



*St. Andrew's Net*

*May 2026 Newsletter*

St. Andrew Evangelical Lutheran Church

Pastor Ben Lander

201 South Main Street

Muncy, PA 17756

*Sunday Mornings*

Worship :

with Children's Program

9:15 am

Communion

on the first

Sunday

of every month

&

Special Sundays

throughout the

year.

Sunday School:

Adult & Youth

10:30 am



# *From the Secretary's Desk*

## Hosea 10:12

“Sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, until he comes and showers his righteousness on you.”

If you are anything like my family, as Spring approaches we begin to work outside and join with nature to bring about new life! This isn't always easy work though, in fact, often the opposite. Preparing for new growth often means cleaning up, pulling weeds, clearing debris left from Fall and Winter and tilling the ground to make it soft and new for crops and flowers.

As we prepare to bring new life outside our homes we are reminded to prepare our hearts for new growth in this new season. We see this in Hosea 10:12; *“...break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord...”* Our unplowed ground, the hard, crusted earth of our hearts is often the cause of unforgiveness. Maybe it is unresolved hurt from a family member or friend, a situation at work or church, or even a battle with your own sin. When we cling to these things and don't work on forgiving, seeds of bitterness harden our hearts and we are unable to grow.

But the good news is that we can work on forgiveness! Forgiveness gives way to freedom! Forgiveness does for our hearts what tilling does for the ground. True repentance digs deep down and turns over every hard spot in a sinful and hurting heart. This allows new and fresh ground for seeds to be planted. When we plant those seeds of righteousness on fresh ground and water them with the Word of God, prayer, fellowship and seeking Him, new fruit will grow and we can be a better witness to the world for the Kingdom!

Repentance is hard, complicated and tedious work, just like tilling the ground and preparing it for Spring, but this is where new life grows! Pray today that God will reveal the unrepentant and darkest, driest parts of your heart and soul. Allow Him to help you do the work and bring about new growth and fruit in your life so that we can live for Him and His glory. Amen!

Growing Together in Christ,

Katie Lander



## May Outreach - Expectations Women's Center

This center empowers women with fact and evidence based education so they can make informed decisions about relationships, pregnancy, abortion, adoption and parenting. All of their services are free of charge.

Lewisburg: 570-523-8240 & Williamsport: 570-321-8240

expectations  
WOMEN'S CENTER

## May Care Cards - Frances Worthington

Our May Care Cards will be going to Frances Worthington. We have cards available in the Narthex or you can bring your own. Please sign them with a thoughtful message or encouraging note and mail them out. You can also drop them off at the office and we will mail them for you!

Thank you!

## Mother's Day Men's Choir

Attention all guys; young and not so young! Come out and sing for our ladies on May 10<sup>th</sup>. A rehearsal will be held at 9am before service! Let's fill the choir loft!



## West Branch Chorale

The West Branch Chorale proudly presents Songs of Home & Travel for our Spring concerts. This season, we've added some special music and special guests to our concerts.

Saturday, May 2, 6 pm at Pine Street Methodist Church in Williamsport.  
And Sunday, May 3, 3pm at Pleasant View Wesleyan Church in Muncy.

Hope to see you there!

## Thank You

Thank you to all who donated candy for the Easter Trunk Hop. Your generosity helped make this event special for the children and their families who attended!

## Thank You

Thank you one and all for your prayers, food, flowers, cards and concerns during the loss of our son-in-law, Jason Frederick Lewis.. Thank you Pastor Ben and Jerry for ALL your help. Yes, it was Holy Week, but we needed a church for his funeral and closure. St. Andrew graciously said yes. Thank you and God Bless. Lou Ann, Walt & Natalie

## Ronald McDonald Meal - May 7<sup>th</sup>

The Parish Life Committee will be providing a meal to the Ronald McDonald House in support for families during a time of need. If you are able to help please let the office know. Thank you!



## National Day of Prayer - May 7<sup>th</sup>

We will have an Open Sanctuary on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm. Please come as your schedule allows and join us in prayer for your personal needs, as well as, prayer for our local community, our state, our nation and the world!



