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Sunday Mornings

Worship @ 9:15am

Sunday School @ 10:30am

Coffee time before and after service

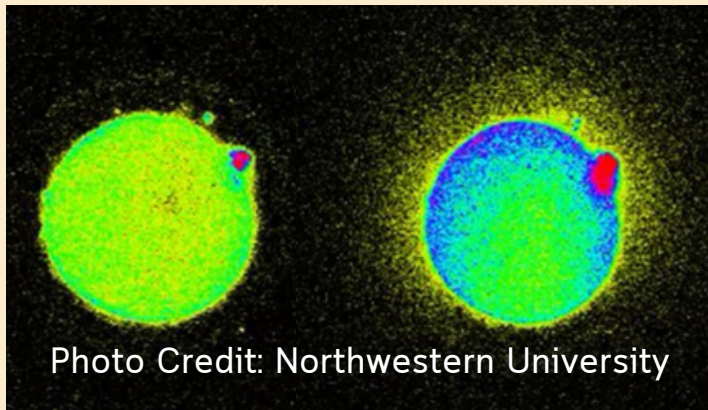
Communion on the first Sunday of the month
and special days throughout the year!

St Andrew's Net : June 2025 Newsletter

From The Pastor's Desk

"In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." - John 1:4-5

As a self-proclaimed nerd, I am always excited to learn new and interesting things, especially when those things help me better understand in some small way the incredible world that God has created. Recently, I came across two separate articles which were unconnected, yet in my opinion, related. Each of these articles talked about new discoveries relating to humans and light. One article talked about the "spark of light" emitted by a newly fertilized egg at the moment of conception (see photo below). This is due to millions of zinc atoms being released by the egg as it is fertilized. Using fluorescent sensors to track zinc movement in live cells, scientists were able to witness and record the "spark of life" for the first time. Researchers are hopeful that this data can provide a non-invasive metric to measure the viability of specific human embryos.



The second article I came across spoke about the recent discovery of a phenomenon called "ultraweak photon emission." Essentially, what that refers to is a field of super-dim photons (light particles) that surround all living things. These light particles are a by-product of the biochemical reactions that occur in the metabolic process of living organisms and are imperceptible to the naked eye. However, researchers again have just recently

discovered a way to measure and track this phenomenon. The hope for this discovery is to obtain real-time data of tissue that is not metabolizing properly, indicating that a particular organ or area of the body is undergoing stress, perhaps leading to early diagnosis of certain diseases.

While reading both of these articles, I was reminded of John 1:4 - "In Him was life and that life was the light of all mankind." In a very real and also literal (as we are discovering) way, the breath of God that gives us *life* also gives us *light*. The trouble is that many people's light remains hidden, or even intentionally suppressed. Have you ever met someone who just had a "glow" about them? They had a "spark" to their life; they weren't just trying to get by, their joy and zest for life was evident and contagious. That's the kind of light that Jesus brings into our lives. The joy of salvation is a brightly burning flame that no darkness can overcome. As followers of Christ, it is our call and our privilege to "let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Our "glow" is much more than a biochemical reaction; it is the fire of the Holy Spirit which motivates us to be the radiating hands and feet of Christ in this dark world. Like the song we sing to our children, I pray that each of us would determine to say, "this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!" Like a stained-glass window, when we allow God's light to shine through us it creates a beautiful display that is both a testament to His craftsmanship in us and a dazzling invitation to come and see the One who is the source of our light.

Shining the light,
Pastor Ben



June Outreach - Faith Comes By Hearing

Faith Comes By Hearing is an international non-profit organization that records and freely provides the Bible in languages of the world. By partnering with like-minded ministries, we are able to share God's Word and engage the last, least, and forgotten like never before!



June Care Cards

Our June Care Cards will go to Mary Lou Houseknecht. We have cards available in the Narthex or you can bring your own. Please sign them with an encouraging note or thoughtful message, give them to the office and we will mail them out for you! Thank you!



