November 2026 Newsletter

St. Andrew's Net

ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Ben Lander

201 South Main Street, Muncy, PA 17756

Sunday Mornings

Worship | 9:15 AM
with Children's Program

Sunday School | 10:30 AM
Adult Sunday School
Youth Sunday School
Confirmation Program

Communion

First Sunday of
every month
&
Special Sundays
throughout the year!

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From the Pastors Desk

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

As we enter the month of November, our thoughts naturally turn toward Thanksgiving and the many blessings God has placed in our lives. This is a wonderful time of year to reflect and give thanks, not only for the obvious blessings that are visible, but also for the everyday gifts we sometimes take for granted. The Bible reminds us in Psalm 107:1, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." What a beautiful reminder that our thankfulness should not be limited to one day or one season. God's love endures *forever*, and so do His blessings. Yes, He "gives and takes away" (Job 1:21) as is His prerogative, but His mercies, which are a special blessing, are also "new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22-23). God's love and mercy are renewable resources; they never run out!

Even when life brings challenges, we can find reasons to be grateful. We can thank God for His unfailing love, His daily provision, His faithfulness through difficult times, and the promise that He will never leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). November also gives us an opportunity to think about the importance of gratitude in our relationships with one another. A thankful heart is a generous heart. When we recognize how much God has blessed us, we are encouraged to share those blessings with others. A kind word, a helping hand, a visit, or a prayer can mean more than we realize.

As we gather around our Thanksgiving tables this month, let us remember those who may be lonely, hurting, grieving, or facing difficult circumstances. May we be the hands and feet of Jesus, reaching out with compassion and reminding others that they are loved. Love is one of the only things that by giving it away it is not depleted; it is multiplied.

Gratitude, like love, is a choice. It's more than a sense of satisfaction when everything goes our way; it's a choice to recognize God's goodness in the midst of the mundane, or even in the midst of difficulty. Most of us don't face the threat of immediate physical danger on a daily basis. The greater threat we face is apathy; indifference; spiritual blindness. When life is routine, we tend to go on autopilot and slide into complacency or boredom. Choosing gratitude on a normal day means pausing to notice the gifts we easily take for granted. It is thanking God for a warm cup of coffee, a safe drive to work, a functioning body, or a quiet evening. Doing so turns even the mundane into holy ground. You realize that a "boring" day is actually a day packed with God's unseen protection and steady provision.

One of my favorite volume of books is called *Every Moment Holy.* It's a collection of daily prayers and liturgies for, well, every moment. I'd like to share an excerpt from one of those books titled "A Liturgy for Domestic Days":

"Meet me, O Lord, in the doing of the small, repetitive tasks, in the cleaning and ordering and maintenance and stewardship of things - of dishes, of floors, of carpets and toilets and tubs, of scrubbing and sweeping and dusting and laundering - that by such stewardship I might bring a greater order to my own life, and to the lives of any I am given to serve, so that in those ordered spaces bright things might flourish: fellowship and companionship, creativity and conversation, learning and laughter and enjoyment and health...O God, grant that my heart might be ordered aright, knowing that all good service faithfully rendered is first a service rendered unto You." When we choose to be grateful, even in the mundane, we are cultivating a life of worship.

I am especially thankful for our church family. I thank God for your faithfulness, your prayers, your willingness to serve, and the love you show one another. It is a blessing to serve alongside you as we continue to grow together in Christ. My prayer for each of you this November is that you will find a fresh reason every day to give thanks. May gratitude fill your hearts, peace fill your homes, and God's love guide your steps. Wishing you and your families a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

With love and gratitude,
Pastor Ben



November Outreach - Weis Gift Cards

We will use your donations to purchase Weis gift cards which will then be available for members of our church and community that are in need. This is an area where we have seen an increase in need the past few years. Your generosity is appreciated!

Care Cards - Norman Magaro

Our November care cards will be going to Norman Magaro. We have cards available in the Narthex or you can use your own. Please sign with an encouraging note or thoughtful message and give them to the office to be mailed. Thank You!





