



St. Andrew Lutheran Church

St. Andrew's Net

August 2023 Newsletter

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Sunday Morning Worship



Worship @ 9:15 am

Sunday School @ 10:30am

Coffee Fellowship before
& after services





From the Pastor's Desk

"[Christ] was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake." - 1 Peter 1:20

Names are very important in life. For example, without a name it would be much harder to know when someone wanted to address us. In the Bible, names also carry a much broader significance than a mere conversational placeholder; names carry identity. Several times in the Bible, after a significant shift in a person's identity, that person would receive a new name. Abram became Abraham, Jacob became Israel, Saul became Paul, etc.

I shared this in our Genesis Bible study but was asked to share it here as well, so I will. In Genesis chapter 5, there is a list of names from Adam to Noah. We may be tempted when reading genealogies such as these to gloss over them and not pay them much attention, but Scripture is so rich in meaning that we can plumb the depths of even an unassuming list of names and find incredible truth hidden within. Going down the list from Genesis 5, we have ten names: Adam, Seth, Enosh, Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech and Noah. Each of these names carries meaning. Adam means "man", Seth means "appointed", Enosh means "mortal", Kenan means "sorrow", Mahalalel means "the blessed God", Jared means "shall come down", Enoch means "teaching", Methuselah means "his death shall bring", Lamech means "despairing" and Noah means "comfort" or "rest." When we read those names in order using their meanings, it spells out a beautiful message: **"Man (is) appointed mortal sorrow, (but) the blessed God shall come down teaching. His death shall bring (the) despairing comfort and rest."**

Here, thousands of years before Jesus came to earth, we see a message of God's plan for salvation. It has always been God's plan to send Jesus to redeem us, since before the creation of the world (1 Peter 1:20). There has never been nor will there ever be a plan B.

For those of us who have accepted Him, the Bible says we are now new creations (2 Corinthians 5:17) with new identities and we will even receive a new name to reflect that (Revelation 2:17). Our new name will be given to us in heaven, but our new identity is given to us the moment we are saved. No longer does a Christian identify with the world or the things of the flesh, but we are to be focused on Christ and live our lives through the lens of eternity. Sadly, too many Christians have not fully embraced their identity in Christ; we would rather identify as our job title, or our political affiliation, or any of the other labels that we accumulate. But Christ is not another label that we can slap on our nametag; He is everything. He is our identity, He is our purpose, He is our vision, He is our life. When we lack identity, we lack purpose; when we lack purpose, we lack vision; without vision, we perish (Proverbs 29:18). Jesus came to save us from a futile way of living and thinking about ourselves and others. He came so that we may have life (John 10:10). Let's be thankful for that gift every day and remind ourselves that we are His.

In Christ alone,
Pastor Ben

August Outreach: Ronald McDonald House

A donation to the Ronald McDonald House is, truly, a gift that will keep on giving. The kindness of donors enables them to provide a "home-away-from-home" for families who have to travel great distances for their child's medical care. Their mission of helping families stay together is growing and with all growth, the need for support grows as well. Help give the gift of togetherness today!



Annual Church Picnic

When: Sunday, August 13 @ 3p.m.

Where: Kiess Park: Large Pavilion

Please bring your own table service and a dish to share. Beverages will be provided. We'll eat at 5p.m. Feel free to bring outdoor games.

No sign up sheet because meat isn't being provided.

Rain Location: Parish Hall @ 5p.m.

The Parish Life Committee will meet on Thursday, August 10th at 6:30p.m.

Small Group Bible

Study Dates

August 03, 2023

August 17, 2023

August 31, 2023

Parsonage Capital Campaign Update

The goal for our Capital Campaign was to receive \$50,000. As of July 16, 2023 \$50,000 has been pledged and \$13,590 of that amount has been received. We have also received \$1,505 in non-pledged donations, bringing us to a total of \$15,095 in total donations for this campaign.



Thank You!

A special thank you to the volunteers who faithfully shared their time and talents/ gifts to make St. Andrew's Vacation Bible School a memorable, fun-filled experience for the twenty children who attended. Through your efforts, they learned about how God provided for the Israelites in the wilderness and can be trusted to do so for them today: setup and cleanup, the Bible story, music, artwork, crafts, games, snacks, photography, smiles, laughter, hugs, and love. Also, a thank you to those parents and families who shared your children with us during the week. St. Andrew is truly blessed!

Christian Education Committee



Anniversaries

August 04, 2012 - John & Luanne Libbey

August 17, 1968 - Jim & Jonnie Stahl

August 19, 1978 - Jim & Becky Houser

August 31, 2023 - Rudy & Linda Moyer



Birthdays

August 01 - Christopher Dougherty

August 13 - Robert Gillen

August 02 - Emma Voneida

August 17 - Miles Moore

August 05 - Erica Souter

August 18 - Arlene Kiess

August 07 - Ava Hughes

August 18 - Anna Styer

August 07 - Amanda Hogan

August 20 - Penny Wettlaufer

August 07 - River Gardner

August 24 - Richard Styer

August 11 - Ben Lander


August 27 - Isabella Gillen

August 11 - Sam Haddon

August 31 - Luanne Libbey

August 13 - Courtney Johnson

August 31 - Logan Merrifield





Greeters

August 06 - Walt & Lou Ann

August 13 - John & Luanne Libbey

August 20 - Larry & Sharon Barnard

August 27 - Need Greeter

Alter Flower Delivery

Janet Dougherty



Lectors

August 06 - Sheila Morehart

August 13 - Michele Styer

August 20 - Erik Houser

August 27 - Hiliary Haddon

Sunday School Teachers

August 06 - Kay Myers

August 13 - Darlene Waldron

August 20 - Karen Krum

August 27 - Luanne Libbey



HELLO 
August

Acolytes

August 06 - Lila Styer

August 13 - Addison Detweiler

August 20 - Gina Styer

August 27 - 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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