

St. Andrew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday Mornings

WORSHIP SERVICE:

9:15 A.M.

with Children's Program

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

10:30 A.M.

Adult & Youth

*Communion is the first Sunday of every month
and special Sunday's throughout the year*

From the Pastor's Desk

"For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." - 1 Timothy 4:8

If you've been keeping up with the Winter Olympics this year, you've probably witnessed moments of athleticism and determination that were inspiring. It's even been joked about that every Olympic event should include one "average" person competing, just to show the difference in skill that these athletes possess. The Olympic games represent the highest stage of competition, spanning back thousands of years. What we don't typically see, however, are the years of hard work and training each athlete has endured in order to even compete at that level. I'm sure each one could recount stories of the sacrifices they've had to make in order to become the best they could be.

In many ways, the Christian life is similar. Spiritual growth often happens in hidden places: in early morning prayers, in unseen acts of kindness, in quiet obedience when no one is applauding. Scripture reminds us that our Father, who sees in secret, rewards faithfulness (Matthew 6:6).

Godliness is not merely outward behavior; it is the posture of a heart that is surrendered to God. It's cultivated through things like prayer, obedience, humility, and daily spiritual discipline. Unlike muscles that weaken over time, a life rooted in Christ grows stronger through trials and seasons. Its rewards are not limited to earthly well-being, but extend into eternity.

Sanctification is a process. Figure skaters stumble. Skiers crash. Snowboarders wipe out. As Kris Horn found out, sometimes bobsled teams miss the sled entirely. What sets champions apart is not the absence of failure, but the refusal to remain down. Proverbs tells us that though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again (Proverbs 24:16). The Christian life is not about flawless performance; it is about faithful perseverance. When we stumble into sin or discouragement, God invites us to stand again by His grace.

In a world that prioritizes appearance, productivity, and performance, Paul's words in 1 Timothy 4:8 calls us to examine our spiritual disciplines as well. Are we investing as intentionally in prayer as we are in planning? Are we pursuing godliness with the same dedication we give to temporary things? As we continue our journey of Lent, consider the small steps toward godliness that you can make; whether it's spending time in Scripture, choosing forgiveness, or practicing gratitude. These quiet investments carry both present peace and eternal promise.

Let's allow the dedication of those athletes we just watched to inspire our own faith. Let's commit to training our hearts, rising after we fall, and trusting God in seasons of struggle and striving. And remember: we run not for temporary glory, but for the joy of hearing our Savior say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Your Teammate in Christ,
Pastor Ben

March Outreach



The Salvation Army is a Protestant Christian church and an international charitable organization. They report a worldwide membership of over 1.7 million, consisting of soldiers, officers and adherents collectively known as Salvationists. They assist approximately 23 million Americans annually. By making a donation, we can help them meet needs, fighting hunger and giving warmth all over the United States.

March Care Cards ~ Norman Magaro

Our March care cards will be going to Norman Magaro. We have cards available in the Narthex or you can bring your own. Please sign them with an encouraging note or thoughtful message. You can also give them to the office and we will mail them out for you! Thank you!



Building Input

The Property Committee is looking for input from the congregation on the new addition area. There is a suggestion sheet in the Narthex for ideas. If you have any questions, please see Joe Cardinale or Dick Gruver.



Parish Life Committee

The Parish Life Committee will be meeting on Thursday, March 12th at 6:15 p.m. We would love to have more involvement and input from the congregation as we plan for upcoming events for this Spring and Summer. Please consider attending this or any future meetings to share your ideas or simply help out.



Easter Trunk Hop

March 29th at 3:00 pm, we will have our Easter Trunk Hop. Please consider decorating your vehicle in an Easter theme and joining us for a time of laughter and the fun of sharing the love of Christ. Plan to arrive by 2:00 pm for setup if decorating your vehicle. We are looking for donations of wrapped candy and snacks. Any donations are greatly appreciated and may be placed in the church library.

