



St. Andrew's Net

September 2026 Newsletter



St. Andrew Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Sunday Mornings

Worship 🌻 9:15 A.M.

with Children's Message & Program

Sunday School 🌻 10:30 AM

Adult & Teens



Holy Communion

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





From the Secretary's Desk



"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil."

Ephesians 5:15-16

As September arrives, we are reminded that seasons are ever-changing, leading to changes in our calendars, routines and focus. Often times we are shifting away from slow mornings and laid back weekends to a calendar full of early mornings and commitments. It is easy to look at our overflowing calendars and feel a sense of overwhelm or exhaustion before the season even really begins.

This shift presents us with a wonderful spiritual opportunity to design our days around God's grace rather than chaos and restlessness. Martin Luther spoke on this, saying, "I have so much to do I shall spend the first three hours in prayer." It is so easy to lose ourselves in the busyness of life; appointments, work commitments, social gatherings, even our ministry work, that we slowly and accidentally begin to give way to our spiritual needs. We begin to neglect getting into the Word and meeting God in prayer every day.

The wonderful thing is that God will meet you where you are! Instead of allowing a new or fuller schedule control our peace, we can use this season of change to anchor our daily life in Christ. We can add God into moments that seem mundane in order to keep our days centered around and focused on Him. A few minutes in Scripture while having those first sips of coffee or with your breakfast in the morning, an intentional time of prayer during your time in the car, listening to a sermon, biblical podcast or audio reading of the Bible while you clean or go about your day. When we align our daily habits with God's Word, that overflowing calendar, early mornings and commitments cease to be a source of stress and instead become a source of God focused routine and peace.

So join me in this season of change to remain Christ-focused amidst the chaos of an ever full life!

Your Sister in Christ,

Katie Lander



September Outreach - Renewal Ministries

Renewal Resource Ministries is an evangelical Christ centered ministry focused on helping individuals and congregations to grow in the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. This is done primarily through emails. To receive these devotional thoughts, articles, and booklets, send your requests to Office@standrewlutheranmuncy.org

Care Cards- Bill Ritter

Our September Care Cards will be going to Bill Ritter. We have cards available in the Narthex or you can bring your own. Please sign them with a thoughtful or encouraging note and give them to the office and we can mail them for you!



The Advantages of Choir Membership

1. You never have to worry about what to wear.
2. You have excellent seats and are assured a reserved seat for Christmas and Easter.
3. From your advantageous seat you can gawk at, smile at, ignore and otherwise enjoy the rest of the people in the congregation.
4. The Pastor is nearly always looking the other way.
5. You're in a wonderful spot to see new members.
6. The cost for all these benefits? Just one rehearsal a week.
7. Oh, yes, one more reason you'll want to be in the choir: You are a leader in the worship experience.

(Reprinted from Cantate Domino from the Diocese of Chicago)



Chancel Choir News!

We are truly blessed at St. Andrew to have a very dedicated Chancel Choir! However, more singers are always welcome to make a "joyful noise" for Joy! Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 16th, at 7:00p.m. Please prayerfully consider joining! See Joy, for more information.

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone who donated food, monies, time and delivery of the meals for the Ronald McDonald House in Danville. In the spring we provided a selection of different soups, fruit salad and desserts as a meal and for this month we provided a picnic type meal with a variety of salads, baked beans, desserts and hamburger bar-b-que. Everyone who is staying in the Ronald McDonald House is so appreciative for the meal and we are glad to provide some comfort food to them in their time of need.

~Parish Life Committee



Fall Ministry Kickoff

Join us on September 20th in the sanctuary beginning at 1:00p.m for a special presentation by Steve Gambrill
a.k.a The Balloon Man with carnival-like activities to follow in our parking lot!

2026 Life Chain

The annual Lycoming County Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2026, from 2:30–3:30pm on the “Golden Strip” (East Third Street) in Williamsport. This is a peaceful, prayerful, and visible witness of Christ’s love. Our mission is to pray and stand in silence against abortion – and this deserves a solemn witness.

For more details, or if you would like to participate, please see Larry & Sharon Barnard.



