

# St. Andrew's Net

April 2024 Newsletter



St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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## SUNDAY MORNINGS

Worship at 9:15 a.m.

Coffee Time

before & after

Services

Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

*(For all ages)*

## COMMUNION

First Sunday of every month

and

special Sundays throughout the

year!



# From the Pastor's Desk

*The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law." Deuteronomy 29:29*

As we wrap up another Lenten season and celebrate the joy of Easter, I am humbled by the great mystery of it all. We know that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. We know that Jesus came to earth as a baby in Bethlehem, lived a sinless life, performed many miracles, taught with power and authority, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. We know that on that glorious Easter morning He was raised to life and He now lives forever, seated at the right hand of the Father. We know that all who believe in Him will not die, but have eternal life.

What I'm humbled by is *why*. Why did God see fit to save me? What did He see in me that was worth sending His Son to die for? The answer is both nothing, and everything. There is nothing good in me, or any of us. No one is good except God (Mark 10:18). That's the point. **Except God.** We were all destined for hell...*except God* came down from heaven and saved us. Now, when God looks at us, He doesn't see our past or our sins or our weakness; He sees Jesus, the perfect and blameless One. That's everything to Him, and it's everything for us.

So yes, we understand on an intellectual level the "why" of Easter. It was love that sent Jesus to the cross for us. But on an emotional level, it's hard to wrap our heads around. The good news is that God never asks us to fully understand it - we need only to receive it in faith. Often in Christianity we emphasize the wonderful things which God has revealed to us, and it is right to celebrate and marvel at those things. But equally important are the things which God has kept hidden from us - those "secret things" that belong to the Lord (Deut. 29:29). It is both confounding and liberating when we encounter questions that God has not revealed the answer to yet. In our impatience, we want to know now. But faith says that one day all will be revealed and "then I will know fully, even as I am fully known" (1 Corinthians 13:12).

I believe that heaven will be a continual celebration of discovery - that what was lost has been found, and what was hidden has been revealed. As we walk by faith, we anticipate the day when our faith will be made sight. Until then, embrace the unknown, wrestle with those questions - stand firm on the things which God has revealed, and treasure the anticipation of heavenly discovery.

Wondering as I wander,

Pastor Ben

# April Outreach - Kingdom Kidz

Kingdom Kidz is a ministry that began in the fall of 2000 at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Milton, PA. Their mission is to present Quality Programs through Excellent Puppertry in order to encourage others to make a difference and help us show people they matter. Your donations help ensure that those who cannot afford to view our program will have that opportunity,



## thank you

Thank you to all who donated treats or giveaways, decorated their vehicles, and helped in any way to make our first Trunk Hop a great success! Between 165-170 children plus accompanying adults joined us in the church parking lot for the fun, and to learn about why we celebrate Easter at St. Andrew!

### April Care Cards

Our care cards this month will go to Jim Stahl. We have cards available in the Narthex or you can bring your own. Please sign them with an encouraging note or thoughtful message and give them to the office and we will mail them out for you!



## Ronald McDonald House Outreach

We are in need of your service! On May 23rd, 2024 we will be providing the residents of the Ronald McDonald House in Danville with a delicious dinner. We are in need of donations towards food for this meal, as well as, volunteers to help prepare and deliver the food on May 23rd. There is more information to come. Please contact the office with any questions.



# Fellowship and Study Opportunities

## Monthly Bible Study

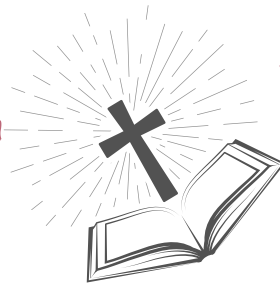
Join us for a men's or women's basic once-a-month study and breakfast!

### Women's Bible Study:

April 06, 2024 from 8am-9am

### Men's Bible Study:

April 13, 2024 from 8am-9am



## Small Group Bible Study

St. Andrew's Small Group Bible Study resumes the Thursday after Easter, April 4.

We finish up Genesis lesson 18: The Generations of Jacob. (Genesis 37-50) The group meets downstairs at 2:30pm on the first, third and fifth Thursdays of each month. In May we begin a new study of God's redemption of His people in the Book of Exodus. If you are interested in joining, please let Sharon Barnard know before April 18th.

## Spring Rummage Sale

The Women of St. Andrew will be holding their Bi-Annual Rummage Sale:



April 19th from 8am-3pm

April 20th from 8am-11am

Donations are welcome, please place items on the appropriate tables. Thank you!

## "Joe & Walt" Pancake Breakfast

Sunday

April 14, 2024

@ 8:00 a.m.



Parish Life will be having a "Joe & Walt" Pancake Breakfast. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex so they know how many to prepare for. Thank You!





April 01, 2024

**APRIL  
FOOL'S  
DAY!**

## April Birthdays

April 01 - Lou Ann Shoup

April 04 - John Libbey

April 08 - Phil Myers

April 13 - Levi Lander

April 19 - Linda Moyer

April 22 - Sheila Morehart

April 25 - Emma Hogan

April 28 - Larry Barnard

April 28 - Hiliary Haddon

April 28 - Kay Myers



## April Anniversaries

April 30, 1994 - Kelly & Wendy Griggs

## Acolytes

April 07 - Lila Styer  
April 14 - Levi Lander  
April 21 - Addison Detweiler  
April 28 - Gina Styer

## Lectors

April 07 - Sheila Morehart  
April 14 - Michele Styer  
April 21 - Larry Barnard  
April 28 - Hiliary Haddon

## Sunday School Teachers

April 07 - Luanne Libbey  
April 14 - Karen Krum  
April 21 - Joy Barto  
April 28 - Katie Lander

## Greeters

April 07 - Need Greeter  
April 14 - Katie Lander  
April 21 - Need Greeter  
April 28 - Need Greeter

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

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## Altar Flower Delivery

Sue Sarginger

## Communion Assistant

April 07

Kathy Heilman