

# April 2025 Newsletter

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## *Sunday Mornings*

*Worship @ 9:15a.m.*

*Coffee Time*

*before and after service*

*Sunday School @ 10:30a.m.*

*(For all Ages)*

## *Communion*

*First Sunday of every*

*month and*

*special Sundays*

*throughout the year!*





# From the Pastor's Desk

*“As the women bowed their faces to the ground in terror, the two men asked them, ‘why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you while He was still in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’” Luke 24:5-7*

He is risen! He is risen indeed! That is the joyful proclamation we look forward to every Easter season. Of course, Jesus doesn't actually die and rise again each year; His death and resurrection was a once-for-all sufficient sacrifice. However, Easter is a time of celebration for those of us who trust in Jesus Christ and believe in His resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus was unlike any other event in human history. Not simply because Jesus died and came back to life; others had done that before and after Him. Elijah raised a Shunammite's son to life (2 Kings 4), Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11), Peter raised Tabitha (Acts 9) and Paul raised Eutychus (Acts 20). The uniqueness of Jesus' resurrection rests on three facts of Easter:

1.) **Jesus was raised by His own power!** Every other person who was raised to life could not do so by themselves. Indeed, every resurrection (including Jesus') was made possible by the Spirit of God who gives life. John 6:63 states, “it is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all.” However, since the Son and the Father are One (John 10:30), it can be said that the Spirit of God which proceeds from the Father also proceeds from the Son. Therefore, it is by His own Spirit that He was raised. Moreover, Jesus predicted His own death and resurrection (Luke 24:7), revealing that all of the events surrounding Easter were divinely orchestrated. Jesus knew what He was doing all along.

2.) **Jesus defeated death permanently!** Every other person who was raised to life eventually died again. These were done as signs that point us to the ultimate resurrection. Jesus not only raised to life, but He continues to live to this day! As Romans 6:9 states, “For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.” Jesus will never die again. And if we place our faith in Him, neither will we.

3.) **Jesus' death and resurrection secures for us eternal life!** The same Holy Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in every believer, and because of that we can have confidence that we will have eternal life. “For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.” (Romans 6:5).

These facts of the resurrection are as true as all the rest of God's Word, and if God said it, we can be sure of it as well. This is the good news that we stake our hope in – not just for this life, but for all of eternity. It is the greatest truth of all: He is risen!

God's peace and resurrection power be with you this Easter season,  
Pastor Ben



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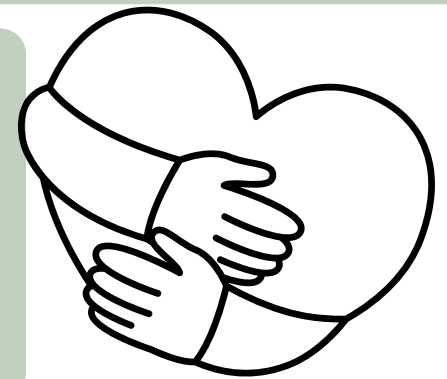
## *April Outreach*

SON works in former communist countries where Christianity was outlawed and punishable by imprisonment, exile or death. In many cases, the persecution lasted for several generations. Once the ideologies of communism took hold they undermined both, family values and the belief in any power other than the government. Over time, Christianity was all but eradicated, leaving no older generation (no grandmas, grandpas, mothers, or fathers) to share their Faith with subsequent generations.

### *April Care Cards - Jim & Jonnie Stahl*

Our April Care Cards will be going to Jim & Jonnie Stahl. 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 and we will mail them out for you! Thank you!



### *Easter Baskets*

The Women of St Andrew will be assembling Easter Baskets for our shut-ins on April 8, 2025 @ 2pm in the Parish Hall. All donations are welcome.

### *Monthly Bible Studies*

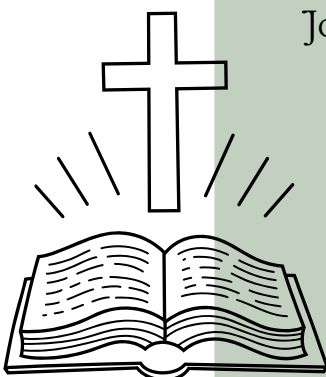
Join us for a monthly men's or women's bible study and breakfast!

