



St. Andrew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday Mornings

Worship Service — 9:15 AM

Sunday School — 10:30 AM
For All Ages

Communion

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

St. Andrew's Net



September 2024 Newsletter

Coffee Fellowship



Before & After
services



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh faints for You...my soul clings to You; Your right hand upholds me." - Psalm 63:1a,8

David penned the words of Psalm 63 while in the wilderness of Judah fleeing for his life. Both literally and figuratively, David was in a desolate place. Yet, even in his time of wandering and great need, David says that his soul thirsts for God. Before he cries out for his physical needs to be met, he seeks the One who will satisfy his soul.

In Jesus' own time spent in the desert, the first temptation that Satan brings up is the temptation to turn stones into bread - to choose the things that only satisfy temporarily. Jesus, of course, responds to this temptation with Scripture. He says, "it is written: man shall not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." This is not to say that food and shelter and other necessities are not important; God knows they are, but He also knows that they are temporary. Rather, He desires that we would seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all those other things will be added unto us as well (Matthew 6:33).

In the words of A.W. Tozer, "we are called to an everlasting preoccupation with God." Christians are often accused of being "narrow-minded" by those whose minds are so narrow they cannot conceive of anything beyond what's temporary and fleeting. The only Christians who are narrow-minded are the ones who think that once they've found God, they no longer need to seek Him. He is to our souls a perpetual fountain in the wilderness, a stream of living water. When we dwell on His goodness, when we feast on His Word, when we abide in His presence, what we find is a satisfaction that cannot be bought or manufactured. David finds this satisfaction in verse 5: "I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise You."

The paradox of faith is that we may be fully satisfied in Christ, yet always hungering and thirsting for more of Him. Jesus said in Matthew 5:6, "blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." Perhaps another way to put it is "blessed are the unsatisfied, because they will keep searching for Me until they are filled." My prayer for each of us is that we would be a little unsatisfied. The temptation of religion is to settle for satisfaction too early; to stubbornly cling to traditions of dead men until we've sucked all the marrow out of their bones. To be sure, we owe much to those who have come before us and we should certainly honor and uphold them. But we should never be content to exchange their faith for our own. In the words of theologian Jaroslav Pelikan, "tradition is the living faith of the dead; traditionalism is the dead faith of the living." Tradition is alive and vibrant when we allow it to speak to our present context and the only way it can do that is by the living Word of God, who desires for us to have a fresh yearning for Him.

Seeking Him with you,

Pastor Ben

September Outreach- Renewal Ministries

Renewal Resource Ministries is an evangelical Christ centered ministry focused on helping individuals and congregations to grow in the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. This is done primarily through emails. To receive these devotional thoughts, articles, and booklets, send your requests to: Office@standrewlutheranmuncy.org



September Care Cards - Lucas Gruver

Our September Care Cards will be going to Lucas Gruver. As most of you know, Lucas shipped out last month for Basic/OSUT training. Please help us show Lucas how much we are missing him and let him know that he is in our thoughts and prayers! You can give your cards to the office and we will send them to him! Thank you!

Life Chain

The 33rd Lycoming County Life Chain will take place on Sunday, October 6th from 2:30-3:30pm on the Golden Strip in Williamsport. Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans in remembrance of 60 million lives lost to abortion, praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations and for an end to abortion. For more details, or if you would like to participate, please see Larry & Sharon Barnard





Chancel Choir News

CHANCEL CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to His Holy Name! (Psalm 92:1) The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 11, at 7:00 PM. Welcome back to our veteran members, and new voices are always welcome in this fun-loving group of singers! Perfect attendance is not required. Please prayerfully consider giving your time and talents in musical praise to our Lord and Savior! Any questions, see Joy.

Thank You!

St. Andrew Evangelical Lutheran Church Bible school children,
Thank you for donating the Jared boxes to our Emergency Room for the children here at Muncy. They were greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,
Geisinger Medical Center Muncy



TIME to
STUDY

Adult Sunday School

Have you ever thought you'd like to know more about a Bible passage? Do you have a child of Sunday School age, but don't have time to run home, then return for him/her? Please consider joining the adult Sunday School class after the church service as we visit where the Bible passage(s) occurred and learn together.

