

ST. ANDREW'S NET

AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER

St. Andrew Evangelical Lutheran Church

Pastor Ben Lander

SUNDAY MORNINGS

WORSHIP

9:15 a.m.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30 a.m.

COMMUNION

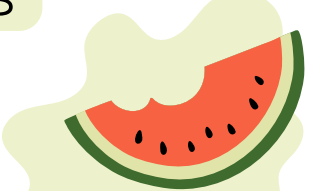
First Sunday of every
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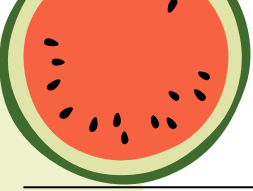


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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!"

Isaiah 43:18-19a

With the start of every school year, it comes as a fresh reminder of how quickly our time on this earth passes by us. Whether your household is preparing to send children to preschool, high school, college, or whether those school days are long behind you, this season reminds us that life is filled with fresh beginnings which, in turn, reminds us that God is a God of new beginnings.

Throughout Scripture, we find story after story of God calling ordinary people into new chapters of life. Abraham left everything familiar to follow God's promise. Moses stood before a burning bush and received a new calling. The disciples left their nets to follow Jesus. Even after Peter denied Christ three times, Jesus lovingly restored him and entrusted him with caring for His people. Again and again, God reminds us that every new season is an opportunity to trust Him more deeply.

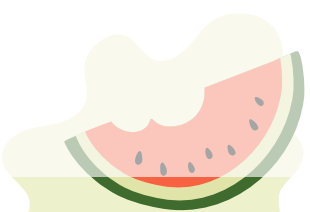
Whether we are eight years old or eighty years old, we never graduate from being disciples of Christ. Following Jesus is a lifelong journey of learning. Every day, God desires to teach us something new about His love, His mercy, and His kingdom. Sometimes those lessons come through joyful experiences. Other times they come through disappointments or unexpected hardships. Like students in a classroom, we do not always understand the lesson while we are living through it, but our Heavenly Teacher is patient. He never gives up on us. He continues shaping our hearts until we more fully reflect the image of Christ.

Proverbs 3:5 tells us, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." Education is a wonderful gift from God. We should always strive to learn, ask questions, and seek understanding. Yet wisdom begins with recognizing that God sees what we cannot. His perspective is eternal, His love is perfect, and His guidance is trustworthy.

As summer winds down and we prepare to enter a new season, it's a great time to pause and ask ourselves, "what does God want to teach me in this next season?" Growth begins with having an open mind and a receptive spirit. May we never stop learning from God's Word. May we never lose our childlike wonder at His grace. May we encourage one another with kind words, patient hearts, and faithful prayers. And may every ministry of our church point people to the One who is the source of all truth and wisdom. Whatever this new season brings, know that you do not go into it alone. God is before us, Christ is beside us, and the Holy Spirit is within us. As this new school year will inevitably bring new experiences, may it also bring a renewed hope and a deeper trust in the God who is working to make all things new.



Your fellow student in Christ,
Pastor Ben



AUGUST CARE CARDS

Our August Care Cards will go 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!



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!

THANK YOUS!

Thank you to all those who volunteered their time to make VBS 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!

Thank you

A big thank you from the Parish Life Committee to everyone who donated to our school collection. With counting each pen and pencil (as they separate the packs), 21 backpacks and numerous other items, Jerry delivered 550 items to the Son-Light House.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

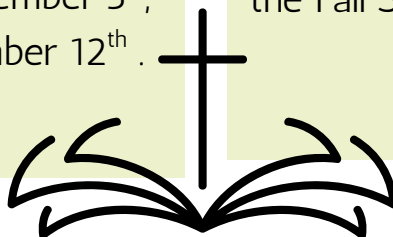
First and Second Saturday's of each month at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel!

The Ladies Bible Study resumes September 5th, and the Men's Bible Study on September 12th.

All are welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



CHURCH PICNIC - AUGUST 9TH

Join us for our annual church 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 23rd 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!



BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER WALK - AUGUST 23RD

Join us as we take part in the 4th Annual Prayer Walk for Muncy Schools. We will meet in our parking lot at 3pm and walk to Myers Elementary & Muncy Jr./Sr/ High School to pray for our students, teachers, administrators and staff. Ice cream at Muncy Baptist to follow!