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual egg hunt in the Prayer Garden will precede the Trunk Hop on Palm Sunday, March 29th. Donations of bagged candy or small snacks would be greatly appreciated. Any donations may be placed in the church library.

EASTER FUN



EGG HUNT

Easter Flowers

Easter Flower order forms are available in the Narthex or digitally upon request. Please return your form with payment, no later than March 22, 2026. Thank you!





Women's Monthly Bible Study

The Women's 8:00a.m. Saturday Bible Study Heaven with Jennifer Rothschild will meet March 7th.

Men's Monthly Bible Study

The Men's 8:00a.m. Saturday Bible Study on Titus will meet March 14th.

Hello
March



Lenten Bible Study

Join us on Wednesdays during Lent (2/25-3/25) at 7p.m. at Muncy Baptist Church for our shared Lenten Bible Study, *Journey to Jerusalem*, co-hosted with Muncy Baptist Church & Pleasantview Wesleyan Churches.

Sonshine Committee

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
The newly formed "Sonshine Committee" will be starting soon! Our goal is to spread cheer to our members as the hands and feet of Christ by: providing a meal, visitation, rides to appointments or other needs as they arise. You would be a blessing to our church family if you are able to help us serve our congregation when they are in need. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you or another member could use an extra hand. We worship together, let's do life together. Please contact the office or Darlene Waldron (570)-971-1498; cwal416@gmail.com



In Christ's Love,
Darlene Waldron

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Thank you!

To Jerry Watson, Alaina & St. Andrew Congregation:

Thank you for sharing the lovely, yellow altar flowers with me from Sunday, February 8th. A most Happy Birthday to Alaina. God is love and God is good.

Sincerely from your Church friend, Barbara Wood

Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026



Kingdom Kidz

By supporting Raise the Region, you help empower us to achieve our mission, create lasting changes and strengthen our communities.

March 11, 2026-March 12, 2026

Donate at www.raisetheregion.org

He is with you!

"I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken." Psalm 16:8

He is with you... in your emotional lows; in your ecstatic highs; in the operating room; on your commute; in your sleepless nights; in your doctor's office; in the funeral home; in the grocery store; in the car; in the airplane; on the bus, on the train; when you go out and when you come in; in your sadness and grief; when you feel His presence and when you don't.

Birthdays

March 02 - Carson Bloom

March 03 - Leonard Morehart

March 07 - Janet Myers

March 13 - Troy Detweiler

March 13 - Cam Myers

March 17 - Jerry Watson

March 24 - Brian Brinser

March 28 - Cindy Alexander

March 30 - Bruce Miller

March 17, 2026



**HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY**



*Shrove
Tuesday
Meal*

February 17,

2026



*Goodbye to
Darrin &
Fanelle
as they follow
God's call on
their lives to
another state!*





*Children's
Message and
Celebration
Choir*



*Congratulations
to Eagle
Scout,
Aubrey
Kreisher*



Kids Korner

Stained Glass Cross



SUPPLIES:

School Glue
Pencil or Black Marker
Paper Hole Punch
1 Sheet Construction Paper
Assorted Colored Tissue Paper
Ribbon

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Draw a cross on construction paper.
2. Cut tissue paper into small pieces.
3. Glue the pieces of tissue paper to the inside area of the cross.
4. Allow the glue to dry.
5. Cut out the cross
6. Punch a hole at the top of the cross.
7. Thread the ribbon through the hole.
8. Hang your cross in a special place to remind you of why we celebrate Easter.

Easter Story Egg Carton

SUPPLIES

Egg Carton
1 Cracker (egg 1)
3 Dimes (egg 2)
Feather (egg 3)
Thorn (egg 4)
Cross (egg 5)
Nail (egg 6)
12 Easter Eggs
Dice (egg 7)
Black Paper (egg 8)
Sponge (egg 9)
Cloth (egg 10)
Stone (egg 11)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Decorate egg carton.
2. Fill each egg with corresponding item and bible verse/reference.
3. Go through the Easter story together and talk about what each item represents.

