

St. Andrew's Net

August 2025 Newsletter

ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Mornings

Worship Service:

9:15 a.m.

with children's program

Adult Sunday School:

10:30 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship

before & after

service

Communion:

We celebrate communion
the First Sunday of every
month and special Sundays
throughout the year!

From the Pastor's Desk

"[Christ] was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake." - 1 Peter 1:20

Names are very important in life. For example, without a name it would be much harder to know when someone wanted to address us. In the Bible, names also carry a much broader significance than a mere conversational placeholder; names carry identity. Several times in the Bible, after a significant shift in a person's identity, that person would receive a new name. Abram became Abraham, Jacob became Israel, Saul became Paul, etc.

In Genesis chapter 5, there is a list of names from Adam to Noah. We may be tempted when reading genealogies such as these to gloss over them and not pay them much attention, but Scripture is so rich in meaning that we can plumb the depths of even an unassuming list of names and find incredible truth hidden within. Going down the list from Genesis 5, we have ten names: Adam, Seth, Enosh, Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech and Noah. Each of these names carries meaning. Adam means "man", Seth means "appointed", Enosh means "mortal", Kenan means "sorrow", Mahalalel means "the blessed God", Jared means "shall come down", Enoch means "teaching", Methuselah means "his death shall bring", Lamech means "despairing" and Noah means "comfort" or "rest." When we read those names in order using their meanings, it spells out a beautiful message: "Man (is) appointed mortal sorrow, (but) the blessed God shall come down teaching. His death shall bring (the) despairing comfort and rest."

Here, thousands of years before Jesus came to earth, we see a message of God's plan for salvation. It has always been God's plan to send Jesus to redeem us, since before the creation of the world (1 Peter 1:20). There has never been nor will there ever be a plan B. For those of us who have accepted Him, the Bible says we are now new creations (2 Corinthians 5:17) with new identities and we will even receive a new name to reflect that (Revelation 2:17). Our new name will be given to us in heaven, but our new identity is given to us the moment we are saved. No longer does a Christian identify with the world or the things of the flesh, but we are to be focused on Christ and live our lives through the lens of eternity. Sadly, too many Christians have not fully embraced their identity in Christ; we would rather identify as our job title, or our political affiliation, or any of the other labels that we accumulate. But Christ is not another label that we can slap on our nametag; He is everything. He is our identity, He is our purpose, He is our vision, He is our life. When we lack identity, we lack purpose; when we lack purpose, we lack vision; without vision, we perish (Proverbs 29:18). Jesus came to save us from a futile way of living and thinking about ourselves and others. He came so that we may have life (John 10:10). Let's be thankful for that gift every day and remind ourselves that we are His.

In Christ alone,
Pastor Ben

August Outreach - Ronald McDonald House

A donation to the Ronald McDonald House is, truly, a gift that will keep on giving. The kindness of donors enables them to provide a “home-away-from-home” for families who have to travel great distances for their child’s medical care. Their mission of helping families stay together is growing and with all growth, the need for support grows as well. Help give the gift of togetherness today!