Celebration Choir

Your kids are invited to join Celebration Choir as we begin to practice lifting a joyful song to the Lord! Practices will begin September 27th immediately following service and they will sing on October 18th in church! We would love to have your kiddo join us!



Fall Hymn Sing

Mr. Stuart Hague, Certified Lay Pastor in the Presbyterian Church, will be leading the Annual Fall Hymn Sing at Old Immanuel Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 2:30 pm. His topic will be centered around theme of "Grace," and the hymns will reflect God's grace and mercy. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us!

Fall Rummage Sale

The Women of St. Andrew will be hosting their Annual Fall Rummage Sale in October! If you have items to donate please contact the office for donation times and place them on the appropriate tables when you drop off!

RUMMAGE SALE DATES & HOURS:

October 16th from 8:00am – 3:00pm

October 17th from 8:00am – 11:00am



St. Andrew Bible Studies

Men's & Women's Monthly Studies

First and Second Saturday's of each month at 8:00a.m. in the Chapel! The Ladies Bible Study resumes September 5th, and the Men's Bible Study on September 12th. All Are Welcome!



Small Group Bible Study

Our Small Group Bible Study resumes this September and continues our verse-by-verse study of Paul's letter to the Romans. We meet in the downstairs classroom on the first, third, and sometimes the fifth Thursdays of each month, beginning September 17th at 2:30pm for one hour. We may take a break whenever Pastor is leading on of his studies. We resume with lesson 13 on Romans chapter 9. All are welcome! 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. We study Paul's Letter to the Romans because it provides a clear, systematic explanation of the Christian gospel, detailing human sinfulness, justification by faith alone through Jesus Christ, and how God's grace transforms daily living and Christian unity. The group is a ministry of St. Andrew, under the direction of the Chritian Educaiton committee. We welcome anyone who desires to know more about God's word. Please join us!

Fall Bible Study

Save the Dates: Wednesdays: October 4th - November 11th

The Muncy Ministerium will be leading another Fall Bible Study. We will be meeing at Muncy Baptist Church. Refreshments will begin at 6:45p.m. and our study time will begin at 7:00p.m.

Please keep an eye out for more information.



Henry S. Haskins

"What lies behind us and what lies before us, are tiny matters compared towat lies within us."

Kids Korner - Musical Kazoo

Kid's love making music!

Make this kazoo, put on some music and play along!

Materials:

Cardboard Tubes

(from plastic or foil wrap, paper towels, etc)

Waxed Paper

Scissors

Rubber Band

Ruler

Pencil

Markers or Crayons



Directions:

1. Decorate your tube with markers or crayons.
2. Cut a 5 inch square from waxed paper.
3. Place the square of waxed paper on one end of the tube and secure it with a rubber band.
4. To play the kazoo, gently hum into the open end of the kazoo.

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Luther's Small Catechism

Part 4: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

In the plain form in which it is to be taught by the Head of a family.

1. a. What is Baptism?

i. Baptism is not just plain water, but it is water contained within God's command and united with God's Word.

b. What is that Word of God?

i. The one which our Lord Jesus Christ spoke in the last chapter of Matthew, verse 19: "Go into all the world, teaching all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

2. a. What gifts or benefits does Baptism confer?

i. It gives the forgiveness of sins, redeems from death and the Devil, gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, just as God's words and promises declare.

b. What are these words and promises of God?

i. Our Lord Christ spoke one of them in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; but whoever does not believe, will be damned."

3. How can water produce such great effects?

a. Water doesn't make these things happen, but the word of God which accompanies and is connected with the water, and our faith, which relies on the word of God connected with the water. For the water, without the word of God, is simply water and no baptism. But when connected with the word of God, it is a baptism, that is, a gracious water of life and a "washing of regeneration" in the Holy Spirit; as St. Paul says in Titus 3:5-8, "According to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior; that being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying."

4. a. What does such baptizing with water mean?

i. It means that the old Adam in us should be drowned and destroyed by daily sorrow and repentance, together with all sins and evil lusts; and, that again the new man should daily come forth and rise, that I shall live in the presence of God in righteousness and purity forever.

b. Where is this written?

i. St. Paul says in Romans 6:4: "We are buried with Christ by baptism into death; that as in the same way Christ was risen from the dead by the glory of the Father, thus also must we walk in newness of life."

