



St. Andrew's Net



January 2023 Newsletter



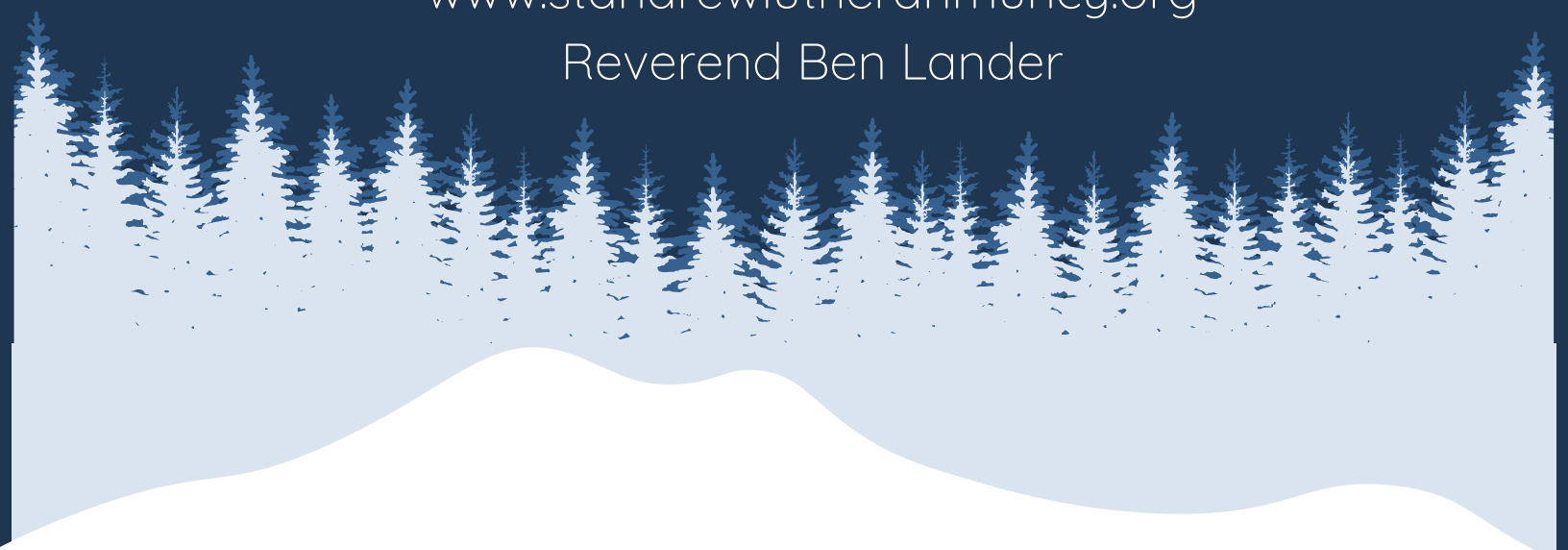
St. Andrew Lutheran Church



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Reverend Ben Lander



Worship Services: Sundays @ 9:15am
Sunday School: Sundays @ 10:30am

Coffee Time before and after Service
Communion, First Sunday of the month and
special Sundays throughout the year.



From The Pastor's Desk

"Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine...but you have saved the best till now." John 2:10

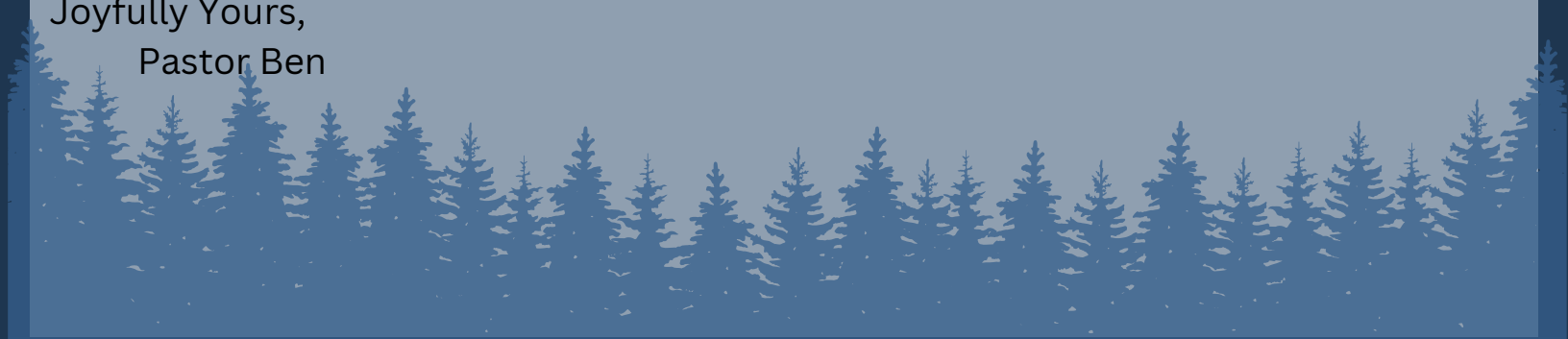
I have a confession to make: there is an odd quirk I've always had when it comes to food. I hope I'm not the only one who does this, but often when I am eating a meal I will save my favorite part for last. Or if I have a handful of candy, I will save the best ones for last - even if it's something like M&Ms which all taste the same, sometimes I will hold on to the best color until all the rest are eaten (the blue ones are best, by the way.)

The master of the wedding in Cana (see John 2:1-11) commented on the bridegroom's peculiar decision to save the best wine for last, unaware that this "choice wine" had been mere water a few moments prior. He was equally unaware of the fact that the bridegroom had not provided the "choice wine" - Jesus did. This was Jesus' first recorded miracle: turning water into wine when the host's supply ran dry. Jesus didn't just provide more of the same, He provided something new and better.

