

May 2025

Newsletter St. Andrew's Net

St. Andrew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday Mornings

Worship: 9:15 am

Coffee Time Before & After Services

Sunday School: 10:30 am

For All Ages

Communion

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

From the Pastor's Desk

The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.” Deuteronomy 29:29

As we wrap up another Lenten season and celebrate the joy of Easter, I am humbled by the great mystery of it all. We know that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. We know that Jesus came to earth as a baby in Bethlehem, lived a sinless life, performed many miracles, taught with power and authority, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. We know that on that glorious Easter morning He was raised to life and He now lives forever, seated at the right hand of the Father. We know that all who believe in Him will not die, but have eternal life.

What I'm humbled by is why. Why did God see fit to save me? What did He see in me that was worth sending His Son to die for? The answer is both nothing, and everything. There is nothing good in me, or any of us. No one is good except God (Mark 10:18). That's the point. Except God. We were all destined for hell...except God came down from heaven and saved us. Now, when God looks at us, He doesn't see our past or our sins or our weakness; He sees Jesus, the perfect and blameless One. That's everything to Him, and it's everything for us.

So yes, we understand on an intellectual level the “why” of Easter. It was love that sent Jesus to the cross for us. But on an emotional level, it's hard to wrap our heads around. The good news is that God never asks us to fully understand it - we need only to receive it in faith. Often in Christianity we emphasize the wonderful things which God has revealed to us, and it is right to celebrate and marvel at those things. But equally important are the things which God has kept hidden from us - those “secret things” that belong to the Lord (Deut. 29:29). It is both confounding and liberating when we encounter questions that God has not revealed the answer to yet. In our impatience, we want to know now. But faith says that one day all will be revealed and “then I will know fully, even as I am fully known” (1 Corinthians 13:12).

I believe that heaven will be a continual celebration of discovery - that what was lost has been found, and what was hidden has been revealed. As we walk by faith, we anticipate the day when our faith will be made sight. Until then, embrace the unknown, wrestle with those questions - stand firm on the things which God has revealed, and treasure the anticipation of heavenly discovery.

Wondering as I wander,
Pastor Ben



May Outreach - Expectations Women 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



May Care Cards

Our May care cards will be going to Bruce Miller. 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!

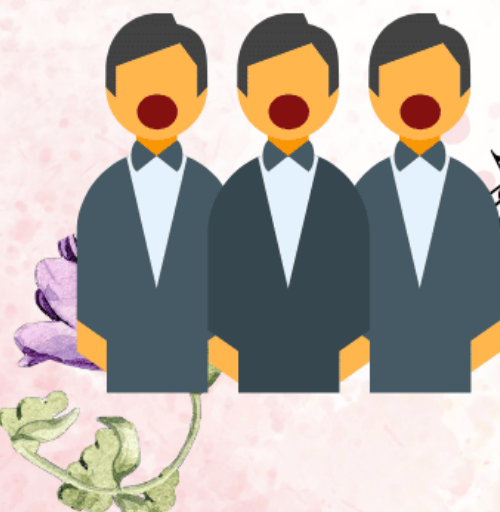
West Branch Chorale

The West Branch Chorale will present its Spring concert, "Let Freedom Sing", the first weekend in May. Concerts will be at Pine Street UMC on Saturday, May 3, beginning at 6 p.m. Our second concert will be Sunday, May 4th at Pleasant View Wesleyan Church in Muncy, beginning at 3:00 p.m.



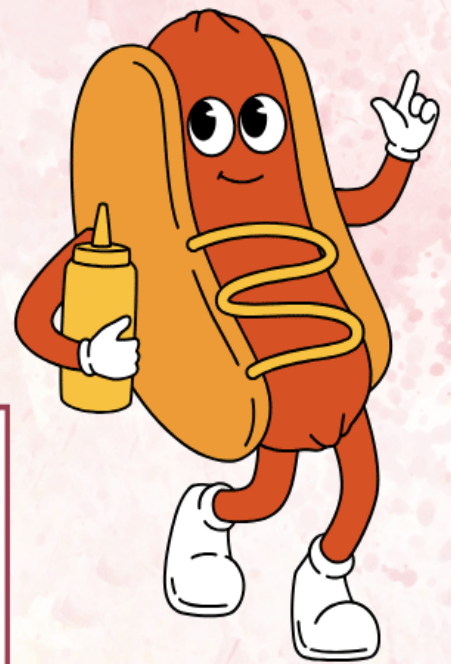
Mother's Day Men's Choir

Attention all guys, young and not so young! Come out and sing for our ladies on May 11th. A rehearsal will be held at 9am before service. Let's fill the choir loft!



Hot Dog Giveaway

Join us for our annual Memorial Day Hot Dog Giveaway (and parade) on Monday, 26th! We Hope To See You There!



Save the Dates

June 29th - Rise & Dine Breakfast

July 13th - Family Movie Night

Thank You!!

Thank you to all who donated treats, decorated their vehicles, and helped to make our Trunk Hop a success! We had around 170 children plus their families join us in the church parking lot to have some fun and learn about why we celebrate Easter at St. Andrew!

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 01

Thursday, May 15

Thursday, May 30

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

Monthly Bible Studies

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

Women's Bible Study:

May 03, 2025 from 8-9am

Men's Bible Study: May

10, 2025 from 8-9am

!! Special Notice!!

On Sunday, May 18th, we will hold a special congregational meeting immediately following the service to confirm the conceptual design of the church addition as well as to approve the release of funds for moving on to the next steps of the building project. Please plan to stay for this brief but important meeting. Thank you!



2025 Graduates

Please let our office know if you have a 2025 high school or college graduate! We are having a graduate recognition during one of our June services and would love to have them here with us! Please provide the office with a name and contact information by May 25th. Thank you!



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is always an exciting time at St. Andrew and is scheduled for July 7th-11th 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



2025 Easter Celebrations at St. Andrew

Sunrise Service



Easter Breakfast



Easter Sunday Morning Worship



May Birthdays

May 02 - Ken Snyder

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

May 01, 2025
National Day of Prayer



May 26, 2025
Memorial Day

May Anniversaries

May 03, 2014 - Erik & Chelsie Houser

May 22, 1998 - John & Cam Myers

May 24, 1969 - Tom & Dee Knight

May 24, 1999 - Steve & Hiliary Haddon

Greeters

May 04 - Tom & Dee Knight

May 11 - Jerry Watson

May 18 - Luanne Libbey

May 25 - Need Greeter

Altar Guild

Katie Lander

Sunday School Teachers

May 04 - Stacie Kilgore

May 11 - No Sunday School

May 18 - Karen Krum

May 25 - Joy Barto

Worship Assistant

May 04 - Kathy Heilman

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!

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May Volunteers



Lectors

May 04 - Sheila Morehart

May 11 - Hiliary & Faith Haddon

May 18 - Erik Houser

May 25 - Larry Barnard

Altar Flower Delivery

Joy Barto

Acolytes

May 04 - Lila Styer

May 11 - Gina Styer

May 18 - Teagan Brinser

May 25 - Levi Lander

