



ST. ANDREW'S NET

MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Worship Service: 9:15 am

Sunday School: 10:30am

Coffee Fellowship before
& after services



ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



"Jesus...said to her, "woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home."

- John 19:26-27


It is interesting that of all the things that Jesus was concerned about and could have been concerned about while He was hanging on the cross, dying for the sins of humanity, He took the time to ensure that His earthly mother would be taken care of. We read in John's gospel that after Jesus' death, Mary became a part of John's household. She became like a mother to him, and he like her son. This is a relationship of mutual adoption and love that would characterize the early church and continues to characterize the true church today. No longer do we find ourselves as strangers following the same ideas, but we count ourselves as something closer - brothers and sisters; the family of God.

As we celebrate Mothers' Day this month, we give thanks for all of our earthly mothers who gave (and still give) so much of themselves - not out of compulsion or obligation, but out of their love for us. Truly, mothers are a model of the self-giving love of Christ. However, let us also not forget our spiritual mothers; those who have poured into us over the years and shown us an example of godly womanhood. Perhaps it was a Sunday School teacher, choir director, youth leader, friend or mentor. My guess is that none of us has to try very hard to think of someone who has been a spiritual mother to them throughout their life.

It has been said that "behind every great man is a great woman," but I am a firm believer that "**behind every faithful Christian is a praying mother.**" If you are a mother and you have been praying for your children - don't stop! Even if your children are grown, never underestimate the power of your prayers for them. I would also encourage you to pray for God to send you spiritual children - those whose spiritual needs align perfectly with your God-given gifts and experiences.

I would also encourage each of us this month to take time to recognize the women in our lives who mean so much to us - without whom we would have fewer examples of God's love and grace. God bless our mothers; whether by birth or by baptism...we love you!


Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Ben





WORSHIP COMMITTEE FEATURE

The task of our Worship Committee is to help facilitate a weekly worship experience that draws congregants into a posture of praise and leads them to a meaningful encounter with Jesus Christ. A successful worship experience relies primarily upon the Holy Spirit, but He invites us to participate with many opportunities to use the gifts He equips us with. Some of those gifts include singing (leading worship with our chancel choir), hospitality (greeting fellow worshippers on their way into the sanctuary), service (assisting in the order of worship as an usher, deacon, lector, acolyte, or communion assistant), or leadership (joining our worship committee). However the Holy Spirit has gifted you, there is an opportunity for you to participate in making Jesus Christ known! If you are interested in finding out more about how you can help out, please talk to Pastor Ben or contact the office and we will be happy to assist you.



Upcoming Special Services:

June 4th @ 2:30 PM

Annual Memorial Service @ Old Immanuel Lutheran Church



Expectations Women's Center. This center empowers women with fact and evidence based education so they can make informed decisions about relationships, pregnancy, abortion, adoption and parenting. All of their services are free of charge.

Lewisburg: 570-523-8240

Williamsport: 570-321-8240



MAY OUTREACH

Small Group Bible Study

Our Small Group Bible Study begins on May 4 at 2:30 pm. The 19 sessions will be a study of the book of beginnings: Genesis. Sessions will be downstairs in the middle room. The first session will be the overview in Lesson One: The Book of Beginnings. Second session will follow in two weeks on Thursday, May 18th at 2:30pm. If you are interested or have questions, please let Sharon or Larry Barnard (leb5981@gmail.com or 570-435-5408) know.

Capital Appeal

The Stewardship Finance Committee would like to advise the congregation they will be receiving a capital campaign pledge appeal to fund the parsonage updates and church lighting improvements. We are hoping to raise \$50,000 of the \$100,000 approved at the 3/5/2023 congregational meeting. The pledge will be mailed to each of the members and have a two year time commitment option.

Thanks for your continued support



Congregational Directory Meeting

When: May 4th

Time: 6:00p.m.

Location: Parish Hall

We are beginning the process to create an updated church directory. Anyone who is interested in assisting in this process is invited to join us for our first meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting please contact the office and let us know you are interested and we will get all the information to you! Thank you!

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National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is May 4, 2023!