Congregational Meeting

Date: November 8, 2026

Time & Location: Immediately following Service in the Sanctuary

Please join us for a time of fellowship & potluck lunch after the meeting in the Parish Hall



Christmas Poinsettias

It is time to order Poinsettias to adorn our church this Advent season. Each 6 ½" Pot will have multiple blooms at the cost of $9 each. Order forms are available in the Narthex or by email. Please return form and payment together to the office by November 30th.



Giving Tree

Parish Life is colelcting donations for the hats, mittens/gloves, scarves and sock tree in November. Please join in helping share the warmth of Jesus this winter!

Touch of Heart

Gift Tags will be available on November 20th and will need to be returned December 6th for collection. Please take one or more!





Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Shoeboxes are available. Collection Date is November 15th. Information will be provided for gift ideas and guidelines. Do not include soap! You may make a donation to cover shipping costs and can do so either online or by mailing a check using a pre-addressed envelope (see office for envelope). Do not put the $10 in the shoebox.



Monthly Bible Studies

Please join us for a time of food, fellowship, and instruction

The Ladies Saturday

8:00am Bible Study: November 7th

Jennifer Rothschild's Heaven

The Mens Saturday

8:00am Bible Study: November 14th

See For Yourselves

(Equpping ourselves with confidence in our personal study of Scripture)

Silent Auction

Plans are in the works for a Saturday luncheon/Silent Auction to benefit the Son Light House, to be held in January (wih a Snow Date in February).

We are looking for donations: small household goods, jewelry, decorations, collectibles, crafts etc. Please keep the auction in mind as you go through your pre- and post-holiday items. Stay tuned for exciting details.

(For questions or concerns, contact Kathy Heilman (kiheilman@comcast.net or 570-546-2126



Save The Date

Christmas Family Fun Night: December 13, 2026 @ 3pm

More Details to Come

Kids Korner

Food Bank Reverse Advent Calendar

Collect These Items Each Day and Deliver them to Your Local Food Bank

1. Box of Cereal
2. Bottle of Washing-Up Liquid
3. Tinned Soup
4. Bar of Soap
5. Packet of Pasta
6. Tinned Meat
7. Packet of Nappies
8. A Toothbrush
9. Packet of Teabags
10. Jar of Pasta Sauce
11. Tinned Tomatoes
12. Tinned Vegetables
13. Packet of Lentils
14. Laundry Powder
15. Tinned Fruit
16. Packet of Biscuits
17. UHT Milk
18. Jar of Coffee
19. Tube of Toothpaste
20. Bottle of Shampoo
21. Christmas Selection Box
22. Packet of Rice
23. Tin of Baked Beans
24. Christmas Cake or Pudding (non-alcoholic)

Quiz Zone

True or False

1. Moses Sent twelve spies into Canaan.
2. Because Korah and his men were rebellious, the earth swallowed them up.
3. The house of Israel mourned Aaron's death for forty days.
4. The prophet Balaam had a talking donkey.
5. Phinehas killed two people at the same time with a single spear.
6. Aaron was one hundred years old when he died.
7. Aaron died on Mount Hor.
8. When Paul was in Thessalonica, the Philippians sent help to him.
9. Solomon compared a lovely women who lacks discretion to a jewel of gold in a swine's snout.
10. According to Proverbs, the bread of deceit is sweet to man.
11. The Proverbs of Solomon were copied by the men of Hezekiah, the king of Judah.
12. Open rebuke is better than hidden love.
13. There are sixty-six books in the Bible.
14. Genesis has fifty chapters.
15. Noah had a vision of Jesus walking among seven golden lampstands.
16. The Book of Genesis says that the divine voice sounds like a waterfall.
17. The seven churches in the book of Revelation were located in Asia.
18. In a vision, John was told to measure the temple in Jerusalem.
19. According to Revelation, the beast will ascecnd out of the abyss and slay the two witnesses.
20. In heaven, Michael and his angels fought against the dragon.