ITEM MEANINGS:

1 Cracker: The Last Supper: Matthew 26:17-30
3 Dimes: Judas betrays Jesus: Matthew 26:14-16
Feather: Peter denied Jesus: Matthew 26:33-35;69-75
Thorn: The crown of thorns: Matthew 27:27-31
Cross: Jesus carried the cross: John 19:17
Nail: Jesus was nailed to the cross: John 19:18; John 20:25-29
Dice: Soldiers cast lots for Jesus clothes: John 19:23-24
Black Paper: Darkness covering earth: Matthew 27:45
Sponge: Offer of vinegar to Jesus: Matthew 27:46-48
Cloth: Joseph of Arimathea wrapped Jesus in cloth: Matthew 27:56-60
Stone: The stone rolled away: Matthew 28:1-4
Empty: Jesus is Alive!!: Matthew 28:5-7



February Answers

Answers To February "True or False" Quiz

1. True - (John 4:6-19)
2. False - He asked for a drink of water. (John 4:7)
3. True (John 6:1)
4. False - Judas Iscariot betrayed Him with a kiss
(Mark 14:43-45, John 6:70-71)
5. True - (John 8:44)
6. False - Jonah asked to be cast into the sea (Jonah 1:17)
7. False - He was in the fish for three days and three nights (Jonah 1:17)
8. True (Jonah 1:3)
9. False - He prayed (Jonah 2:1)
10. False - It would be overturned in forty days (Jonah 3:4)
11. False - He was Joshua's father (Joshua 1:1)
12. True - (Joshua 1:4)
13. True - (Joshua 2:1)
14. False - He was 110 years old when he died (Joshua 24:29)
15. True - (Joshua 24:32)
16. True (Joshua 3:1-6)
17. True (Joshua 6:20)
18. True (Judges 11:3)
19. False - He had forty sons (Judges 12:13-14)
20. False - Manoah was his father (Judges 13:22-24)



Quiz Zone



March True or False Quiz

Answers will be in April's Newsletter

1. An angel came to strengthen Jesus when He was in Gethsemane.
2. While Jesus prayed in Gethsemane, the disciples were sleeping.
3. Jesus frequently went to the Mount of Olives.
4. After His resurrection, Jesus had His first dinner in the village of Emmaus.
5. Pontius Pilate was a tax collector.
6. A garner is a place to store grain.
7. The tax collector, Matthew, held a feast for Jesus.
8. Matthew was also known as Levi.
9. Peter said to Jesus, "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord."
10. Jesus told His disciples to pray for the people who curse them.
11. Jesus brought the dead son of the widow of Nain back to life.
12. Paul was asleep on a boat during a storm on the Sea of Galilee.
13. Jesus brought Jairus' wife back to life.
14. Jesus sent James and Andrew to prepare the Passover meal.
15. At Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit took the form of a swan.
16. John the Baptist baptized people in the Nile River.
17. Moses said he was unworthy to unloosen another man's sandals.
18. Jesus accused the Pharisees of devouring widows' houses.
19. Simon the leper entertained Jesus in his home.
20. The word *Golgotha* is translated "the place of the skull."

Shine Time

March 01 - Amy Brinser & Sue Sarginger
March 08 - Ellen Detweiler & Hiliary Haddon
March 15 - Luanne Libbey & Katie Lander
March 22 - Stacie Kilgore & Tracy Drebilbis
March 29 - Karen Krum & Katie Lander



Acolyte

March 01 - Levi Lander
March 08 - Gina Styer
March 15 - Lila Styer
March 22 - Teagan Brinser
March 29 - Sam Haddon

Greeter

March 01 - Jerry Watson
March 08 - Larry & Sharon Barnard
March 15 - Nancy Heivly
March 22 - Luanne Libbey
March 29 - Tom & Dee Knight

Altar Flower Delivery

Darlene Waldron

Lector

March 01 - Hiliary Haddon
March 08 - Sheila Morehart
March 15 - Steve Haddon
March 22 - Amy Brinser
March 29 - Larry Barnard

Altar Guild

Joy Barto

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

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