EXCERPT FROM: BELIEF THAT BEHAVES: THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS BY DAVID JEREMIAH

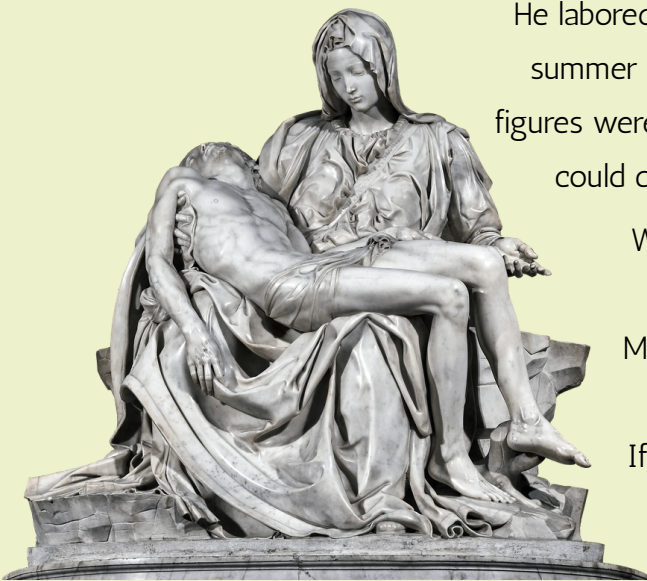
A masterpiece is a work done with extraordinary skill. It is the artist's supreme achievement. That's you and me.

In his book *Shapes by the Cross*, Ken Gire tells the story of Michelangelo's masterpiece the *Pieta*, which is a sculpture of Mary with the dead Christ in her arms. The *Pieta* was commissioned on August 27, 1498. For the sculpture, Michelangelo searched the quarries for months for just the right type of stone. Once the stout cube of marble arrived in his studio, the artist went to work.

He labored for almost two years, sweating over it in the sweltering heat of summer and shivering over it in the biting cold of winter. He believed his figures were trapped inside the marble, and that if he listened to the stone, he could chip away everything that wasn't a part of the final sculpture.

When Michelangelo finally finished the *Pieta*, he was only 24. His final touch was the chisel his name on the ribbon attached to Mary's garment. He wrote, "Michelangelo of Florence made this." It was the only sculpture he ever signed...

If Michelangelo has his *Pieta*, God has us. If Da Vinci has his *Mona Lisa*, God has us. If Shakespeare had his *Hamlet*, God has us.



KIDS KORNER - WIND SOCK

JESUS CALMS THE WIND

Matthew 8:23 - 27

During a storm on the sea, Jesus' disciples who were in a boat became very afraid. He rebuked them for their fear and called their faith "little". He then spoke to the winds, and they became immediately calm. Jesus wants us to be like Him and to speak to the storms in our lives, to always trust Him, and to not be afraid because He is with us.

MATERIALS

- One Sturdy Paper Bowl
- Scissors
- Crayons, Markers, or Paints
- Crepe Paper or Ribbon
- Tape
- Paper Hole Punch
- Yarn
- Bells (Optional)

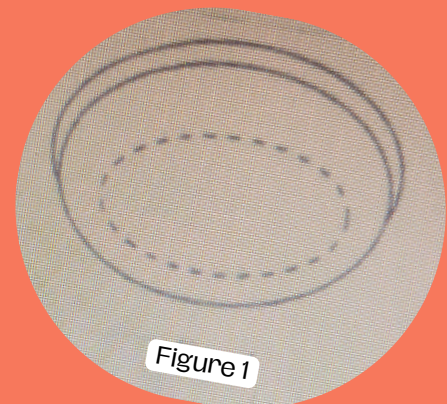
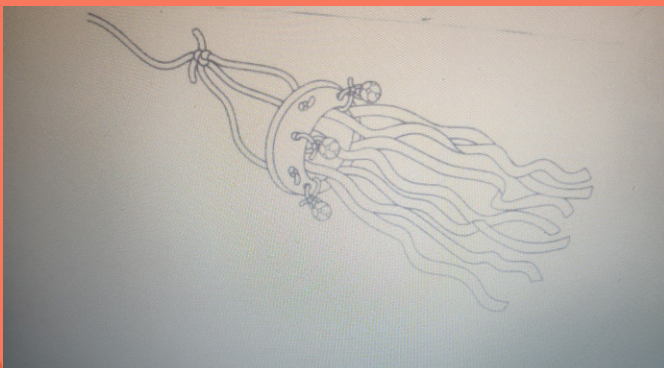
INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut away the bottom of the paper bowl. Do not cut through the rest of the bowl.

a. See Figure 1

2. Color the bowl.

3. Cut 18" streamers from crepe paper or ribbon and glue them around the inside of the bowl. Use a paper hole punch to make 3 equally-spaced holes around the bowl. Cut 3-12" pieces of yarn and tie a knot at one end of each piece. Thread the other end of each piece through a different hole and tie the pieces together. Tie a longer piece of yarn to the joined pieces for hanging.