Old Immanuel Church Service

The public is invited to attend the Old Immanuel Memorial Service on Sunday, June 08 at 2:30p.m. Pastor Carol Johnson from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Williamsport, will be preaching. Light refreshments will be served after the service and the Lycoming Chapter of the DAR will be dedicating plaques marking the graves of some of the Revolutionary Patriots buried in the cemetery. Please note that the church does not have running water or electricity.





"SHinE Time"

Beginning June 15th, our Children's Ministry Program will be meeting during the service for "SHinE Time" in lieu of Sunday School after service. Children will leave right after the children's message for a time of age based learning and fun and return after the adult sermon. Ages Pre-K to 10 years are welcome!

SUNDAY

Vacation Bible School 2025

VBS is scheduled for July 7-11 this year, registration is open on our website:

<https://standrewlutheranmuncy.org/>
or you can scan the QR code in the image to the right. It is always a rewarding, fun time for everyone!
We are looking for volunteers. If you have questions, please contact
Kathy Heilman (570)-546-2126,
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St. Andrew Lutheran
Church invites you to:



VBS 2025

July 7th-11th
6:30-8:00 PM



REGISTER
← HERE

or online at

www.standrewlutheranmuncy.org

Summer Break

Our Small Group Bible Study and Men's & Women's monthly Bible studies will be taking a break for the summer and will resume in September. Please keep an eye out for details in our August Newsletter





Father's Day Ladies Choir

All ladies, including our kids & youth, are welcome to sing a special anthem on Father's Day, June 15th. A rehearsal will be held prior to the service at 9:00am. Please join us and help us fill the choir loft!

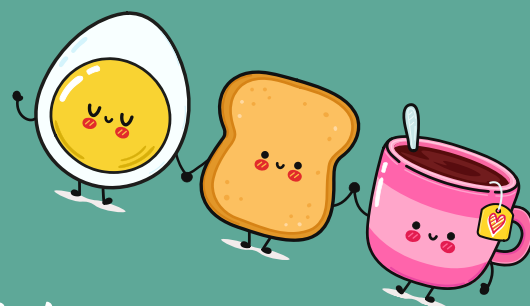


Summer Music Specials

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

Rise & Dine

Join us for a fellowship breakfast on June 29th at 8am before service!



Outdoor Movie Night

When: July 13, 2025

Where: St. Andrew Parking Lot

Time & Movie: TBD



Birthdays

June 04 - Dick Gruver
June 04 - Michael Hogan
June 04 - Seth Roller
June 05 - Pretta Hose
June 11 - Christopher Johnson
June 14 - Barron Zimmers
June 20 - Martha Miller
June 21 - Adam Hogan
June 23 - Addison Detweiler
June 25 - Jonnie Stahl
June 26 - Doris Poust
June 27 - Janet Dougherty
June 29 - Darlene Waldron
June 30 - Tom Knight



Anniversaries

June 04, 2011 - Jared & Terri Stermole
June 07, 1980 - Larry & Sharon Barnard
June 14, 1980 - Rick & Sue Sarginger
June 16, 1973 - Dick & Ginny Gruver
June 25, 2011 - Pastor Ben & Katie Lander

Let's Celebrate



VOLUNTEERS



Altar Guild

Julie Roller

Lectors

June 01 - Sheila Morehart

June 08 - Larry Barnard

June 15 - Pastor Ben & Levi Lander

June 22 - Amy Brinser

June 29 - Steve Haddon

Sunday School Teachers

June 01 - Kay Myers

June 08 - Luanne Libbey

June 15 - Darlene Waldron

June 22 - Terri Stermole

June 29 - Stacie Kilgore

Acolytes

June 01 - Teagan Brinser

June 08 - Sam Haddon

June 15 - Gina Styer

June 22 - Lila Styer

June 29 - Levi Lander

Greeters

June 01 - Need Greeter

June 08 - Larry & Sharon Barnard

June 15 - Luanne Libbey

June 22 - Linda Moyer

June 29 - Need Greeter

Altar Flower Delivery

Julie Souter & Amy Brinser

If you can't serve on your Sunday, please try to get a replacement. If you are unable to, please let the office know and we will take care of it. Thank you! 570-546-3591
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