



St. Andrews Net

August 2024 Newsletter

*St. Andrew Evangelical
Lutheran Church
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Worship Service:

9:15am

Sunday School:

10:30am

Coffee Fellowship
before & after service

Communion:

First Sunday of
every month and
special Sundays
throughout the
year!



From The Pastor's Desk

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." - Romans 12:21

If you had a chance to watch the opening ceremony of the 2024 Olympics in Paris, you may have seen the performance that is causing quite a disturbance on social media. Many Christians were outraged to witness what appeared to be a mockery of the Last Supper performed by drag queens (see picture below). Olympic organizers have since responded to the backlash, claiming that no disrespect was intended; rather, they say, it was an homage to the feast of Dionysus, a pagan festival. If that is the case, that seems like a hollow comfort - is the celebration of a pagan festival devoted to drunkenness and debauchery really any better? So, what is the faithful Christian response when we encounter ungodliness in our culture?



Should we be surprised when unbelievers act as unbelievers? No, but that doesn't mean we must keep our opinions to ourselves either. Personally, I think the intent of the performance is irrelevant. Either way, it is an affront to God - either directly or indirectly. In cases like this, Christians are right to speak out - indeed, we must speak out. "If salt loses its saltiness [...] what good is it other than to be thrown out and trampled underfoot?" (Matthew 5:13). If Christians remain silent observers in our world, then the only thing that accomplishes is a diminished voice of reason and godliness in our culture.

How, then, should we use our voices? Do we call for violence or riot in the streets? No. God needs no vindicator. He Himself will avenge and repay (Romans 12:19). Rather, we should not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21). This means that we pray for those who persecute us, we speak truth in love to those who are misled by the enemy. Every affront and injustice is an opportunity to practice the same grace and mercy that God has shown us. Even a single light in the darkness can guide the wanderer to the right path.

Keeping the light on,
Pastor Ben



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HOUSE CHARITIES

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!

August Care Cards: Cheryl Miller

Our August Care Cards will be going to Cheryl Miller. 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, we will mail them out for you!

Thank You!

*Thinking
of You*



Walt & Joe Breakfast

Join us on August 4th at 8 a.m. for a wonderful omelet and waffle breakfast before church!

Please sign up in the Narthex!

Prayer Walk

Join us on August 25th at 3pm for a community prayer walk. We will start at St. Andrew Evangelical Lutheran Church, walk to both the elementary and high school and end at Muncy Baptist Church for an ice cream social and time of fellowship. All ages are welcome! If you cannot walk, please feel free to drive and meet us at each location.



Annual Church Picnic

Date: August 11, 2024

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Dinner @ 5:00 p.m.

Location: Kiess Park Large Pavilion

Rain Location: Parish Hall

Join us for a time of food and fellowship. Please bring a dish to share and your place settings. Beverages, hot dogs & hamburgers will be provided. A sign up sheet is available in the Narthex (please indicate how many burgers & hot dogs for your family.



Sunday School Kick-Off

Save the Date for our 2024-2025 Sunday School Kick off, directly following Sunday Worship.

More information to come!

September 08, 2024

Save the Date

Soup & Sandwich Lunch

Parish Life Committee will be having a soup & sandwich lunch on Sunday, September 8th. There will be a sign-up sheet available starting August 18th, so we know how many to prepare for. Thank you!





Greeters

August 04 - Need Greeter

August 11 - Walt & Lou Ann

August 18 - John & Luanne Libbey

August 25 - Need Greeter



If you cannot serve on your Sunday, please try to find a replacement. If you are unable to, please let the office know and we will make arrangements. Thank You!

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Communion Assistant

August 04 - Walt Gross

Alter Flower Delivery

Janet Dougherty

Acolytes

August 04 - Gina Styer

August 11 - Lila Styer

August 18 - Teagan Brinser

August 25 - Sam Haddon

Lectors

August 04 - Sheila Morehart

August 11 - Michele Styer

August 18 - Amy Brinser

August 25 - Hiliary Haddon



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LET'S CELEBRATE!

Birthdays

August 01 - Christopher Dougherty

August 02 - Emma Voneida

August 05 - Erica Souter

August 07 - Ava Hughes

August 07 - Amanda Hogan

August 07 - River Gardner

August 11 - Pastor Ben Lander

August 11 - Sam Haddon

August 13 - Courtney Johnson

August 13 - Robert Gillen

August 17 - Miles Moore

August 18 - Arlene Keiss

August 18 - Anna Styer

August 20 - Penny Wettlaufer

August 24 - Richard Styer

August 27 - Isabella Gillen

August 31 - Luanne Libbey

August 31 - Logan Merrifield

Anniversaries

August 04, 2012 - John & Luanne Libbey

August 17, 1968 - Jim & Jonnie Stahl

August 19, 1978 - Jim & Becky Houser

August 31, 1963 - Rudy & Linda Moyer