MARTIN LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

PART 3 - THE LORD'S PRAYER

In the form in which it is taught by the head of a family...

I. INTRODUCTION: Our Father, Who art in heaven.

- *What does this mean?*

Answer: God would thereby affectionately encourage us to believe that He is truly our Father, and that we are His children indeed, so that we may call upon Him with all cheerfulness and confidence, even as beloved children entreat their affectionate parent.

II. THE FIRST PETITION: Hallowed be thy name.

- *What does this mean?*

Answer: The name of God is indeed holy in itself; but we pray in this petition that it may be hallowed also by us.

- *How does this take place?*

Answer: When the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, lead holy lives, in accordance with it. To this may our blessed Father in heaven help us! But whoever teaches and lives otherwise than as God's Word prescribes, profanes the name of God among us. From this preserves us, Heavenly Father!

III. THE SECOND PETITION: Thy Kingdom Come.

- *What does this mean?*

Answer: The kingdom of God comes indeed of itself, without our prayer; but we pray in this petition that it may come unto us also.

- *How does this happen?*

Answer: When our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word, that it may come unto us also.

IV. THE THIRD PETITION: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

- *What does that mean?*

Answer: The good and gracious will of God is done without our prayer; but we pray in this petition that it may be done by us also.

- *How does this happen?*

Answer: When God frustrates and brings nought every evil counsel and purpose, which would hinder us from hallowing the name of God, and prevent His kingdom from coming to us, such as the will of the devil, of the world, and of our own flesh; and when He strengthens us, and keeps us steadfast in His Word and in the faith, even unto our end. This is His gracious and good will.

MARTIN LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

PART 3 - THE LORD'S PRAYER CONTINUED

V. THE FOURTH PETITION: Give us this day our daily bread.

- *What does this mean?*

Answer: God gives indeed without our prayer, even to the wicked also their daily bread; but we pray in this petition that He would make us sensible of His benefits, and enable us to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

- *What does "our daily bread" mean?*

Answer: All things that pertain to the wants and the support of this present life; such as food, raiment, money, goods, house, and land, and other property; a believing wife and good children; trustworthy servants and faithful magistrates; favorable seasons, peace and health; education and honor; true friends, good neighbors, and the like.

VI. THE FIFTH PETITION: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

- *What does this mean?*

Answer: We pray in this request that our heavenly Father would not regard our sins, nor deny us our requests on account of them for we are not worthy of anything for which we pray, and have not merited it; but that He would grant us all things through grace, although we daily commit many sins, and deserve chastisement alone. We will therefore, on our part, both heartily forgive, and also readily do good to those who may injure or offend us.

VII: THE SIXTH PETITION: And lead us not into temptation.

- *What does this mean?*

Answer: God indeed tempts no one to sin; but we pray in this petition that God would so guard and preserve us, that the devil, the world, and our own flesh, may not deceive us, nor lead us into error and unbelief, despair, and other great and shameful sins; and that, though we may be thus tempted, we may nevertheless finally prevail and gain the victory.

VIII. THE SEVENTH PETITION: But deliver us from evil.

- *What does this mean?*

Answer: We pray in this petition as in a summary, that our heavenly Father would deliver us from all manner of evil, whether it affect the body or soul, property or character, and at last, when the hour of death shall arrive, grant us a happy end, and graciously take us from this world of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

IX. AMEN.

- *What does this mean?*

Answer: That I should be certain that such petitions are acceptable to our heavenly Father, and are heard by Him, for He himself has commanded us to pray in this manner, and has promised that He will hear from us. Amen, Amen, that is, Yea, yea, it shall be so.

QUIZ ZONE

WHO ASKED?

1. Who asked, "Am I my brother's keeper?"
 - a. Joseph
 - b. Jacob
 - c. Cain
 - d. Esau
2. Who wanted to know, "What can you give me since I remain childless?"
 - a. Sarah
 - b. Abram
 - c. Leah
 - d. Jacob
3. Who asked, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"
 - a. Joshua
 - b. Nahum
 - c. Abraham
 - d. Micah
4. Who asked, "Why, Lord, have you brought trouble on this people? Is this why You sent me?"
 - a. Moses
 - b. Joshua
 - c. Matthew
 - d. Joseph
5. Who asked the Lord, "Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?"
 - a. Thomas
 - b. Jacob
 - c. Peter
 - d. Abram
6. Who asked, "Why is my pain unending and my wound greivous and incurable?"
 - a. Jeremiah
 - b. Isaiah
 - c. Jehoshaphat
 - d. Isaac
7. What men asked, "Will You be angry with all the entire assembly when only one man sins?"
 - a. Moses and Aaron
 - b. Cain and Abel
 - c. Paul and Timothy
 - d. Peter and John
8. Who wanted to know, "alas, Sovereign Lord! Will You completely destroy the remnant of Israel?"
 - a. Jeremiah
 - b. Hezekiah
 - c. Ezekiel
 - d. Zephaniah