When our supply runs dry, that is when we should look to Jesus to fill us with new wine - better wine - the best wine. As we look to Jesus, we will be transformed "from one degree of glory to another." (2 Corinthians 3:18). As we look ahead to another year and as we continually determine to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known, I truly believe that the best is yet to come. Salvation is where it begins, but we are not only saved *from* something, we are saved *to* something. We are saved *from* sin and death and we are saved *to* eternal life and utmost fulfillment in Christ. God saves the best for last and eternity has no end, which means heaven will only get better and sweeter - from one increasing degree of glory to another.

But we don't have to wait until we get to heaven to experience a taste of what it will be like. In the words of Nancy Leigh DeMoss, "Joy is not the absence of pain but the sanctifying, sustaining presence of the Lord Jesus in the midst of the pain." May the Lord Jesus sanctify you and sustain you and may you know true joy in 2023.

Joyfully Yours,
Pastor Ben



January Outreach Shepherd of the Streets



**UNITED CHURCHES of
LYCOMING COUNTY**

Shepherd of the Streets is a ministry of The United Churches of Lycoming County that provides spiritual and material help to those on the streets, confronting fear, hunger, homelessness, unemployability or other difficulties. Through the Shepherd Ministry the churches of Lycoming County are able to assist people who need hope and peace in the midst of poverty and need, advocate with local agencies, law enforcement and correctional agencies. This ministry provides for: clinical pastoral counseling, bedding and hygiene items, medical transportation assistance, medical, dental and visual assistance, referrals.



Wednesday

Parish Life Committee

Parish Life Committee will meet in the Parish Hall on Thursday, January 12 at 6p.m. Anyone interested in serving on this committee please come and join us!

Thank You, Shirley

Spring Bible Study

Pastor Ben will be leading a Spring Bible Study on Wednesdays during Lent. Beginning on March 1, 2023. More details to follow soon!



In December:
Over \$3,000.00 worth of toys
were purchased by a local
promotional company and
donated to the Marine Corps.
Reserve Toys for Tots Program.
Over 6,000 toys were
collected in the Muncy -
Hughesville area under the
direction of Don Miller and
Barron Zimmer and delivered
to the Salvation Army with the
help of some members of
St. Andrew.



2022 Christmas Cantata



Row One:

Janet Dougherty, Joy Barto,
Lou Ann Shoup

Row Two: Julie Souter, Ruth Lundy,
Shirley Watson

Row Three: Rudy Moyer, John Libbey,
Walt Gross & Erik Houser

Our talented Chancel Choir, directed
by Joy Barto, presented a Beautiful
Christmas Cantata entitled "Joy Has
Dawned" by Lloyd Larson on
December 18, 2022





We are always in need of serving hearts. Below is a list of areas in which we need volunteers. Talk to Pastor Ben, any council member or email the office today if you feel called to help!
office@standrewlutheranmuncy.org, or call 570-546-3591. Thank you!

Our Chancel Choir is always looking for new members! We would love to have you join us in raising a joyful noise to our Lord on Sundays! Please see Joy Barto for more information!



St. Andrew Lutheran Church Committees:

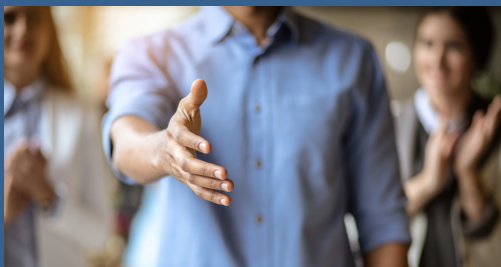
- ❄️ Parish Life
- ❄️ Audio & Video
- ❄️ Worship & Music
- ❄️ Care & Evangelism
- ❄️ Christian Education
- ❄️ Property & Stewardship/Finance

Please consider joining one of the committees that help make our church family so wonderful! See Pastor Ben or email the church office.



Our hope is to have enough Sunday School teachers in our rotation that each teacher can teach once every other month or so! We would love to have you join our team!

We would love to have you help us welcome our Sunday morning guests! Please sign up to be a greeter in the Narthex today!



Birthdays



January 1 - Rachel Detweiler
January 13 - Gary Dunlap
January 14 - Kathryn Poust
January 15 - Julie Souter
January 23 - Sue Sarginger
January 25 - Virgil Marrel
January 25 - Emilie Detweiler

JANUARY

HAPPY
New Year



Welcome 2023



ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY

Julie Roller

If you cannot serve on your Sunday please try and get a replacement. If you are unable to please let the office know and we will take care of it.
Thank you! Office: 570-337-3892

GREETER SCHEDULE

January 01 - Jerry Watson
January 08 - Need Greeter
January 15 - Joe & Sharon Cardinale
January 22 - Need Greeter
January 29 - Need Greeter

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER SCHEDULE

January 01 - No Sunday School
January 08 - Darlene Waldron
January 15 - Katie Lander
January 22 - Joy Barto
January 29 - Kay Myers

LECTOR SCHEDULE

January 01 - Sheila Morehart
January 08 - Hiliary Haddon
January 15 - Michele Styer
January 22 - Larry Barnard
January 29 - Amy Brinser

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

January 01 - Levi Lander
January 08 - Sam Haddon
January 15 - Gina Styer
January 22 - Lila Styer
January 29 - Teagan Brinser

VIDEO & SOUND SCHEDULE

January 01 - John Dougherty | Jerry Watson
January 08 - John Dougherty | Jerry Watson
January 15 - John Dougherty | Jerry Watson
January 22 - John Dougherty | Jerry Watson
January 29 - John Dougherty | Jerry Watson