

### JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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### Sunday Mornings

Worship - 9:15am

Adult Sunday School - 10:30am

Coffee time

before & after

service

Communion on the

first Sunday of the

month and special

Sundays throughout

the year!

# From the Secretary's Desk

We are living in such a tumultuous time, this much is true. As we have faced questions from our children, and occasionally their friends, about the world events surrounding us today I find myself more and more at peace with my God. I have found freedom.

Oftentimes we think of freedom as liberation from captivity, but lately I have been thinking about freedom in the sense of knowing the truth. John 8:31-32 says, "So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, 'If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." You see, God definitely does not provide us with all of the answers. He does, however, give us the ones that we need. He tells us that we will face trials, tribulations and judgement from others just for knowing and loving him. He also tells us to be strong and courageous, urging us to face these parts of our journey with faith, bravery and resilience. Then the greatest thing he tells us is in Revelation 21:3-4, "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Friends, I have great news, this is the truth! We have already found freedom in Christ! Freedom from our sins and freedom for eternity to be with him in heaven! Do not allow fear and concern to hold you captive today! God has already won the victory and set his people free! We are his forever!

I pray that you find rest in this freedom that Christ offers us! Share it with those around you and continue to pray for our Nation, it's leaders and it's people, in Jesus' name!

In His Love & With His Freedom Katie Lander

## July Outreach - Tunnel to Towers Foundation

The mission of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation is to honor the Tunnel Towers sacrifice of firefighter, Steven Siller, who laid down his life to save others on September 11, 2001. We will also honor our military and first responders who continue to make the supreme sacrifice of life and limb for our country. Since 9/11 we have been helping America's heroes by providing mortgage-free homes to Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children and by building specially-adapted smart homes for catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. We are also committed to eradicating veteran hmomlessness and helping America to Never Forget September 11,2001

July Care Cards - Our July care cards will be going to Arlene Kiess. 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 to be mailed. Thank you!





Foundation



**VBS 2025** 

July 7th-11th 6:30-8:00 PM





or online at www.standrewlutheranmuncy.org

#### Vacation Bible School 2025

VBS is scheduled for July 7-11 this year, registration is open on our website:

https://standrewlutheranmuncy.org / or you can scan the QR code in the image to the right. It is always a rewarding, fun time for everyone! We are looking for volunteers. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Heilman (570)-546-2126, kheilman@comcat.net



St. Andrew's Small Group Bible Study Resuming This Fall:

Our Small Group Bible Study begins again this September with a verse-by-verse study of Paul's letter to the Romans. We meet downstairs on the first, third and sometimes fifth Thursdays of each month, beginning September 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm for one hour. We also take a break whenever Pastor is leading one of his studies.

Why study Romans? Here are two snippets of how Martin Luther described Romans:

"This Epistle [Romans] is the chief part of the New Testament, and is truly the purest Gospel. It is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word by word, by heart, but that he should occupy himself with it every day, as daily bread for the soul"

"In this Epistle we find most abundantly the things that a Christian ought to, namely, what is law, gospel, sin, punishment, grace, faith, righteousness, Christ, God, god works, love, hope, and the cross; and also how we are to conduct ourselves toward everyone, be he righteous or sinner, strong or weak, friend or foe - and even toward our own selves."

The cost of the book from the Navigators is currently around \$12. If you are interested, please let the church office or Sharon Barnard (sfb5981@gmail.com or 570-435-5408) know so we can order the study guide. The group is a ministry of St. Andrew, under the direction of the Christian Education Committee. We welcome anyone who desires to know more about God's word. Please join us.

We rejoice with Erik & Chelsie Houser as they welcomed their son, Stephen, into the world on June 4<sup>th</sup>! Join us in praying for these new parents and this wonderful gift from God!



### July Birthdays

July 01 - Sharon Cardinale

July 02 - Audrey Johnson

July 02 - Sara Styer

July 03 - Caleb Lander

July 03 - Katie Lander

July 03 - Ruth Lundy

July 08 - Nora Styer

July 14 - Barbara Wood

July 16 - Owen Stermole

July 20 - Lila Styer

July 21 - Josiah Lander

July 23 - Chelsie Houser

July 25 - Gary Heivly Sr.







Rise & Dine Breakfast





















**Confirmation Class of** 2025

#### Greeters

July 06 - Larry & Sharon Barnard

July 13 - Walt & Lou Ann

July 20 - John & Luanne Libbey

July 27 - Need Greeter

Worship Assistant July 06 - Walt Gross

Altar Guild

Darlene Waldron

#### Lectors

July 06 - Sheila Morehart July 13 - Michele Styer July 20 - John Libbey July 27 -Larry Barnard Altar Flower Delivery Karen Krum

Acolyte

July 06 - Sam Haddon July 13 - Teagan Brinser July 20 - Lila Styer July 27 - Gina Styer If you can't serve on your's Sunday, please try to get a replacement. If you are unable to, please contact the office and we will take care of it.

Thank you!

#### SHinE Time Teachers

July 06 - Karen Krum & Tracy Dreibelbis

July 13 - Joy Barto & Shiela Morehart

July 20 - Kay Myers & Luanne Libbey

July 27 - Darlene Waldron & Julie Roller

