



St. Andrew's Net October 2025 Newsletter

Sunday Mornings

Worship: 9:15 a.m.
with children's church



Communion on the

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
Grades 4 and Up

first Sunday of every month

and special Sundays

Coffee fellowship before &
after service.

throughout the year!

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From the Pastor's Desk

“Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies it produces many seeds.” - John 12:24

If you know me, you might be aware of my fondness for random trivia. This week I learned that the word “mortgage” comes from the old French words “mort” (meaning death) and “gage” (meaning pledge). So, a literal translation of the word would be something like “death pledge”. That sounds a bit morbid, but we use this word in the context of buying and lending property. A person pledges the property to the lender, and that pledge (or “gage”) dies (or becomes “mort”) once their debt is paid in full. So a more contextual understanding of the word “mortgage” is that it’s “a pledge (gage) with its own death (mort) built-in from the start.”

In John chapter 12, Jesus is explaining to His disciples that He would soon be offered up to die, and interestingly He ponders, “What shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this purpose that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify Your name!” (v.27) In effect, Jesus is revealing here that His whole earthly life has been like a mortgage note - a pledge with its own death built-in from the start. After all, what is another word for pledge? Covenant. As in, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.” (Luke 22:20). We hear those words of institution when we celebrate communion, reminding us of Christ’s atoning death and resurrection that procured our salvation. On the cross, one of the last words Jesus spoke was the Greek word “tetelestai”, which we translate as “it is finished.” However, this word was also used in legal terms at that time as a seal of satisfaction; that a particular debt had been paid in full. When Jesus died, our “mortgage note” was paid in full, transferring upon us ownership of salvation.

Jesus’ analogy of a kernel of wheat falling to the ground and dying so that it can produce much fruit is one of those spiritual truths that is multi-layered. There’s the layer I just spoke of: Jesus’ death, like that wheat, produced a harvest of righteousness - countless souls across time that would be saved because of His sacrifice. But this principle also applies to our lives. If we are to bear much fruit for the Kingdom of God, we need to be willing to die - die to ourselves, die to our old sinful habits, die to unproductive ways of thinking that keep us stuck in patterns of spiritual stagnation. Jesus came to give us life - abundant life - but that comes with the cost of taking up our own cross and following Him. In this season of harvest, it would benefit us greatly to consider what parts of ourselves need to die so that a Godly harvest may spring up. Pride, selfishness, stubbornness, laziness, apathy - these are the weeds that sprout up and choke out the good seed which has been planted in us. Where might the Holy Spirit desire to prune your heart this month? Where would your time, effort and energy be best served for the Kingdom? Where might He desire to prune the ministry of St. Andrew so that all of our efforts are poised for Kingdom impact? Let’s practice the spiritual discipline of cultivation and pray expectantly for the harvest that is to come!

Gracefully freed to plant some seed,
Pastor Ben

October Outreach

WGRC CHRISTIAN RADIO

A non-profit ministry which began broadcasting in 1988. Now operating on 8 frequencies in Central and Eastern Pennsylvania (known as Pennsylvania's "Heartland") Our mission is to engage in daily worship of Jesus Christ, fostering growth in God's grace for those reached with radio programming that connects with the family and community. We invite you to tune in and enjoy!



October Care Cards

Our October Care Cards will be going to Naomi Wertman. We have cards available in the Narthex or you can use your own. Please sign an encouraging note or thoughtful message and give them to the office and we will mail them out for you! Thank you!

Warm Clothing Collection

The Parish Life Committee will be collecting warm clothing during the month of October to be donated to the Son Light House. Please consider donating gently used items!

Thank you!

Hello October

Life Chain - October 06, 2025

The 34th Lycoming County Life Chain will take place on Sunday, October 05th from 2:30-3:30pm on the Golden Strip in Williamsport. Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful, public witness of pro-life Americans in remembrance of 60 million lives lost to abortion, praying for our nations, for people in crisis situations and for an end to abortion. For more details, or if you would like to participate, please see Larry & Sharon Barnard.





Parish Life

The Parish Life Committee will meet on
October 9th at 6:15p.m.