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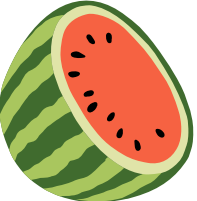
ANNIVERSARIES

August 4, 2012 - John & Luanne Libbey

August 17, 1968 - Jim & Jonnie Stahl

August 19, 1978 - Jim & Becky Houser

August 31, 1963 - Rudy & Linda Moyer



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AUGUST

WHO ASKED? ANSWERS

1.C (Genesis 4:9)

2.B (Genesis 15:2)

3.C (Genesis 18:25)

4.A (Exodus 5:22)

5.D (Genesis 15:8)

6.A (Jeremiah 15:18)

7.A (Numbers 16:22)

8.C (Ezekiel 11:13)

BIRTHDAYS

Aug 1st - Christopher Daugherty

Aug 2nd - Emma Gillen

Aug 5th - Erica Souter

Aug 7th - Ava Hughes

Aug 7th - Amanda Schrader

Aug 7th - River Gardner

Aug 11th - Pastor Ben Lander

Aug 11th - Sam Haddon

Aug 13th - Courtney Johnson

Aug 13th - Robert Gillen

Aug 17th - Miles Moore

Aug 18th - Arlene Keiss

Aug 18th - Anna Styer

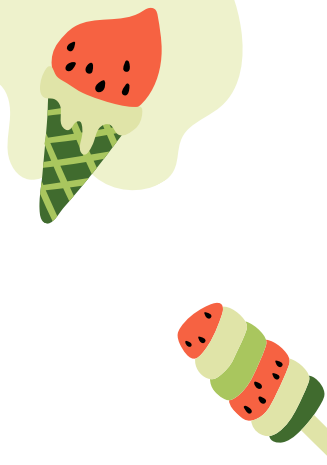
Aug 20th - Penny Wettlauffer

Aug 24th - Richard Styer

Aug 27th - Isabella Gillen

Aug 31st - Luanne Libbey

Aug 31st - Logan Merrifield



GREETERS

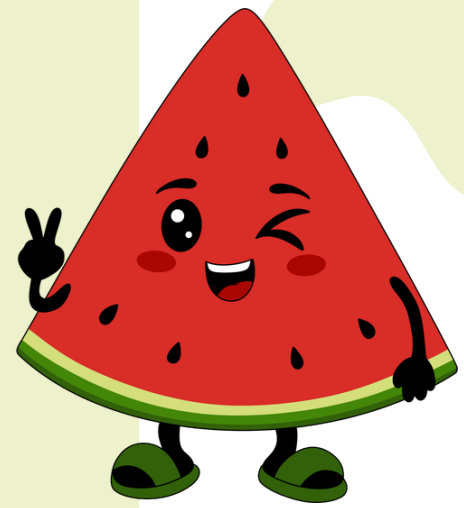
Aug 02 - Jerry Watson

Aug 09 - John & Luanne Libbey

Aug 16 - Larry & Sharon Barnard

Aug 23 - Rick & Sue Sarginger

Aug 30 - Need Greeter



LECTORS

Aug 02 - Sheila Morehart

Aug 09 - Erik Houser

Aug 16 - Hiliary Haddon

Aug 23 - Michele Styer

Aug 30 - Larry Barnard

ACOLYTES

Aug 02 - Levi Lander

Aug 09 - Teagan Brinser

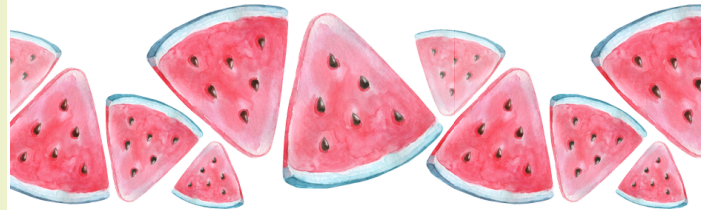
Aug 16 - Gina Styer

Aug 23 - Lila Styer

Aug 30 - Levi Lander

ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY

Janet Dougherty



WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Aug 02 - Need Assistant



ALTAR GUILD

Darlene Waldron

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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