

OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

ST. ANDREW

Lutheran Church

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SUNDAY MORNINGS

Worship Service 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship before & after service

From the Pastor's Desk

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." - Galatians 2:20

One of the things that children enjoy about trick-or-treating is that they get to dress up and put on a new persona, a new identity for the evening. Whether you allow your children to participate in this activity or not, the fact remains that it is human nature to want to be someone else, even if only for a day. Many young people today are confused because they are being told that they can make their own identity, to "be your authentic self." The trouble is that children (and even grown-ups for that matter) have no idea who or what their "authentic self" is. Most people's identity is an amalgamation of their likes, interests, or political affiliation.

On top of that, our cultural climate is so confused on even the most basic of principles that anyone can identify as whatever they want and it must be accepted without question. The truth is that the moment we begin to *self* identify, we've already gone off the rails. Truth cannot be relative to whatever I want to say it is. The only thing that is true about who I am is what God says about who I am.

Our choices and worldview all stem from where our identity is rooted. Every decision that you have ever or will ever make is an outworking of what you believe to be true about yourself and the world. The truth is that if you are in Christ, then God says that you are forgiven, you are loved and you are His. There is no need to seek approval from anywhere else; God's opinion is the only one that matters. The name "Christian" means "little Christ." So if you claim to be a Christian, then what you are saying is that your entire identity, the core of your being, is rooted in Jesus Christ. It is not a costume that we can put on and take off at our convenience. In the waters of baptism, we have died to self and we live for Christ. So, the next time someone asks for your pronouns, tell them "My pronouns are was/were, because it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives within me."

Together in Christ,

Pastor Ben

OCTOBER

WGRC Contemporary Christian Radio -A non-profit ministry which began UTREACH broadcasting in 1988. Now operating on



8 frequencies in Central and Eastern PA (known as 'Pennsylvania's Heartland') Our mission is to engage in daily worship of Jesus Christ, fostering growth in God's grace for those reached with radio programming that connects with the family and community. We invite you to tune in and enjoy.





Fall Rummage Sale

Our fall rummage sale will take place on the dates below. All donations are welcome. Please try and place your item on the appropriate table.

> Thank you, Nancy Heivly & The Women of St. Andrew

Friday, October 20, 2023 from 8am-3pm Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 8am-11am

Dear Church Family, I want to thank everyone for the inspirational cards and letters I have received throughout my cancer walk. I also appreciate how you have lifted me up in prayer. Your support has provided me with the comfort of a loving church family. Thank you and God bless Pete Waldron







Shoeboxes Coming Soon

Shoeboxes are Here! Pick-Up Begins October 1, 2023! Collection Date:

November 12, 2023



Warm Clothing Collection

Parish Life Committee will be holding their annual warm clothing drive for all ages. All donations of new or gently used clothing will be appreciated. Donations will be given to the Son Light House for distribution.



Trunk or Treat

Come Join Us For Our 2023

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When: Tuesday, October 31st

Time: 6:00-8:00pm (set up begins @ 5:30pm)

Bring your car decorated or undecorated. Costume or no costume.

Donations of wrapped candy or individual bags of snacks will be appreciated.



Cantata Time!

We will be spreading the "LOVE!"

After JOY, HOPE & PEACE,
composer Joel Raney has come
out with the final of this Advent
series: LOVE! Rehearsals will be
starting on Wednesday, October
11 at 7:30pm. Any interested
singers are welcome to join us.
What a great way to serve our
newborn King and sharing your
LOVE!

Please contact Joy Barto with questions.

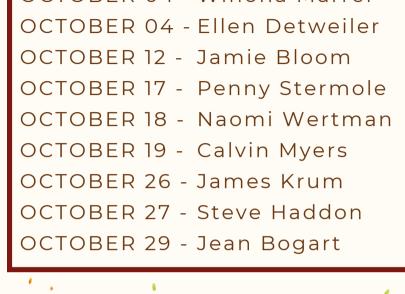


BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER 01 - Sharon Barnard

OCTOBER 03 - Amy Brinser

OCTOBER 04 - Winona Marrel













ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER 10, 1970 - Leonard & Sheila Morehart OCTOBER 25, 1997 - Troy & Ellen Detweiler



ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY

Cindy McArdle & Luanne Libbey

ACOLYTES

October 01 - Lila Styer

October 08 - Addison Detweiler

October 15 - Sam Haddon

October 22 - Gina Styer

October 29 - Levi Lander

GREETERS

October 01 - Need Greeter

October 08 - Tom & Dee Knight

October 15 - Katie Lander

October 22 - Larry & Sharon Barnard

October 29- Luanne Libbey

LECTORS

October 01 -Sheila Morehart

October 08 - Michele Styer

October 15 - Hiliary Haddon

October 22 - Larry Barnard

October 29 - Erik Houser

If you can't serve on your Sunday please try to get a replacement and let the office know. If for some reason you can't get a replacement please contact the office and we will take care of it. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

October 01- Darlene Waldron

October 08- Joy Barto

October 15- Kay Myers

October 22- Katie Lander

October 29- Karen Krum

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

October 01- Pete & Darlene Waldron

October 08- Katie Lander

October 15- Need Volunteer

October 22- Need Volunteer

October 29- Need Volunteer