Each video lesson is self-contained. There's no preparation before class and no homework. The discussion following the video is friendly and non-threatening. Why don't you pour yourself a cup of coffee or tea and join us in the Chapel.

Sunday School isn't just for kids!

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Kingdom Kidz

Mark your calendars for

September 8th,

immediately following the

worship service for a

special presentation from

Kingdom Kidz to kick off

our Sunday School year!

ST. ANDREW
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LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRESENTS:



Kingdom Kidz In

KINGDOM KIDS INC.

EDUCATION THROUGH PUPPETRY

 **Sunday, September
08, 2024**

 **10:45 a.m.**
following worship service

 **St. Andrew Lutheran Church
Social Hall**
201 S. Main St. Muncy, PA 17756

Join us for an
exciting program full
of fun, inspiration &
music for the whole
family put on by our
new puppet friends!

**ALL AGES
WELCOME**

Soup & Sandwich Lunch



Parish Life Committee will be having a soup & sandwich lunch

on Sunday, September 8th, following the Kingdom Kidz

Program (approximately 11:30am). There is a sign-up available so

we know how many people to prepare for.





Men's & Women's Monthly Bible Study



We hope you've enjoyed your summer and are eager to resume the Saturday morning Bible study/fellowship time. Please join us whether or not you've had an opportunity to open your workbook or read a related Bible passage.

Seamless, with Angie Smith, women's study: Saturday, September 7th, 8:00 a.m.

Daniel, men's study: Saturday, September 21st, 8:00 a.m.

Small Group Bible Study

Our Thursday Small Group Bible Study will resume on September 5th at 2:30p.m. in the Parish Hall on a bi-weekly basis! All are invited to join us!

Small Group Bible Study Dates

September 05

September 19th

LET THE
Word
OF
Christ
DWELL IN YOU
Richly.
COLOSSIANS 3:16

Fall Bible Study

Pastor Ben will be leading a Fall Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 6p.m. in the Chapel. The study will run from October 16th until November 6th. Look for more information in the October Newsletter!

We hope you can join us!

September Birthdays



September 02 - Casey Merk
September 05 - Joe Cardinale
September 05 - Diane Campbell
September 05 - Jared Stermole
September 07 - Becky Hibschoen
September 08 - Sarah Alexander
September 08 - Benjamin Johnson
September 12 - Tange Berger
September 14 - Jennifer Johnson

September 14 - James Muffley
September 16 - Charles Miller
September 17 - Cathy Johnson
September 18 - Will (Paul) Wertman
September 18 - Frances Worthington
September 21 - Alex Myers
September 25 - Spencer Myers
September 27 - Orianne Marrel

September 02, 2024



HELLO
September

September Anniversaries

September 02 - Richard & Judy Van Buskirk
September 04 - Ken & Connie Miller
September 05 - Terry & Julie Roller
September 07 - Philip & Kay Myers
September 20 - Joe & Sharon Cardinale
September 21 - Richard & Michele Styer
September 26 - Calvin & Janet Myers



SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS



Communion Assistant

September 01: Julie Souter

Alter Flower Delivery

Ginny Gruver

Greeters

September 01: Jerry Watson

September 08: Tom & Dee Knight

September 15: Joe & Sharon Cardinale

September 22: Larry & Sharon Barnard

September 29: Need Greeter

Acolyte

September 01: Teagan Brinser

September 08: Levi Lander

September 15: Lila Styer

September 22: Sam Haddon

September 29: Gina Styer

Lector

September 01: Shiela Morehart

September 08: Barron Zimmers

September 15: Larry Barnard

September 22: Steve Haddon

September 29: Erik Houser

We are always in need of
volunteers:

Greeters, Sunday School
Teachers, Nursery Workers,
Bulletin & Newsletter Sponsors
Please contact the office if
you can volunteer!

Serving Others & Serving
Christ!



If you can't 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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