## Rise & Dine Breakfast - May 10<sup>th</sup>

Parish Life will be hosting a "Rise & Dine Breakfast" at 8am on Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Happy  
Mother's  
Day



May 10, 2026

### God Is:

God is love

God is just.

God is all-knowing.

God is everywhere.

God is all-powerful.

God is faithful.

When doubts arise or circumstances shake you, return to these truths, all of which are solid and unchanging.



## Hot Dog Giveaway

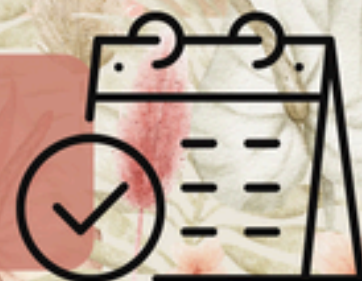
Join us for our annual Memorial Day Hot Dog Giveaway & Parade on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>! Parish Life will be on church grounds providing a hot dog and drink to those interested!

We hope to see you there!

## Save the Dates

Friday: 7/10/2026 - Outdoor Family Movie Night

Sunday: 8/09/2026 - Church Picnic at Keiss Park



## Small Group Bible Study

Our Small Group Bible Study will meet in May and then take a break over the summer! We would love to have you join us for the month of May or start up with us this coming Fall.

Keep an eye out for more information in our Summer Newsletters.

May Meeting Dates:

Thursday, May 14

Thursday, May 28

We meet in the Parish Hall Classroom at 2:30 p.m.

May 25, 2026



## Adult Sunday School

The adult Sunday School class is beginning a study of the Gospel of Matthew. All adults are welcome!

## Monthly Bible Studies

Join us for our monthly men's and women's once-a-month bible studies and breakfast!

Women's Bible Study: May 02<sup>nd</sup> @ 8 a.m.

Jennifer Rothschild's *Heaven*

Men's Bible Study: May 09 @ 8 a.m.

Titus

Both studies will not meet during summer months, they will resume in September

## 2026 Graduates

Please let our office know if you have a 2026 high school or college graduate! We are having a graduate recognition on June 7<sup>th</sup> and would love to have them here with us! Please provide the office with a name, graduating school and the next step in their journey by May 24<sup>th</sup>!

Thank you!



## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is always an exciting time at St. Andrew and is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> this year! Volunteers are needed. If you would love to join in the fun, please contact Kathy Heilman (kiheilman@comcast.net or 570-546-2126)



# May Birthdays

May 06 - Ryan Moore

May 09 - Jim Houser

May 10 - Jim Stahl

May 19 - Dee Knight

May 20 - Julian Marrel

May 24 - Rudy Moyer

May 26 - Dean Barto



*Ground Breaking Ceremony*



# May Anniversaries

May 03, 2014 - Erik & Chelsie Houser

May 24, 1969 - Tom & Dee Knight

May 24, 1999 - Steve & Hiliary Haddon



*Sunrise Service*



*Easter Breakfast*



*Easter Worship*



*Easter Worship*





# *Kids Korner*

## *Coffee Filter Butterfly*



### **Materials**

- White Coffee Filters
- Washable Markers
- Spray Bottle with Water
- Pipe Cleaner

### **Instructions**

1. Color the coffee filters in any pattern you would like.
2. Mist coffee filter with water and watch the colors bleed together in the most colorful way.
3. Let dry.
4. Once dry, pinch the middle and twist a pipe cleaner around to form the body and antennae.

### **I Am A New Creation**

*"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;  
the old has gone, the new has come"*

*1. Color the coffee filter in any pattern you would like. 2 Corinthians 5:17*

A butterfly egg becomes a caterpillar. The caterpillar spins a cocoon, then emerges from it as a butterfly that delights us with its flight and beautiful colors. The transformed life of the butterfly reminds us that we have Jesus in our hearts. God makes us a new creation in *form, yet not in substance*. His sight!



