

St. Andrew's Net



March 2024 Newsletter

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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Sunday Mornings

Worship @ 9:15 a.m.

Coffee time before
& after services

Sunday School @ 10:30 a.m.

(FOR ALL AGES)



*He
is
Risen*

Communion: First Sunday of every month and
Special Sundays throughout the year!



From the Pastor's Desk

“If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is worthless, and so is your faith. In that case, we are also exposed as false witnesses about God. For we have testified about God that He raised Christ from the dead, but He did not raise Him if in fact the dead are not raised.” – 1 Corinthians 15:13–15

Suppose you were a farmer and you knew that it was going to rain. You saw the storm clouds on the horizon, and you decided “now is a good time to go out and water my crops.” That would seem like an exercise in futility, would it not? It might even damage your crops if they got too much water. In the passage above, Paul emphasizes the futility and meaninglessness of the Christian life (and life in general) if there is no resurrection. The truth is that if Jesus hadn't been raised from the dead, then Christianity is pointless and a waste of time.

The resurrection of Christ is the lynchpin that our entire lives and faith hinge on. Why, then, would anyone want to leave such a vital detail unexplored and unassured? Yet, that is what many Christians do. According to a LifeWay research poll, when it comes to belief that Jesus Christ was literally and physically raised from the dead, “Two-thirds of Americans (64 percent) say the biblical accounts of the physical (bodily) resurrection of Jesus are completely accurate. A quarter (23 percent) disagree. Thirteen percent are not sure.” When it comes to the resurrection, the fact of the matter is that there are plenty of eyewitness testimonies – from the Gospels, yes, but also testimonies outside of the Bible – which verify the details of Jesus' death and even His resurrection. To deny these pieces of evidence would make about as much sense as denying that George Washington ever crossed the Delaware River. The Gospels provide a clear account that Jesus was raised from the dead—not just metaphorically or spiritually, but by a resurrection of his physical body. This is important because if the Bible is untrustworthy on that point, why should we trust it for anything else? In faith, we can believe God's Word, but it is not an unreasoning faith.

During Lent, we are asked to dig deeper in our faith; to not simply scatter seed on the soil of our heart, cross our fingers and wish that it grows, but to do the work of tilling the soil so that the seed of God's Word can be deeply embedded in us. Some farmers lay a thick layer of wood chips over their crops during the winter. This provides a rich layer of decomposable material which provides nutrients to the soil and prepares it for planting in the spring. As spring and Easter approaches, let us brush off the dead layer of “wood chips” in our hearts and look ahead to a new season of planting and growth, trusting what God has in store for us.

Working for the harvest,

Pastor Ben



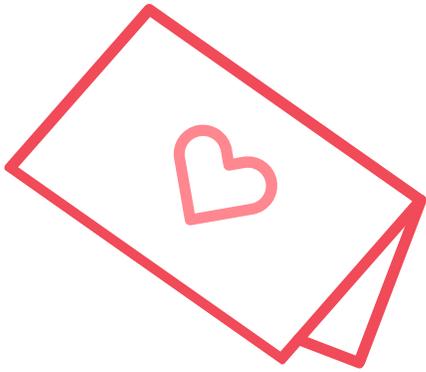
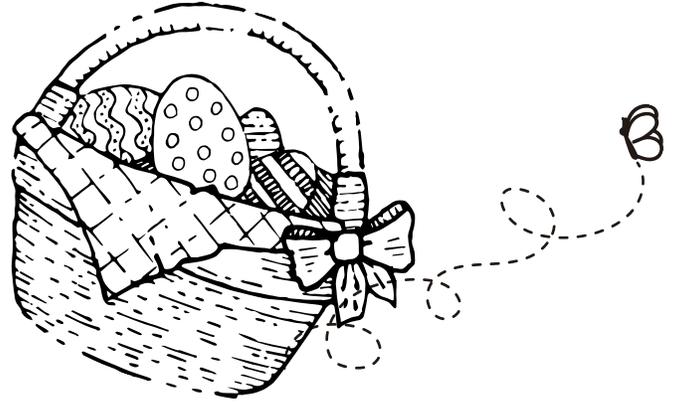


March Outreach - Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is a Protestant Christian church and an international charitable organization. They report a worldwide membership of over 1.7 million, consisting of soldiers, officers and adherents collectively known as Salvationists. They assist approximately 23 million Americans annually. By making a donation, we can help them meet needs, fighting hunger and giving warmth all over the U.S.

Easter Baskets

The women of St. Andrew are putting together Easter Baskets for our shut-ins. Please join us on March 5, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All donations are welcome.



March Care Cards

Our March Care Cards will be going to Cam Myers. 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 will mail them out for you! Thank you!

Parish Life

The Parish Life Committee will be meeting on

Thursday, March 21, 2024

at 6:15 p.m.