We will have an open Sanctuary from 8:00a.m. - 12:00p.m. for those who would like to have a time of private prayer. Our regular prayer group will also be meeting at their normal time, 1:00p.m. in the Chapel for a time of prayer and would love to have you join them!

Mother's Day Men's Choir

All guys; young and not so young, are welcome to sing for our ladies on May 14th. A rehearsal will be held at 9am before the service. Let's fill the choir loft!

Calling all 2023 graduates

Please let the office know if you have a 2023 High School or College Graduate! We are having a graduate recognition during one of our June services and would love to have them here with us! Please provide the office with their name and contact information. Thank You!



Invitation to 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration
For: Ginny and Dick Gruver
Date: Saturday, June 17, 2023
Time: 3pm to 8pm
Place: Muncy Masonic Lodge
28 Brummer Pond Road, Muncy, PA
RSVP: 570-546-6894
Leave message if no answer





Thank you to all who generously donated bags and boxes of goodies to make the annual Easter egg hunt possible. Thank you also to the Parish Life Committee and Jerry Watson for all their help with preparation, coloring eggs, clean up, etc. to create a special event for St. Andrew's youngest and their guests.

Christian Education

Thank You



First Holy Communion
 Maundy Thursday: April 6, 2023
 James Guglielmi,
 Jack Guglielmi
 Ryan Guglielmi
 Penny Stermole





Alter Flower Delivery

Becky Houser & Joy Barto

Greeter Schedule

May 7 - Troy & Ellen Detweiler

May 14 - Jerry Watson

May 21 - Walt & Lou Ann

May 28 - Need Greeter

Lector Schedule

May 7 - Sheila Morehart

May 14 - Katie & Aliyah Lander

May 21 - Kay Myers

May 28 - Larry Barnard

Sunday School Schedule

May 7 - Katie Lander

May 14 - No Sunday School

Happy Mother's Day

May 21 - Joy Barto

May 28 - Kay Myers

Acolyte Schedule

May 7 - Lila Styer

May 14 - Sam Haddon

May 21 - Addison Detweiler

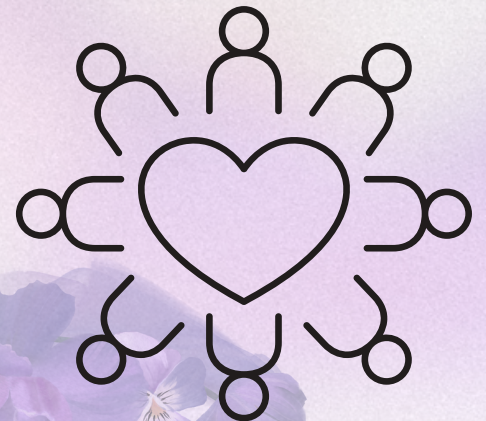
May 28 - Levi Lander

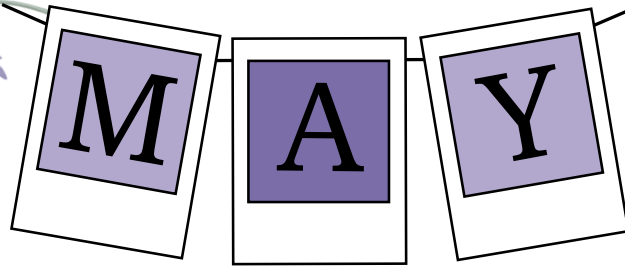
If you can't serve on your Sunday, please try and get a replacement. If you are unable to, please let the office know and we will make arrangements.

Thank you.

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May 14, 2023

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- May 03, 2014 - Erik & Chelsie Houser
- May 22, 1998 - John & Cam Myers
- May 24, 1997 - Steve & Hiliary Haddon
- May 24, 1969 - Tom & Dee Knight

- May 2 - Ken Snyder
- May 06 - Ryan Moore
- May 08 - Jim Houser
- May 10 - Jim Stahl
- May 19 - Dee Knight
- May 20 - Julian Marrel
- May 24 - Rudy Moyer
- May 26 - Dean Barto



May 29, 2023

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers in many different areas of the church. Please reach out to the office or someone on Sunday mornings and let us know you're interested in serving and we can find the right place for you!