# *Kids Korner*

## *Egg Carton Poppies & A Prayer*

### **Materials**

- Cardboard Egg Cartons
- Red & Black Paint
- Green Pipe Cleaner
- Small piece of paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pen/Pencil
- Ribbon/Yarn

### **Instructions**

1. Cut out individual egg cups and trim the edges to look like petals.
2. Paint them bright red and add a black center.
3. Once dry, glue them onto green pipe cleaners (stem).
4. Create a wreath or small bouquet.
5. Write out prayer & tie to wreath/bouquet.
6. Pray the prayer together

### **Prayer**

Dear Lord, on this Memorial Day, we lift up our hearts in gratitude for the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. We thank You for their courage and sacrifice. We pray for their families, that You may comfort them and bring them peace. Help us to never take our freedom for granted and to live in a way that honors their memory.

Amen.

# Quiz Zone

## Answers to April's Quiz

1. False (Two criminals were crucified with Jesus) - Mark 15:22, 27
2. True - Mark 16:18
3. False (Seven demons were cast out) - Mark 16:9
4. True - Mark 16:9
5. True - Mark 3:17
6. True - Mark 6:56
7. True - Matthew 1:18-21
8. False (It means "God with us") - Matthew 1:23
9. True - Matthew 1:3-17
10. True - Matthew 12:33
11. False (He used five loaves of bread) - Matthew 14:15-21
12. False (Peter walked on water) - Matthew 14:28-31
13. False (She plotted the death of John the Baptist) -  
Matthew 14:3-8
14. False (He sent Peter) - Matthew 17:24-27
15. False (A star led them) - Matthew 2:1-9
16. False (they were in the east) - Matthew 2:7-9
17. True - Matthew 21:14
18. True - Matthew 21:1-9
19. True - Matthew 24:3
20. True - Matthew 24-25

# *Quiz Zone - May's Quiz*

## **Answer's in June's Newsletter**

1. What creature did the ten spies compare themselves to when comparing themselves to the inhabitants of the land of Canaan?
2. Who was the father of Abraham?
3. What animal skins that were dyed red were used as offerings to help make the tabernacle?
4. After Pilate could find no guilt in Jesus, why did the Jews say that Jesus should die?
5. How were Joseph and Mary warned that someone wanted to kill the baby Jesus?
6. To whom was Paul writing when he wrote, "I will receive you. And I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty?"
7. How did the sailors learn that Jonah was responsible for the storm?
8. In a parable told by Jesus, what two men went up to the temple to pray?
9. What part of King Asa's body was diseased?
10. What servant had his ear cut off during Jesus' arrest?
11. In what Jewish month is the Passover?
12. Paul and Silas were imprisoned in what city during their second missionary journey?
13. What did Samson carry to the top of the hill overlooking Hebron?
14. What priest anointed Solomon?
15. Whom did Daniel see sitting on a throne in his vision of the four beasts?
16. How many sons did Gideon have?
17. What is the shortest book in the Old Testament?
18. Whose house did Paul enter in Caesarea?
19. The Ethiopian eunuch held what office under Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians?
20. According to Matthew, what was the first of the Beatitudes of the Sermon on the Mount?

# May Volunteers



## Greeters

May 03: Jerry Watson  
May 10: Larry & Sharon Barnard  
May 17: Luanne Libbey  
May 27: Need Greeter  
May 31: Need Greeter

## Communion Assistant

May 03: Adam Ridgdell  
May 24: Walt Gross  
May 31: Need Assistant



## Altar Guild

Julie Roller

## Altar Flower Delivery

Joy Barto



## Acolytes

May 03: Levi Lander  
May 10: Gina Styer  
May 17: Lila Styer  
May 27: Levi Lander  
May 31: Teagan Brinser

## Lectors



May 03: Sheila Morehart  
May 10: Terri & Penny Stermole  
May 17: Hiliary Haddon  
May 27: Larry Barnard  
May 31: Amy Brinser

## Shine Time Teachers



May 03: Sue Sarginger & Luanne Libbey  
May 10: Joy Barto & Sharon Cardinale  
May 17: Hiliary Haddon & Katie Lander  
May 27: Karen Krum & Tracy Drebelbis  
May 31: Amy Brinser & Luanne Libbey

LET *the*  
LITTLE  
CHILDREN  
COME  
to ME  
MATTHEW 19:14