



# ST. ANDREW'S NET JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

## **Sunday Morning Worship**

Worship Service: 9:15 am

Sunday School: 10:30 am

Coffee Fellowship before

&

after services!



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# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*"But for those who fear You, You have raised a banner to be unfurled against the bow." – Psalm 60:4*

As we celebrate another Independence Day, banners (flags) will be raised across the nation, paying tribute and honor to the ideals that our country embraces – truth, justice, and freedom, to name a few. Patriotism will run high and people will gather everywhere for cookouts and to watch dazzling displays of fireworks. Stars and stripes will adorn everything from clothing to paper plates.

This is all well and good, and we should celebrate our nation's independence, but there is another set of stars and stripes that we must honor as Christians: the Star of Bethlehem and the stripes on His back. Matthew 2:2 says, "where is the one who has been born King of the Jews? We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him." Jesus Christ is the star whose radiance shined that holy night in Bethlehem when He was born of the virgin Mary. He is the star whose light continues to guide us in the midst of a sin-darkened world. He is the One who deserves our worship and allegiance.

Jesus' stripes are the receipts of the price He paid for our freedom. This freedom is more than the freedom to vote, or the freedom to assemble, or even the freedom to speak our minds (though those are all vital to a free society). No, the freedom Christ purchased is an eternal freedom from sin and death. He took upon Himself the consequences of our sin and nailed them to the cross so that we could live truly free and unburdened to walk in newness of life. As 1 Peter 2:4 states, "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His stripes you have been healed." So as we celebrate our nation's independence from tyranny, may we also remember the freedom from sin's tyranny that Christ has so lovingly won for us.

Your fellow free man,  
Pastor Ben

# July Outreach



**Tunnel TO Towers  
Foundation**

**T2T.ORG**

The mission of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation is to honor the sacrifice of firefighter Stephen Siller who laid down his life to save others on September 11, 2001. We also honor our military and first responders who continue to make the supreme sacrifice of life and limb for our country.

Since 9/11, we have been helping America's heroes by providing mortgage-free homes to Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children and by building specially-adapted smart homes for catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. We are also committed to eradicating veteran homelessness and helping America to Never Forget *September 11, 2001*.

## Vacation Bible School



**St. Andrew Lutheran  
Church invites you to:**

**VBS 2023**



**July 10th-14th  
6:30-8:00 PM**



SCAN ME

**REGISTER  
← HERE**

or online at

[www.standrewlutheranmuncy.org](http://www.standrewlutheranmuncy.org)

Our 2023 VBS will be taking place July 10-14th from 6:30-8pm.

The theme is Wilderness Escape: lessons of Moses. Registration is open for ages Pre-K to completed 5th grade and we are in need of volunteers.

**Outdoor Movie Night!**

**FRIDAY, JULY 14TH**

Join us in wrapping up our VBS week with an outdoor movie night! The movie will start around 8:45 p.m. and popcorn and snacks will be provided. Remember to bring a lawn chair!

## Note from the Parish Life Committee

During the month of July the Parish Life Committee will be collecting backpacks, school supplies, peanut butter, jelly, cereal and individually wrapped snacks. These items will be delivered to the Son Light House for distribution.



Happy

4th of JULY

INDEPENDENCE DAY

## July Small Group Bible Study Dates

July 06, 2023

July 20, 2023

Meeting at 2:30p.m. in the Parish Hall

## Capital Campaign Reminder

Our Capital Campaign is on-going through July. You still have time to pledge and donate. Unpledged donations are also welcome. Please make sure to put Parsonage on the giving envelope. Thank you!

hello  
JULY



## Save The Date

### Annual Church Picnic

August 13, 2023

@ 3 p.m.

Dinner @ 5 p.m.

Come and fellowship with us at Kiess Park.

More Details To Follow.



## Greeter Schedule

July 02 - Ginny Gruver  
July 09 - Walt Gross &  
Lou Ann Shoup  
July 16 - Need Greeter  
July 23 - Need Greeter  
July 30 - Need Greeter

## Sunday School Teacher Schedule

July 02 - Katie Lander  
July 09 - Karen Krum  
July 16 - Darlene Waldron  
July 23 - Terri Stermole  
July 30 - Joy Barto

## Acolyte Schedule

July 02 - Sam Haddon  
July 09 - Gina Styer  
July 16 - Levi Lander  
July 23 - Lila Styer  
July 30 - Teagan Brinser

## Lector Schedule

July 02 - Sheila Morehart  
July 09 - John Libbey  
July 16 - Larry Barnard  
July 23 - Barron Zimmers  
July 30 - Amy Brinser

## Alter Flower Delivery

Karen Krum  
and  
Anna & Nora Styer

If you cant 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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## July Birthdays

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| July 01 - Sharon Cardinale | July 14 - Barbara Wood    |
| July 02 - Sara Styer       | July 16 - Owen Stermole   |
| July 03 - Caleb Lander     | July 20 - Lila Styer      |
| July 03 - Katie Lander     | July 23 - Chelsie Houser  |
| July 03 - Ruth Lundy       | July 25 - Gary Heivly Sr. |
| July 08 - Nora Styer       |                           |

