

St. Andrew's Net

St. Andrew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Rev. Ben Lander

Worship Service 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School 10:30 a.m. | Coffee Time before and after Service

Communion, First Sunday of the month and special Sundays throughout the year.

August 2022

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” - Proverbs 1:7

As August rounds the corner, we look ahead to another school year. Back-to-school advertisements are already gracing our newspapers and televisions, and stores have wasted no time getting their back-to-school displays set up. Our two oldest children, Levi and Aliyah, are excited that this year they will begin attending school in Muncy. Aliyah is particularly excited because this is the first year she will experience school in a formal classroom setting (she has been homeschooled for the past two years). Because of that excitement, she is approaching learning with an eagerness that Katie and I want to foster in the hopes that she will hold onto that zeal for learning for years to come.

For those of us who have been out of school for decades and whose children are also no longer in school, back-to-school time may seem irrelevant to us; a distant memory of years gone by. However, in the school of life we must never lose our passion for learning. The above passage from Proverbs reminds us that God created us with an intellect to be used for His glory. After all, we should love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, **mind** and strength.

To love God with our whole mind means that we use whatever knowledge we have gained in a way that honors Him. Perhaps your pursuits in life have given you knowledge of medicine; how can you use that knowledge to help others and glorify God? Or, perhaps you've trained as a mechanic; what might be one way to put your skills to use for God's Kingdom? Whether you're a teacher, a plumber, a veterinarian – no matter what knowledge you have gained in life, the Bible teaches us at least two principles for how we ought to approach learning:

1.) Never stop. One of the marks of a disciple is that they are life-long learners. According to John Piper, “The well-educated person is the person who has the habits of mind and heart to go on learning what he needs to learn to live in a Christ-exalting way for the rest of his life — and that would apply to whatever sphere of life he pursues.” Indeed, as the Proverb states, it is a fool who despises wisdom and instruction.

2.) Knowledge without love is pointless. 1 Corinthians 8:1 says, “knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.” There is a danger whenever we think that we know better than others – especially when we think we know better than God. This danger, of course, is the sin of pride which “puffs up” our ego. Frequently in Scripture, God says that He opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Love, on the other hand, cares more for the other person than it does about proving it’s right. This doesn’t mean that we never confront error or falsehood when we see it; in fact, we should diligently strive to root out all error and falsehood, beginning in our own hearts. It is only after we have dealt with the log in our own eye that we can see clearly enough to remove the speck from our neighbor’s. Humility is the key to using our knowledge in a way that honors Christ.

So, whether you are going back to school for the first time this season, or you are full of the wisdom of years, my encouragement to you is to seek to use whatever knowledge you have gained to glorify God. It begins with humility (the “fear” of the Lord) and an attitude of prayer. Perhaps God has given you the exact experiences and wisdom needed to be someone else’s survival guide through a difficult season they are facing. Ask Him how He would put your knowledge to use for His glory.

Your fellow classmate in life,

Pastor Ben

Messages From The Pew

To St. Andrew Lutheran Congregation, Joy & Dean Barto and Pastor Ben:

Thank you for helping me celebrate my 90th BIRTHDAY! I was blessed to ring the church bell, and hear my favorite hymns being sung that Sunday. Thank you too for letting me tell my “family story timeline” about how St. Andrew has nourished and comforted my family over our passing years. What a blessing you have been and are to me and my ancestral family. Thank you. God is good. Thank you for the altar flowers of the day, placed by Sherrie McBride in memory of June Oyster.

Sincerely, Barbara Wood

Thank you so much for sending me such cheery cards and notes. They are all on my windowsill. You are so very thoughtful and kind! Also, thank you, Jerry, for the beautiful altar flowers.

I dearly miss being in church and worshiping together, May God continue to bless Pastor Ben and all of you at St. Andrew!

Love in Christ, Audrey

August 21 at 3pm under the large Kiess Park pavilion. We will eat at 5pm.

Parish Life Committee will provide meat & drinks. Please bring your own table service, a side dish or dessert to share!

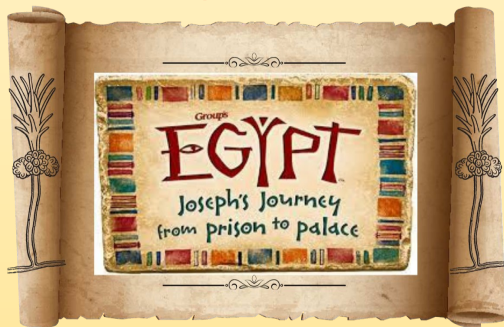
Sign up sheet is on the back windowsill.

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We are in need of volunteers & teachers! Please sign up to help us share God's Word with His children! Sign up sheet in Narthex



St. Andrew Lutheran Church invites you to:

VBS 2022



August 15th-19th
6:30-8:00 PM



REGISTER
HERE

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or online at

www.standrewlutheranmuncy.org

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Come out and join us in learning about Joseph's Journey and how God has a journey planned for your life! We hope to see you at VBS this month!
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ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

August 21, 2022 @ Kiess Park
Arrive 3pm - Eat 5pm



August Outreach: The Ronald McDonald House provides families with sick children a warm, safe, and comfortable place to eat and sleep keeping them close to the care they need, when they need it the most. These services help reduce stress, financial burdens, and help strengthen their coping abilities. Celebrating 40 years of service, this year it's important that we focus on the future and the mission of the "House that Love Built".



RONALD MCDONALD
HOUSE CHARITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets for all ages weekly after service.

* Children meet downstairs in the front room.

* Youth meet in the downstairs youth room.

* Adult Sunday School meets in the Chapel.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to stick around for a time of coffee fellowship and Bible Study.



Greeters Needed

If you would like to volunteer please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or contact the church office

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Anniversaries

John & Luanne Libbey	8/04/2012
Jim & Jonnie Stahl	8/17/1968
Jim & Becky Houser	8/19/1978
Laru & Linda Moyer	8/31/1963

Sponsors Needed

Bulletin, Newspaper Ad, & Altar Flowers. Please sponsor one or more. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. sign up sheets are in the Narthex

August Birthdays

Christopher Dougherty	8/01	Robert Gillen	8/13
Emma Voneida	8/02	Miles Moore	8/17
Erica Souter	8/05	Anna Styer	8/18
Ava Hughes	8/07	Arlene Kiess	8/18
River Gardner	8/07	Richard Styer	8/24
Amanda Hogan	8/07	Isabella Gillen	8/27
Sam Haddon	8/11	Luanne Libbey	8/31
Pastor Ben Lander	8/11	Logan Merrifield	8/31
Courtney Johnson	8/13		

GREETER SCHEDULE

August 7	Need Greeter
August 14	Walt & LouAnn
August 21	Katie Lander
August 28	Need Greeter

ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY

Janet Dougherty



Lector Schedule

August 7	John Libbey
August 14	Kay Myers
August 21	Erik Houser
August 28	Barron Zimmers

Acolyte Schedule

August 7	Lila Styer
August 14	Addison Detweiler
August 21	Nora Styer
August 28	Sam Haddon

If you cannot lector or Acolyte on your specific Sunday please try and get a replacement and let Kay know at the office. If for some reason you cannot get a replacement please call me and I will take care of it. Any questions please call me!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER SCHEDULE

August 7	Darlene Waldron
August 14	Terri Stermole
August 21	Joy Barto
August 28	Katie Lander

VIDEO | SOUND SCHEDULE

August 7	John Dougherty Jerry Watson
August 14	John Dougherty Jerry Watson
August 21	John Dougherty Jerry Watson
August 28	John Dougherty Jerry Watson