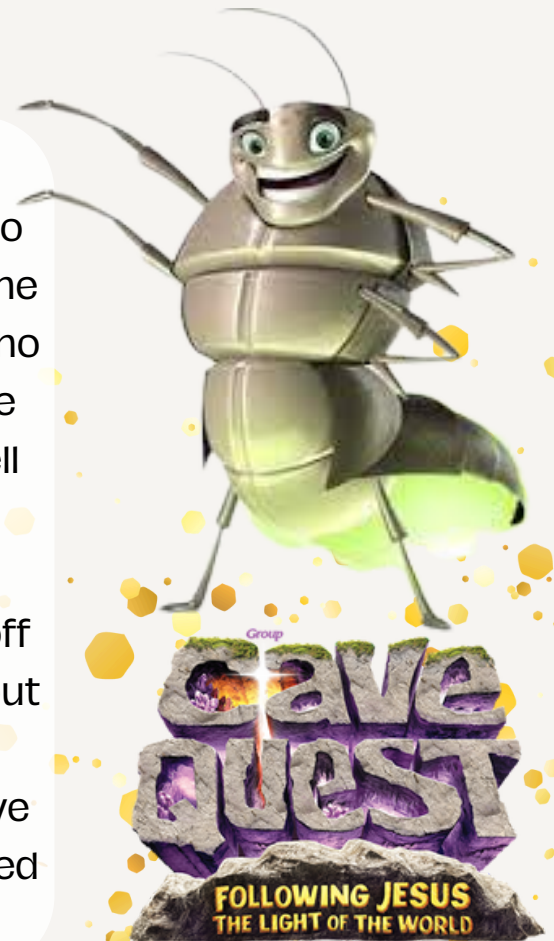
Care Cards

Our August Care Cards will be going to Pretta Hose. 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 can mail them for you!

Thank you!

Thank you to all those who volunteered their time to make Vacation Bible School a memorable time for the group of wonderful children who attended: those who helped set up and tear down the props, provide the skits, artwork, music, games, crafts, snacks, as well as assistance wherever and whenever you were needed. Also, a special thank you to the parents, grandparents, and family members who dropped off and picked up their children so they could learn about Jesus!

St. Andrew is a congregation willing to share the love of Christ by using their God-given gifts! We are indeed blessed!





Church Picnic - August 10th

Join us for our picnic at Keiss Park starting at 3pm with games and fellowship. Meal planned for 5pm. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share and your own table settings!

Backpack Blessings

Have your kiddos (any age) bring their backpacks to church on August 24th and place them along the altar for a blessing during service! We are excited to start their school year off with love from the Lord!



**PRAYER
TIME**



Back to School Prayer Walk - August 24th

Join us as we take part in the 3rd Annual Prayer Walk for Muncy Schools. We will meet in our parking lot at 3PM and walk to Myers Elementary & Muncy Jr./Sr. High to pray for our students, teachers, administrators and staff. Ice cream at Muncy Baptist to follow!

Upcoming Events

Keep an eye out for information about the Fall Sunday Kick-Off that will take place in September!

Birthdays

August 01 - Christopher Dougherty

August 02 - Emma Gillen

August 05 - Erica Souter

August 07 - Ava Hughes

August 07 - Amanda Hogan

August 07 - River Gardner

August 11 - Pastor Ben Lander

August 11 - Sam Haddon

August 13 - Courtney Johnson



August 13 - Robert Gillen

August 17 - Miles Moore

August 18 - Arlene Keiss

August 18 - Anna Styer

August 20 - Penny Wettlaufer

August 24 - Richard Styer

August 27 - Isabella Gillen

August 31 - Luanne Libbey

August 31 - Logan Merrifield



Hello
August



Happy
Anniversary

Anniversaries

August 04, 2012 - John & Luanne Libbey

August 17, 1968 - Jim & Jonnie Stahl

August 19, 1978 - Jim & Becky Houser

August 31, 1963 - Rudy & Linda Moyer

Acolytes

August 03 - Teagan Brinser

August 10 - Levi Lander

August 17 - Sam Haddon

August 24 - Gina Styer

August 31 - Lila Styer

Worship Assistant

August 03 - Joe Cardinale

Altar Guild

Joy Barto

Greeters

August 03 - Need Greeter

August 10 - Nancy Heivly

August 17 - Walt & Lou Ann

August 24 - John & Luanne Libbey

August 31 - Linda Moyer

Lectors

August 03 - Sheila Morehart

August 10 - Kay Myers

August 17 - Hiliary Haddon

August 24 - Barron Zimmers

August 31 - Larry Barnard

If you can't serve on your Sunday, please try to find a replacement. If you are unable to, please let the office know and we will make arrangements.

Thank you!

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**Volunteers
needed**



Altar Flower Delivery

Janet Dougherty

SHinE Time Teachers

August 03 - Amy Brinser & Kathy Heilman

August 10 - Ellen Detweiler & Luanne Libbey

August 17 - Rachel Detweiler & Luanne Libbey

August 24 - Stacie Kilgore & Katie Lander

August 31 - Karen Krum & Hiliary Haddon