Church Rummage Sale

Our annual Fall Rummage Sale will take place on October 17th from 8am-3pm
and October 18th from 8am-11am. All donations are welcome. Please try and
place your items on the appropriate tables.

Thank you, The Women of St. Andrew!

Fall Bible Study

WITH PASTOR BEN

Our Fall Bible Study will take place from November 5th to
December 10th on Wednesdays at 10am and 6pm in the
Chapel. Study details to come. We would love to have you
join us. If you need childcare please email
office@standrewlutheranmuncy.org.

Annual Fall

HYMN SING

October 5th at 2:30 p.m.

Join us at Old Immanuel Lutheran Church
with Rev. Jeff LeCrone and organist
Rebecca Ciabattari for a time of
fellowship and worship! Light
refreshments to follow!



Women's Monthly Study

October 4th
@ 8am

Calling all ladies! Join
us for food, fellowship
and a time of
instruction with
Angie Smith's
Matchless Study!

Small Group Bible Study

Dates

Our group meets at
2:30pm in the
downstairs classroom

October 02
October 16
October 30

Men's Monthly Study

October 12th
@ 8am

Men of St. Andrew!
Join us for breakfast,
fellowship and a time
of study on the book of
Titus!



Christmas Cantata NEWS!!!

Our Chancel Choir will be presenting "Let the Whole World Sing" by Joel Raney on December 14th. We would love to have more singers join us! Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, October 8th at 7:30 p.m. This beautiful work contains many familiar carols. Please consider serving our Lord and St. Andrew through music. It's fun and it's free! The more the merrier!

Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 31st from 6-8pm. We will set up at 5:30pm. Come join us in costume or not. If interested in decorating a trunk, please sign-up in the Narthex or contact the office. All donations of candy or individually wrapped snacks will be appreciated. Donations may be placed in the library no later than October 27th. (nothing outdated please)



Operation Christmas Child SHOEBOXES

Shoeboxes and information will be available beginning October 12th. Collection date is November 16th. New This Year - DO NOT include soap! You may make a donation to help cover shipping and processing costs, if you wish. HOWEVER, this must be done online or by check payable and mailed to: Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC28607-9956 with Operation Christmas Child on the memo line. DO NOT place the \$10 in the shoebox.





Celebration Choir

Musical Guest

Bennett
McCormick



2025 Back to School
Prayer Walk



Kid's Korner

Each month we will include an activity you can do as a family to keep at home or help in the community!

Consider a family project of creating kits for your home, as well as, kits to donate to friends, neighbors, The Son Light House etc.

FIRST AID KITS

A well-stocked first aid kit is a handy thing to have. To be prepared for emergencies:

1. Keep a first aid kit in your home and in your car.
2. Carry a first aid kit with you or know where you can find one.
3. Find out the location of first aid kits where you work.

First aid kits come in many shapes and sizes. Your local drug store may sell them. You can also make your own. Some kits are designed for specific activities, such as, hiking, camping or boating.

Whether you buy a first aid kit or put one together, make sure it has all the items you may need:

- Include any personal items, such as medications and emergency phone numbers or other items your health-care provider may suggest.
- Check the kit regularly.
- Check expiration dates and replace any used or out-of-date contents.

The Red Cross recommends that all first aid kits for a family of four include the following:

- 2 absorbent compress dressings (5x9 inches)
- 25 adhesive bandages (assorted sizes)
- 1 adhesive cloth tape (10 yards x 1 inch)
- 5 antibiotic ointment packets (approx. 1 gram)
- 2 packets of aspirin (81mg each)
- 1 emergency blanket
- 1 breathing barrier (with one-way valve)
- 1 Instant cold compress
- 2 pair of non-latex gloves (size: large)
- 2 hydrocortisone ointment packets (approx. 1 gram)
- 1 - 3in. gauze roll (roller) bandage
- 1 roller bandage (4 inches wide)
- 5 - 3in x 3in sterile gauze pads
- Oral thermometer (non-mercury/nonglass)
- 2 triangular bandage
- Tweezers
- Emergency First Aid instructions

Emergency Preparedness Kit

In case of a disaster, a family should also have an emergency preparedness kit within easy reach. Place the items in a backpack or duffle bag, so it can be easily grabbed if necessary to evacuate your house. For supplies at home, the Red Cross recommends keeping enough non-perishable food and fresh water for two weeks.

