St. Andrews Net

April 2023 Newsletter

St. Andrew Lytheran Church

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Sunday Monning Wonship

Worship Service @ 9:15am

Sunday School @ 10:30am

Coffee Fellowship before & after services

nom the Pastor's Desk

"The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, He will give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit who lives in you." - Romans 8:11 (NLT)

As we enter into another Easter season, we are reminded again of the awesome resurrection power of the Holy Spirit. The Scripture above from Romans 8:11 tells us an amazing truth that we so often forget: that the same Holy Spirit which raised Jesus from the grave also lives within us! In light of this truth, we are instructed to "walk by the Spirit so that you will not gratify the desires of the flesh" (Galatians 5:16). If we claim to have the Holy Spirit residing within us, then our daily conduct should reflect that. Walking by the Spirit means yielding to Him. The Spirit's effectiveness in our lives is directly proportional to the degree to which we are willing to yield our desires to His.

To yield means "to surrender" or "to open yourself to receive." So, what do we surrender to the Holy Spirit and what do we receive from Him? We surrender our will to Him, and we receive His guidance and strength. This means choosing sometimes NOT to surrender to our own feelings. If we are led by the Spirit, that means we will not be led by our flesh because the two are contrary to one another (Galatians 5:17). The more we yield to the Spirit's prompting, the less we will be led by our impulses. How can we know the difference? The Holy Spirit's prompting will never contradict God's Word. The Spirit's prompting may require immediate action to be taken, but it is not impulsive. Impulse is reactive; prompting is proactive. The prompting of the Holy Spirit guides us into all truth (John 16:13). It is a response to a perpetual acknowledgement of His presence in our lives.

Our relationship with God is not based on feelings and impulse - praise God! Rather, our relationship with God is based on the immutable truth of what Jesus Christ has done for us on the cross. He bore our sins in His flesh so that we could be free from the impulses of our flesh. In Him we have forgiveness of sins, peace with God and life everlasting. Because His Holy Spirit lives within us, we will be raised to newness of life both now and for all eternity. Hallelujah, what a savior! Your Brother in Christ, Pastor Ben

Parish Life Committee

The Parish Life Committee does activities during the year to bring members of the church together for a time of fellowship. We also do several projects as a mission for others.

Our first activity of the year was the Shrove Tuesday pork, sauerkraut, and meatloaf dinner. We not only provide for eat in diners but we also deliver to our shut-ins, care concerns and those who don't drive at night. The individuals on this committee are currently providing refreshments for the Wednesday Lenten Bible Study.

We are joining together with Christian Education Committee to do an Easter Egg Hunt, story, craft and egg coloring for toddlers to 6th grade on Palm Sunday (April 2nd) at 3:00p.m.

We do the flowers for Mother's day and nuts for Father's day. We also do free hot dogs and drinks for the community at the Memorial Day parade.

Projects we are planning on doing again this year for distribution through the Son Light House: Every month - cereal and non-perishable food items, July - school supplies, peanut butter, jelly and individually wrapped snacks, October - warm clothing collection for all ages and November/December - hat, scarf, mitten, glove and sock Christmas trees. Mark your calendars for these events:

Sunday, April 16th - 5pm for soup, sandwich and a movie: "The Case for Christ"

Friday, July 14th - Outdoor Movie Night to celebrate the final night of VBS!

Sunday, August 13th - Church Picnic @ Kiess Park

Sunday, September 10 - Pancake Breakfast (a new adventure)

Tuesday, October 31 - Trunk or Treat

Sunday, November 12 - Operation Christmas Child boxes

Many hands make the work light in doing activities and projects and in gathering our church members together for a great time of fellowship. We are always looking for new members to join our committee and we would love to have you! If you would like to join please contact the office at 570-546-3591 or office@standrewlutheranmuncy.org



April Outreach

Spiritual Orphans' Network connects Christians from North America with people in former communist countries who do not know they have a Father in Heaven who wants to adopt them to Himself or a Family in Christ who will foster them as they seek to become Children of God. Your contributions help introduce others to Christ!

Easter Egg Hunt

Calling all children up to grade 6 of St. Andrew and friends! Come on out and help us find all the candy filled eggs at our 2023 Easter Egg Hunt. Sunday, April 2nd at 3:00pm! We can't wait to see you there!



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated their time, supplies, services and more during our Lenten and Easter season! We could not reach others with the love of Jesus without you!





Wednesday: Final Lenten Bible Study Classes @ 10am & 6pm

Maundy Thursday: Worship Service @ 7pm



Good Friday:

Community Worship Service: Muncy Baptist Church @ lpm

Good Friday Tenebrae Service: St. Andrew Lutheran Church @ 7pm Easter Sunday:

Sunrise Service: Field across from Muncy Cemetery @ 6:30am

Breakfast: St. Andrew Parish Hall @ 8am

Worship Service @ 9:15am

Spring RUmmage Sale

Please see the dates and times for our Rummage Sale below. April 21, 2023 from 8:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. April 22, 2023 from 8:00a.m. - 11:00a.m. Donation drop offs begin April 17th



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Soup. Sandwich & Movie Night

When: Sunday, April 16th

Time: 5:00 p.m. Come join us for dinner and a movie!

April Anniversaries

April 21, 2001 - Neal & Jean Bogart



April Birthdays

April 1st - Lou Ann Shoup April 3rd - Donald Miller April 4th - John Libbey April 8th - Phil Myers April 13th - Levi Lander April 19th - Linda Moyer April 22nd - Sheila Morehart April 22nd - Teagan Brinser April 25th - Emma Hogan April 28th - Hiliary Haddon April 28th - Kay Myers

Acolyte Schedule

April 2 - Sam Haddon April 16 - Gina Styer

April 6 - Levi Lander April 23 - Addison Detweiler

April 7 - Lila Styer April 30 - Teagan Brinser

April 9 - Nora Styer



Greeter Schedule April 2 - Penny Wettlaufer April 16 - Need Greeter

April 23 - Need Greeter

April 7 - Need Greeter April 30 - Luanne Libbey

April 9 - Penny Wettlaufer

April 6 - Katie Lander

Alter Flower Delivery

Sue Sarginger



Lector Schedule

April 2 - Larry Barnard April 23 - Hiliary Haddon

April 6 - Michele Styer April 30 - Erik Houser

April 9 - Amy Brinser

April 16 - Sheila Morehart

Sunday School Teacher Schedule

April 2 - Joy Barto

April 9 - No Sunday School- Easter Sunday

April 16 - Kay Myers

April 23 - Darlene Waldron & Karen Krum

April 30 - Terri Stermole

If you can't serve on your Sunday, please try and get a replacement. If you are unable to, please let the office know and we will make arrangements. Thank you. Office: 570–546–3591 office@standrewlutheranmuncy.org