by Kathy Heilman to our mid-week bible studies.

We are looking forward to an eventful 2023 as we learn and grow in knowledge and application of God's Word! We would love to have you join our team!

## *February Outreach - Son Light House*

The Son Light House is a non-profit organization, that with your generous donations will be able to distribute food, clothing and limited furniture to eligible individuals and families in our community.



### *Lenten Bible Study*

Wednesdays during Lent

10:00 a.m.

&

6:00 p.m.

Led by Pastor Ben

Located in the Chapel



### *Ash Wednesday*

Worship Service

&

Imposition of Ashes

February 22, 2023

7:00pm

# *Easter Season*

### *Shrove Tuesday Meal*

Mark your calendars for 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 21, 2023; join your St. Andrew family for some relaxation, conversation and another delicious dinner hosted by our Parish Life Committee . Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex so we know how many to prepare for. If you are a shut-in or unable to drive at night please contact Ginny Gruver (546-6894) or Shirley Watson (546-5360) to arrange transportation or delivery. Thank you!

### *Holy Week 2023*

#### **Palm Sunday**

April 2, 2023 @ 9:15am

#### **Maundy Thursday**

April 6, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

#### **Good Friday**

April 7, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

(Tenebrae Service, ending in darkness)

#### **Easter Sunday**

April 9, 2023 @ 9:15am

# Happy Birthday

February 04 - Julie Roller

February 15 - Michele Styer

February 09 - Kelly Merrifield

February 27 - Gina Styer

February 10 - Joy Barto

February 28 - Daulton Myers

February 13 - Nancy Heivly

February 28 - Matthew Myers

February 13 - Lukas Merrifield

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# HAPPY Anniversary

February 18, 1995

Jim & Karen Krum

February 27, 1999

Jack & Cindy McArdle



Happy Valentine's Day

## *Lector Schedule*

February 05- Sheila Morehart

February 12- Barron Zimmers

February 19- Erik Houser

February 22- Larry Barnard

February 26- Kay Myers

## *Acolyte Schedule*

February 05- Nora Styer

February 12- Sam Haddon

February 19- Lila Styer

February 22- Levi Lander

February 26- Addison Detweiler

## *Greeter Schedule*

February 05- Jerry Watson

February 12- Nancy Heivly

February 19- Troy & Ellen Detweiler

February 22- Katie Lander

February 26- Pete & Darlene Waldron

## *Sunday School Schedule*

February 05- Darlene Waldron

February 12- Terri Stermole

February 19- Katie Lander

February 26- Joy Barto

## *Video & Sound Schedule*

February 05- John Dougherty & Jerry Watson

February 12- John Dougherty & Jerry Watson

February 19- John Dougherty & Jerry Watson

February 26- John Dougherty & Jerry Watson

**If you can't serve on your Sunday please try and get a replacement. If you are unable to, please let the office know and we will take care of it.**

**Thank you!**

**Office: 570-546-3591**

## *Altar Flower Delivery*

Becky Hibsichman