Roles can be assigned to each member of a family to more quickly leave the house in case of emergency. One person should be in charge of calling for immediate help and another in charge of making sure pets are taken care of. Older children can make sure their younger siblings get out of bed and leave the house.

In the event of a sudden emergency, such as a fire, families should always have an established meeting place near their house where they can conduct a head count of members and further assess their situation.

The Red Cross recommends having the following items in an Emergency Preparedness Kit:

- One gallon of water per person
- Non-perishable, easy to prepare food items
- Flashlights
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Spare batteries
- First aid kit
- Seven-day supply of medications & medical items
- Multi-purpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents; proof of address, insurance policies, medication lists, deed to home & passports
- Cell phone charger
- Family & Emergency contact information
- Extra Cash
- Emergency blanket

Health Kits

People who flee their homes quickly often do not have time to pack essential items. Health kits can help maintain personal hygiene until they are able to return home or make arrangements.

Wrap smaller items in the washcloth; wrap washcloth and remaining items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn (no rubber bands). Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

Include the following items in each health kit:

- 1 hand towel, dark color recommended
- 1 washcloth, dark color recommended
- 1 bath-size bar (4-5oz) soap, in original packaging
- 1 tube toothpaste, in original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging
- 1 metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached, remove packaging (do not substitute cardboard emery boards for file)
- 6 Band-Aids (or similar brand), preferably 1/2" to 3/4"; secure together with a rubber band.

All Saints Sunday - November 02

We will be honoring all those who have gone before us this past year during service on Sunday, November 02, 2025. If you have a loved one, family or friend, that has passed away from October 31, 2024 to October 30, 2025 and want them to be honored, please give their name and picture to the office by November 1st. You can drop it off in person or email it to:

Office@standrewlutheranmuncy.org

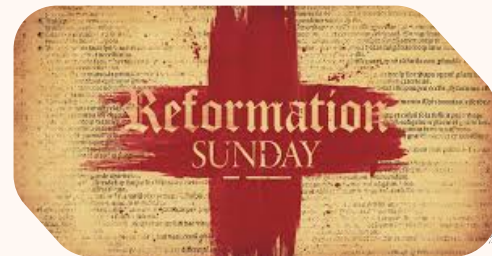
Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you

Chelsie & Erik Houser thank everyone for the prayers, cards, gifts and well wishes for baby Stephen! God is Great!



October 26, 2025



Birthdays

October 01 - Sharon Barnard

October 03 - Amy Brinser

October 04 - Ellen Detweiler

October 04 - Winona Marrel

October 12 - Jamie Bloom

October 17 - Penny Stermole

October 18 - Naomi Wertman

October 26 - James Krum

October 27 - Steve Haddon

October 29 - Jean Bogart

Anniversaries

October 10, 1970

Leonard & Sheila Morehart

October 25, 1997

Troy & Ellen Detweiler



October Volunteers

SHinE Time Teachers

October 05 - Amy Brinser & Sheila Morehart

October 12 - Joy Barto & Julie Roller

October 19 - Ellen Detweiler & Hiliary Haddon

October 26 - Stacie Kilgore & Luanne Libbey

Altar Flower Delivery

Cindy McArdle &
Luanne Libbey

Lectors

October 05 - Sheila Morehart

October 12 - Steve Haddon

October 19 - Kay Myers

October 26 - Larry Barnard

Acolyte

October 05 - Levi Lander

October 12 - Sam Haddon

October 19 - Gina Styer

October 26 - Lila Styer

Greeters

October 05 - Rick & Sue Sarginger

October 12 - Larry & Sharon Barnard

October 19 - Becky Fought

October 26 - Linda Moyer

Worship Assistant Walt Gross

Altar Guild Julie Roller

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 contact the office and we will take care of it. Thank you!