Women's Bible Study:

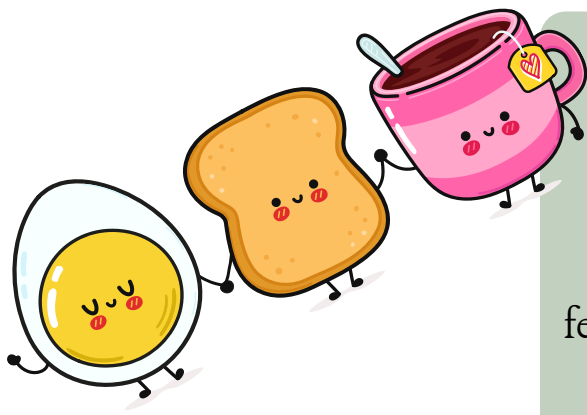
April 5th, 2025 from 8-9am

Men's Bible Study:

April 12th from 8-9am







## Rise and Dine

Parish Life will be hosting a "Rise & Dine Breakfast" on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 8am. Please consider joining us for this time of food and fellowship before our Sunday service. If interested in attending, please sign up in the narthex or contact the church office. We hope to see you there!

## Spring Rummage Sale

Our bi-annual Rummage Sale will be held on April 25th (8am-3pm) & April 26th (8am-11am). Please place donations on the appropriate tables.



## New Members

We are so blessed to have welcomed 3 new members into our St. Andrew Family last month!

Sherm & Cindy Hamm  
and  
Deborah Lucas



WELCOME



## Baby Shirk

We rejoice with Darrin & Janelle as they welcomed their daughter, Joanna, into the world in March! Join us in praying for these new parents and this wonderful little gift from God.



## 2025 Easter Trunk Hop

Join us on April 13th at 3pm for our second annual

Trunk Hop! We are asking you to consider decorating your vehicle in an Easter theme and joining us for a time of laughter and the fun of sharing the love of Christ. We are looking for donations of wrapped candy and snacks. Any donations are greatly appreciated and may be placed in the church library. Thank you!



### Matthew 19:14

“Let the little children come to me.”



ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

-TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN-

# EASTER TRUNK HOP

TRUNK OR TREAT STYLE

APRIL 13  
2025

3:00  
p.m.

201 S. MAIN STREET  
MUNCY, PA 17756

### Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday: (April 13<sup>th</sup>)

\* Worship @ 9:15 am

\* Trunk Hop @ 3pm

Maundy Thursday: (April 17<sup>th</sup>)

\* Worship @ 7:00 pm

Good Friday: (April 18<sup>th</sup>)

\* Community Worship @ 1pm

\* Tenebrae Worship @ 7:00pm

Easter Sunday: (April 20<sup>th</sup>)

\* Sunrise Service @ 6:15 am

\* Continental Breakfast @ 8:00 am

\* Worship @ 9:15 am



*Hello  
April*



## *April Birthdays*

April 01 - Lou Ann Shoup

April 04 - John Libbey

April 08 - Phil Myers

April 13 - Levi Lander

April 19 - Linda Moyer

April 22 - Sheila Morehart

April 25 - Emma Hogan

April 28 - Larry Barnard

April 28 - Hiliary Haddon

April 28 - Kay Myers



## *April Anniversaries*

April 30, 1994 - Kelly & Wendy Griggs

HELLO  
SPRING

APRIL  
FOOL'S  
DAY  
April 01, 2025

*April 13, 2025*



## *Greeters*

April 6 - Need Greeter

April 13 - Joe & Sharon Cardinale  
Palm Sunday

April 17 - Need Greeter  
Maundy Thursday

April 18 - Linda Moyer  
Good Friday

April 20 - Troy & Ellen Detweiler  
Easter Sunday

April 27 - Need Greeter

## *Worship Assistant*

April 6 - Dick Gruver

April 17 - Troy Detweiler  
Maundy Thursday

April 20 - Troy Detweiler  
Easter Sunday

## *Altar Guild*

Joy Barto

## *Altar Flower Delivery*

Sue Sarginger

## *Acolyte*

April 6 - Gina Styer

April 13 - Sam Haddon  
Palm Sunday

April 17 - Levi Lander  
Maundy Thursday

April 18 - Lila Styer  
Good Friday

April 20 - Sam Haddon  
Easter Sunday

April 27 - Teagan Brinser

## *Lector*

April 6 - Sheila Morehart

April 13 - Hilary Haddon  
Palm Sunday

April 17 - Larry Barnard  
Maundy Thursday

April 20 - Amy Brinser  
Easter Sunday

April 27 - Michele Styer

## *Sunday School Teachers*

April 6 - Terri Stermole

April 13 - No Sunday School  
Palm Sunday

April 20 - No Sunday School  
Easter Sunday

April 27 - Luanne Libbey

If you are unable to serve on your Sunday, please try to find a replacement. If you are unable to, please let the office know and we will take care of it. Thank you!

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