

St. Andrew's Net November 2023 Newsletter

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
Pastor Ben Lander

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Sunday Mornings

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.





From The Pastor's Desk

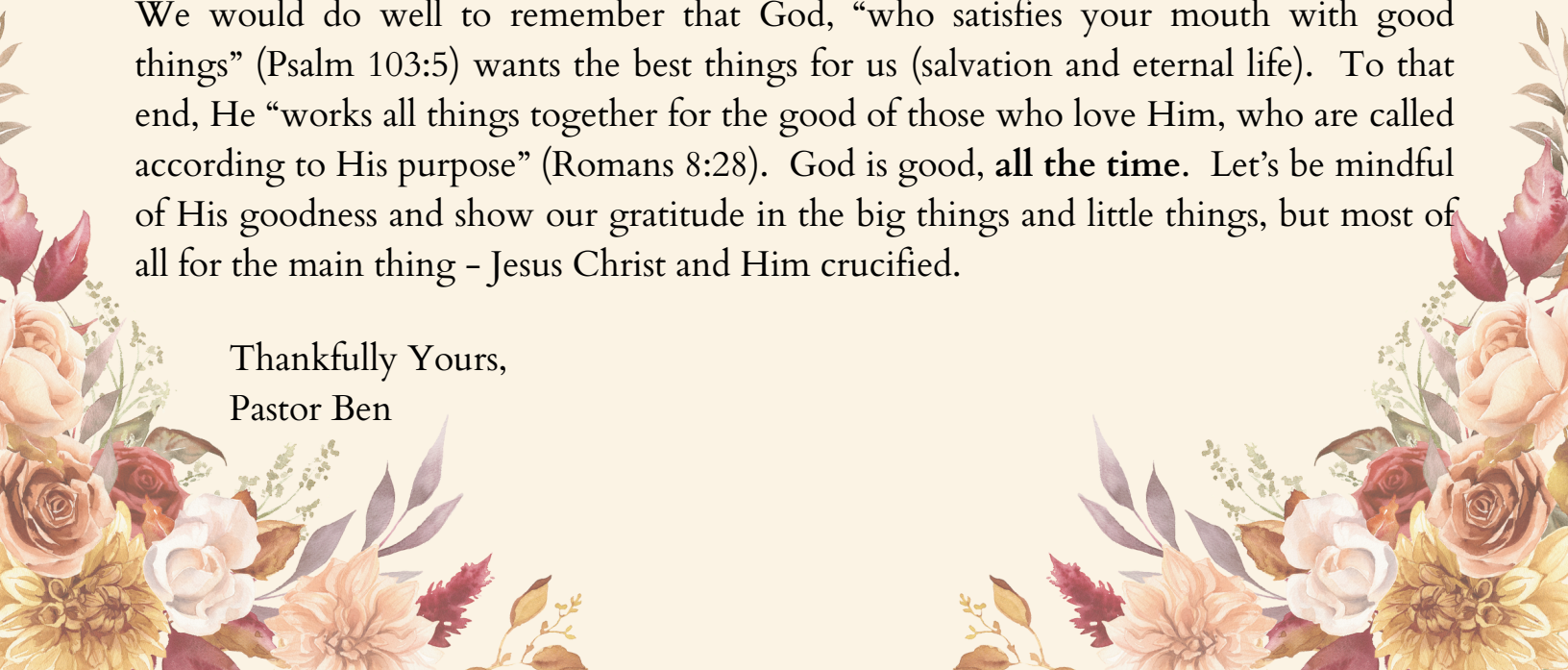


“And we know that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose.” - Romans 8:28

Pastor Skip Heitzig talks about two levels of gratitude - the “upper level” and the “lower level.” It is human nature to dwell in the “lower level” of gratitude, to think of our lives as generally neutral, interspersed with showers of God’s blessing. When we land a job we’ve been praying for, or we celebrate a wedding or anniversary or major milestone in our families’ lives. When an unexpected blessing comes our way. These are the moments we often stop to give thanks to God. It is indeed right to give thanks to God in these circumstances, but if those are the only times we stop to thank God, it reveals an impoverished view of His constant grace and goodness in our lives. If we only say “thank you, Lord!” when things are good, then it indicates that deep down our hearts are selfish, and we lack a proper perspective of all that God desires for us. In this dynamic, our view of goodness equates to our own comfort, rather than becoming like Christ.