Easter Trunk Hop

On Palm Sunday, March 24th at 3pm, we will have a Trunk Hop, rather than our traditional Easter Egg Hunt. Just as we gather our decorated vehicles for Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot on Halloween, we are asking you to consider decorating your vehicle in an Easter theme and joining us for a time of laughter and the fun of sharing the love of Christ. As in the past, we are looking for donations of wrapped candy and snacks. Any donations are greatly appreciated and may be placed in the church library.

Easter Flower Orders

It's time to order your Easter flowers! The order form is to the right or you can pick one up in the Narthex. Please call or email the office if you need any assistance! All orders and payment are due together to the office by March 10th with payment. Thank you!

2024 Easter Flowers

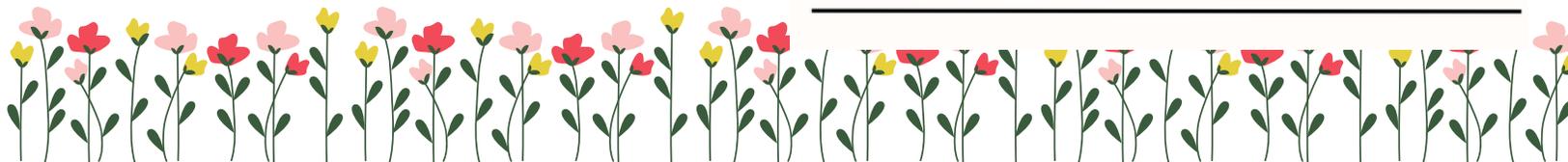
ORDER FORM
 Orders Due to Office by March 10, 2024
 Payment Due with Order

- 1 _____ Easter Lilies (\$9.00)
- 2 _____ Mums (\$9.00)
- 3 _____ Martha Washington Geraniums (\$9.00)
- 4 _____ Hyacinths (\$8.00)
- 5 _____ Tulips (\$8.00)
- 6 _____ Daffodils (\$8.00)

NAME: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____





Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

Worship Service @ 9:15 a.m.

Easter Trunk Hop @ 3:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

Worship Service @ 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

Community Worship Service @ St. Andrew Church @ 1:00 p.m.

Tenebrae Service @ St. Andrew Lutheran Church @ 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service: Field across from Muncy Cemetery @ 6:30 a.m.

Breakfast @ St. Andrew Parish Hall @ 8:00 a.m.

Worship Service @ 9:15 a.m.

Lenten Bible Study

Join us this Lent as we journey together toward the cross with our friends at Muncy Baptist Church. We will meet every Wednesday at 7pm, check location schedule below. We hope to see you there.

March 06 @ Muncy Baptist

March 13 @ Muncy Baptist

March 20 @ St. Andrew



Lenten Cross: Meagan's Box

As a child in Hughesville, 25 years ago, Meagan Murray started to use her birthday/yard sale money to buy gifts for children at Christmas. Believing all children should have a wonderful Christmas, she gave out 16 gifts that first year. Her efforts have grown and today she has many helpers who share in her dream to help deliver cheer to children during the celebration of Christ's birth. If you would like more information before donating, you can check out her website on Facebook.





Communion Assistant

March 03
Dick Gruver

Lector

March 03 – Sheila Morehart
March 10 – Erik Houser
March 17 – Barron Zimmers
March 24 – Larry Barnard
March 28 – Steve Haddon
March 31 – Amy Brinser

Acolyte

March 03 – Levi Lander
March 10 – Gina Styer
March 17 – Lila Styer
March 24 – Sam Haddon
March 28 – Levi Lander
March 29 – Teagan Brinser
March 31 – Sam Haddon

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

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Sunday School Teachers

March 03 – Katie Lander
March 10 – Joy Barto
March 17 – Terri Stermole
March 24 – Kay Myers
March 31 – No Sunday School – Happy Easter!

Alter Flower Delivery

Kay Myers

Nursery

March 03 – Need Volunteer
March 10 – Need Volunteer
March 17 – Need Volunteer
March 24 – Need Volunteer
March 28 – Need Volunteer
March 31 – Need Volunteer

Greeter

March 03 – Larry & Sharon Barnard
March 10 – Need Greeter
March 17 – Jerry Watson
March 24 (Palm Sunday) – Penny Wettlaufer
March 28 (Maundy Thursday) – Need Greeter
March 29 (Good Friday, Tenebrae) – Need Greeter
March 31 (Easter Sunday) – Need Greeter





March Birthdays

March 02 – Carson Bloom

March 03 – Leonard Morehart

March 07 – Janet Myers

March 13 – Troy Detweiler

March 13 – Cam Myers

March 17 – Jerry Watson

March 24 – Brian Brinser

March 28 – Cindy Alexander

March 30 – Bruce Miller