Martin Luther's Small Catechism

Part 6: The Sacrament of the Altar

How the head of the household should present it simply to those under his care.

What is the Sacrament of the Altar

Answer: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and drink, established by Christ.

Where is this written?

Answer: The holy evangelists Matthew (26:26-29), Mark (14:22-25), Luke (22:14-23), and St. Paul (1 Corinthians 11:23-26) write in this way: "Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night he was betrayed, took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: 'Take this, eat! This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me!' In the same way after supper, he took the cup. He gave thanks, gave it to them, and said: 'Take this and drink from it, all of you! This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me!'"

What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?

Answer: This is shown to us in these words: "given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins," meaning that in the Sacrament forgiveness ofsins, life and salvation are given to us through such words. For, wherever the forgiveness of sins is, there is also life and salvation.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Answer: Certainly, eating and drinking do not do it, but rather the words that stand there: "given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." These wrods, joined together with the bodily eating and drinking, are the cheif part of the Sacrament. Whoever believes these very words has what they say, just as they sound: the forgiveness of sins.

Who, then, receives this Sacrament worthily?

Answer: Fasting and bodily preparing oneself are truly a fine outward discipline. But someone is rightly and truly prepared, who believes in these words: "given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." But if someone does not believe or doubts these words, they are unworthy and unprepared. For the word "for you" demands nothing but believeing hearts.

November Birthdays

November 6 – Rick Sarginger

November 6 – John Houser

November 9 – John Dougherty

November 14 – Kathy Heilman

November 23 – Ginny Gruver

November 24 – Shirley Watson

November 27 – Becky Houser

November 28 – Cindy McArdle

November 28 – Aliyah Lander



November 22, 2026



November 26, 2026



November Anniversaries

November 06, 1982 – John & Leslie Houser

November 15, 1980 – John & Pastor Janet Dougherty

Quiz Zone Answers

1. True (Numbers 13:1-16)
2. True (Numbers 16:28-33)
3. False (Numbers 20:27-29)
4. True (Numbers 22:21-33)
5. True (Numbers 25:7-8)
6. False (Numbers 33:39)
7. True (Numbers 33:39)
8. True (Philippians 4:16)
9. True (Proverbs 11:22)
10. True (Proverbs 20:17)
11. True (Proverbs 25:1)
12. True (Proverbs 27:5)
13. True
14. True
15. False (Revelation 1:12)
16. False (Revelation 1:15)
17. True (revelation 1:4)
18. True (Revelation 11:1-2)
19. True (Revelation 11:7)
20. True (Revelattion 12:7)



Veterans Day

November 11, 2026

"A day hemmed in prayer seldom unravels. Prayer is an attitude of dependence on God – not one's self. He promised to be with us always! "This is the day that the Lord has made – rejoice and be glad in it" (Matthew 28:20)

November Volunteers

Greeters

November 01 - Need Greeter

November 08 - Larry & Sharon Barnard

November 15 - Rick & Sue Sarginger

November 22 - Need Greeter

November 29 - Need Greeter

Altar Guild

Joy Barto

Altar Flower Delivery

Hiliary Haddon

Lectors

November 01 - Sheila Morehart

November 08 - Hiliary Haddon

November 15 - Steve Haddon

November 22 - Larry Barnard

November 29 - Amy Brinser

Communion Assistant

November 01 - Kathy Heilman

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

Acolytes

November 01 - Lila Styer

November 08 - Aliyah Lander

November 15 - Gina Styer

November 22 - Levi Lander

November 29 - Teagan Brinser

SHINE Time Teachers

November 01 - Luanne Libbey & Bonna Smith

November 08 - Amy Brinser & Sharon Cardinale

November 15 - Ellen Detweiler & Tracy Drebelbis

November 22 - Rachel Kilgore & Katie Lander

November 29 - Stacie Kilgore & Kathy Heilman