In contrast, the “upper level” of gratitude gives thanks to God no matter the circumstances. The Apostle Paul captured this level of gratitude well in Philippians 4:11-13. He says, “for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret to being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.” Paul’s contentment was informed by his theology, not his circumstances. We would do well to remember that God, “who satisfies your mouth with good things” (Psalm 103:5) wants the best things for us (salvation and eternal life). To that end, He “works all things together for the good of those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose” (Romans 8:28). God is good, **all the time**. Let’s be mindful of His goodness and show our gratitude in the big things and little things, but most of all for the main thing - Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

Thankfully Yours,
Pastor Ben





YOU ARE INVITED TO

An Evening of Worship and Fellowship

November

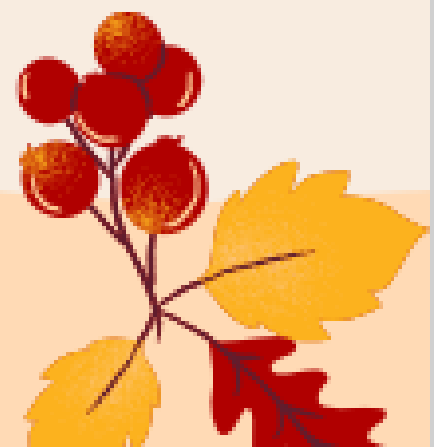
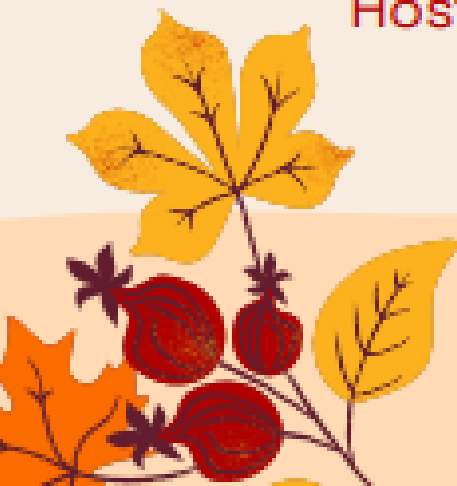
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6:00 p.m.

Pleasant View Wesleyan Church

Join us for a time of worship and fellowship as we begin the season of Thanksgiving by praising our Creator!

Hosted by the Muncy Ministerium





November Outreach – Weis Cards

Weis cards will be purchased and available for members of our church and community in need. Your generosity is appreciated!

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 12, 2023 directly following the service. The Bulletin of Reports are available on the Narthex windowsill.



Touch of Heart

Gift tags will be available on **November 17th** and will need to be returned by **December 17th**. Please take one or more.

All Saints Day: November 1, 2023

We will be remembering the loved ones that have gone before us on Sunday, November 5th during our morning service. If you have a photo of a loved one that has passed between November 1, 2022 and November 1, 2023 that you would like to be displayed please email it to us at: office@standrewlutheranmuncy.org, along with their name, or bring it into the office by November 4, 2023.



Operation Christmas Child

Labels are now available at the back of the church & the Penn Street entrance. You may either take a box or purchase a plastic shoebox. Collection date is **November 12th**.



Christmas Cookie Plates

Women of St. Andrew are meeting December 6 @ 2pm. We will be putting together cookie & candy plates for our shut ins. All donations are welcome.

Warm Accessories Tree

Parish Life Committee will be collecting hats, gloves, mittens, scarves & socks on November 26, December 3 & 10 to be donated to the Son Light House for distribution. Please help decorate our warm accessories Christmas trees!



December 17th

St. Andrew Family Christmas Day
Watch for more information on a day for Christmas Activities and Caroling for the whole family!



Happy Anniversary

November 6, 1982 - John & Leslie Houser
November 15, 1980 - John & Janet Dougherty
November 17, 1962 - Will & Lois Wertman
November 29, 2013 - Dick & Jo Langer



November 23, 2023

November 11, 2023



Happy Birthday

November 06 - Rick Sarginger
November 06 - John Houser
November 09 - John Dougherty
November 14 - Kathy Heilman
November 23 - Ginny Gruver
November 24 - Shirley Watson
November 27 - Becky Houser
November 28 - Cindy McArdle
November 28 - Aliyah Lander



November 26, 2023



Service Volunteers



Nursery

November 05 - Need Volunteer
November 12 - Hiliary Haddon
November 19 - Need Volunteer
November 26 - Need Volunteer

Lectors

November 05 - Sheila Morehart
November 12 - Steve Haddon
November 19 - John Libbey
November 26 - Larry Barnard

Greeters

November 05 - Need Greeter
November 12 - Larry & Sharon Barnard
November 19 - Need Greeter
November 26 - Need Greeter

Acolytes

November 05 - Sam Haddon
November 12 - Addison Detweiler
November 19 - Levi Lander
November 26 - Teagan Brinser

Alter Flower Delivery
Hiliary Haddon

Sunday School Teachers

November 05 - Luanne Libbey
November 12 - Terri Stermole
November 19 - Katie Lander
November 26 - Joy Barto

If you cannot serve on your specific Sunday please try and get a replacement and let the office know: 570-546-3591. If you're unable to please call and we will take care of it. Thank you!