Quiz Zone - True or False

Answers found on next page

1. Samson ate honey from the carcass of a lion he killed.
2. Samson lost his power when his hair was cut off.
3. Elisha was buried with his father, Manoah.
4. Achan stole eleven hundred pieces of silver from his mother.
5. Micah made his son a priest over all his idols.
6. Eglon the king of Moab, was a very skinny man.
7. King Eglon was slain by Ehud.
8. Jael gave a captain wine and then killed him.
9. Jabin was the king of the Philistines.
10. Nebuchadnezzar was killed by Jael as he slept in a tent.
11. Israel was once judged by the prophetess Ruth.
12. Moses was commissioned by an angel to save Israel from the Midianites.
13. Gideon and his men attacked Israelite soldiers late at night.
14. The Midianite Zeeb was murdered at his winepress by David's army.
15. Gideon defeated the midianites with only 350 men.
16. The Midianites had gold chains around the necks of their camels.
17. During the time of Gideon, the Israelites experience forty years of turmoil.
18. Gideon had seventy sons.
19. Goats were forbidden as food to the Israelites.
20. The law instructed lepers to cover their hair at all times.

Birthdays

September 2nd - Casey Merk

September 5th - Joe Cardinale

September 5th - Diane Campbell

September 5th - Jared Stermole

September 7th - Becky Hibschan

September 8th - Sarah Alexander

September 8th - Benjamin Johnson

September 14th - Jennifer Johnson

September 14th - James Muffly

September 16 - Chales Miller

September 17 - Cathy Johnson

September 18 - Frances Worthington

September 21 - Alex Myers

September 25 - Spenser Myers

September 27 - Orianne Marrel

celebrate Anniversaries

September 2nd - Richard & Judy Van Buskirk

September 4th - Ken & Connie Miller

September 5th - Terry & Julie Roller

September 20th - Joe & Sharon Cardinale

September 21st - Richard & Michele Styer

Quiz Zone Answers

1. True: Judges 14:5-9
2. True: Judges 16:15-20
3. False: Judges 16:31
(Samson was buried with his father, Manoah.)
4. False: Judges 17:1-2
(Micah stole the silver.)
5. True: Judges 17:5
6. False: Judges 3:17
(He was a very overweight man.)
7. True: Judge 3:17-21
8. False: Judges 4:19-21
(He gave the captain milk.)
9. False: Judges 4:2
(He was the king of Canaan.)
10. False: Judges 4:21
(Sisera was killed.)
11. False: Judges 4:4
(Israel was judged by Deborah.)
12. False: Judges 6:11-23
(Gideon was commissioned by an angel.)
13. False: Judges 7:19
(They attacked a Midianite camp late at night.)
14. False: Judges 7:25
(He was murdered by Gideon's army.)
15. False: Judges 7:7
(He defeated them with only three hundred men.)
16. True: Judges 8:26
17. False: Judges 8:28
(They experienced forty years of peace.)
18. True: Judges 8:30
19. False: Leviticus 11:4
(Camels were forbidden as food.)
20. False: Leviticus 13:45
(They had to cover the lower part of their faces.)

Volunteers

Lector

September 6 : Sheila Morehart

September 13 : Amy Brinser

September 20 : Steve Haddon

September 27 : Larry Barnard

Acolyte

September 6 : Lila Styer

September 13 : Teagan Brinser

September 20 : Gina Styer

September 27 : Aliyah Lander

SHinE Time

September 6 : Amy Brinser & Katie Lander

September 13 : Ellen Detweiler & Tracy Drebelbis

September 20 : Rachel Kilgore & Levi Lander

September 27 : Stacie Kilgore & Luanne Libbey

Altar Guild

Katie Lander

Altar Flower Delivery

Ginny Gruver

Communion Assistant

Dick Gruver

Greeter

September 6 : Walt & Lou Ann

September 13 : Larry & Sharon Barnard

September 20 : Linda Moyer

September 27 : Need Greeter

If you are unable to 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 for you.

Thank you!

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If you are interested in volunteering but don't know where to begin please contact Katie in the office or Pastor Ben, we would love to help match your spiritual gifts to a servant opportunity!