

St. Andrew's Net
July 2024 Newsletter



ST. ANDREW
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Mornings

WORSHIP SERVICE: 9:15AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:30AM

*Communion: First Sunday of the Month and
special Sundays throughout the year!*

Coffee Fellowship before & after service!



From the Pastor's Desk

On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was ratified and signed by the members of the first Continental Congress. Two-hundred and forty-eight years later, we still celebrate that day as the birthday of our great nation. Of the things our country is known for, freedom is probably the word most associated with America. We celebrate many freedoms, and we are so grateful to those throughout the years who have fought and even died defending our God-given liberty.

But what good is freedom if it is not exercised? Essentially, a freedom declined is a freedom forfeit. If enough people were to decline enough of their freedoms, we would be left with a form of self-imposed tyranny, blown by the ever-changing winds of cultural opinion. That may sound sensational, but I don't think we need to strain our imaginations very hard to envision such a world of pseudo-freedoms.

As Christians in America, we have the blessing to enjoy many freedoms that our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ around the globe simply do not. Yet, in our complacency, so often we decline the exercise of these freedoms. If we are not careful, we run the risk of forfeiting that which we take for granted. I want to leave you with this poem that sums it up well!

Praying that you have a wonderful summer, full of the joy of knowing the ultimate freedom in Christ!

Freely yours,
Pastor Ben

An Independence Day Prayer

By: Margaret Cagle

Lord, on July fourth we'll celebrate Independence Day in our nation.
You gave us the truth to set us free. You sent Jesus to die for our salvation.

We thank you for the precious freedom that we have in our nation today.
We know this country's not perfect, but we honor our nation, the USA.

We thank you for the Founding Fathers, who for freedom took a brave stand.
Many placed their very lives in peril to start a free country in a new land.

I thank you for the brave soldiers, who gave their lives to keep us free.
They gave their ultimate sacrifice, for freedom for Americans like me.

As we shoot fireworks and celebrate with patriotic concerts and parades,
We thank you for all your blessings and your great love that never fades.

As we gather with our loved ones, for picnics and barbecues and fun,
We want to thank you for everything, especially for sending your only Son!



July Outreach- Tunnel to Towers Foundation

The mission of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation is to honor the sacrifice of firefighter Stephen Siller who laid down his life to save others on September 11, 2001. We also honor our military and first responders who continue to make the supreme sacrifice of life and limb for our country. Since 9/11 we have been helping America's heroes by providing mortgage-free homes to Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children and by building specially-adapted smart homes for catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. We are also committed to eradicating veteran homelessness and helping America to Never Forget September 11, 2001.



Thank You!

Thank you to all those who volunteered their time to make Vacation Bible School a memorable time for the 18-20 wonderful children who attended: those who helped set up and tear down the props, provide the skits, the artwork, the music, the games, the crafts, the snacks, as well as assistance wherever and whenever you were needed. Also, a special thanks to the parents, grandparents, and family members who dropped off and picked up their children so they could learn about Jesus, who lived in the village of Nazareth when He was a young boy.

St. Andrew is a congregation willing to share the love of Christ by using their God-given gifts! We are indeed blessed

July Care Cards

Our July care cards will be going to Bill Ritter. 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!



Parish Life Committee

During July, the Parish Life Committee will be collecting back to school items for the Son-Light House. Backpacks, school supplies, cereal, peanut butter & jelly, & individually wrapped snacks! Thank you for your donations!



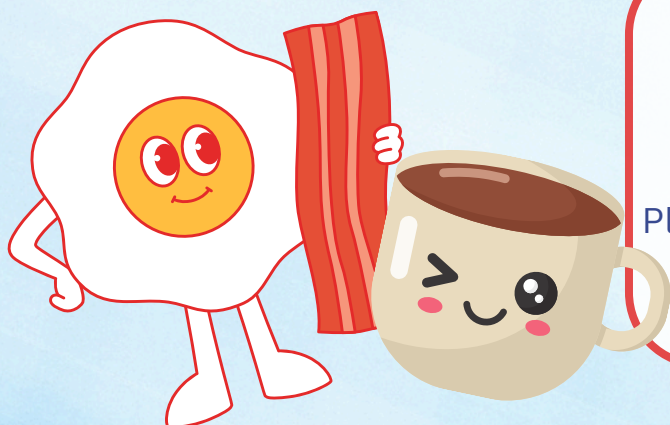
Outdoor Movie Night

Friday, July 05, 2024

Games & Ice Cream will begin at 8 p.m.

Movie will begin around 9 p.m.

Popcorn, Candy, & Beverages Provided!



Joe & Walt Breakfast

Join us on August 4th at 8:00 a.m. for a wonderful breakfast before church!

Please sign up in the Narthex anytime after July 14th!

The menu is to be determined.

Annual Church Picnic - August 11, 2024

Location: Kiess Park - Large Pavilion

Join us at 3 p.m. for a time of fellowship and food.

Dinner will begin at 5 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share & your place settings.

Beverages, hot dogs & hamburgers will be provided.

A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex on July 14th.

Please indicate how many hot dogs and/or hamburgers will be needed for your family.

Inclimate Weather Location: Church Parish Hall



Summer Music Specials

Joy is on the look-out for anyone interested in singing or playing music this summer. St. Andrew is gifted with so much talent! It is always greatly appreciated. Please see Joy for open dates! Thank you!



Birth Announcement

Please rejoice with us in the birth of Ziva Caitlynn Moore.
Ziva was born on June 11, 2024 at 11:11 p.m.
Both Courtney and Ziva are doing well!

Birthdays

July 01 - Sharon Cardinale

July 02 - Audrey Johnson

July 02 - Sara Styer

July 03 - Caleb Lander

July 03 - Katie Lander

July 03 - Ruth Lundy

July 08 - Nora Styer

July 16 - Owen Stermole

July 14 - Barbara Wood

July 20 - Lila Styer

July 23 - Chelsie Houser

July 25 - Gary Heivly Sr.

Happy Birthday





July Volunteers

Acolyte

July 07 - Levi Lander

July 14 - Sam Haddon

July 21 - Gina Styer

July 28 - Lila Styer

Communion Assistant

July 07 - Michelle Styer

Lector

July 07 - Sheila Morehart

July 14 - John Libbey

July 21 - Kay Myers

July 28 - Erik Houser

Greeter

July 07 - Need Greeter

July 14 - John & Luanne Libbey

July 21 - Walt & Lou Ann

July 28 - Need Greeter

Altar Flower Delivery

Karen Krum

If you are unable to serve on your Sunday, please try to find a replacement. If you are not able to, please let the office know and we will take care of it. Thank You!

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