

# St. Andrew Evangelical Lutheran Church

## St. Andrew's Net

November 2024

Newsletter

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Sunday Mornings

Worship @ 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School @ 10:30 a.m.

All Ages Welcome

Coffee Fellowship Before & After Services

Communion on the first Sunday of every  
month & special Sundays throughout the  
year!



# From The Pastor's Desk

*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." - Philippians 1:3-6*

In the verses above, Paul addresses the congregation of Philippi with a warm greeting, stating His thankfulness for their partnership in the gospel and his confidence of God's faithfulness to complete the work which He began in them. I love this passage because it reminds me that God is the one who does the work, and we are His partners in the gospel. We are the "jars of clay" which God has seen fit to hide the treasure of the gospel in, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us (2 Corinthians 4:7). Moreover, God is faithful to complete the work He begins, which is cause for us to be thankful not only for what He **has** done, but for what He **will** do.

We can be thankful for God's love which has brought us through so much already; and we know that because His love is faithful, enduring and steadfast that He will be with us no matter what's to come. 1 Corinthians 13:13 says, "and now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." Love is what makes the future worth fighting for. Love that endures, love that is lasting and eternal – that's what gives us hope for what's to come. That no matter what God's plan is for my life or my family's life, or for the life of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, He has formed that plan in love. God says in Jeremiah 29:11 that "He knows the plans He has for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

You see, **the way we think about the future becomes our motivation for today**. If you believe that God is actively working in your life to bring about His divine purpose, then that will motivate you to discover and come alongside of that purpose. But, if you don't believe that God has a plan or a purpose for you, then what are you left with? You're left trying to figure it out on your own, which leads to a great deal of uncertainty and fear. Fear will stunt our spiritual growth and paralyze our ability to act on God's Word. Love, on the other hand, drives away our fears and gives us courage to face what tomorrow may bring. 1 John 4:18 says, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. The one who fears has not been perfected in love." Is your future built on a foundation of fear, or love? It all depends on what you set your mind on.

As we approach the upcoming election, I understand that there is a great deal of uncertainty and even a bit of anxiety over what's to come. But one thing will always remain: God who began a good work in you is faithful. The question is, will you cooperate with His work? No matter the outcome of the election, will we commit to loving our neighbors like Christ would have us do? Will we commit to partnership in sharing the gospel with them? Will we commit to being the change we want to see in the world? What's to come in the next year? Four years? Hundred years? Only God can rightly say. But, abide in His love and I promise you it will exceed anything that human efforts alone could conjure up. Of course, that doesn't mean that we shouldn't plan ahead. It's important to plan for the future, and I believe the Holy Spirit does work in partnership with people who consult Him. But in our lives, **our plans should be aimed more at what God will say when we arrive than what man will say when we depart**.

Jesus is the key; He is the reason that we can look to the future with gratitude and hope. Because of His sacrifice for our sins, we no longer have to fear death or judgment. Because of Jesus, we are now free to step into tomorrow with His peace in our hearts. Jesus says in Revelation 3:20, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." The image here is that Jesus stands in the liminal space – the threshold between what was and what is to come. And He invites us to open the door and step into what God has called us toward. We don't need to fear, because He's already there. Will you open the door?

As we celebrate the closing of one more year in the life of the church and look ahead to another, let's commit to being thankful for God's working in our lives. Let's press on toward the prize, overcome new challenges, reach new heights of love and service and outreach, let's not be afraid to dream big. Let's give thanks for what's to come, because God is working all things for the good of those who love Him. If we have Christ, we have all that we need to succeed because with God anything is possible.

Thankful for what's to come,

Pastor Ben





## November Outreach - Weis Cards

We will use your donations to purchase Weis Gift Cards which will then be available for members of our church and community that are in need. Your generosity is appreciated!

## November Care Cards

Our November Care Cards will be going to Mary Lou Housenecht and Ken Snyder. We have cards available in the Narthex or you can use your own. Please sign an encouraging note or thoughtful message and give them to the office to be mailed. Thank you!



## Congregational Meeting

Date: November 10th

(Immediately after service)

Location: Sanctuary

**\*\*There will be a time of fellowship & lunch after the meeting in the Parish Hall\*\***

## Operation Christmas Child

COLLECTION DATE: November 17th

Shoeboxes and information are available. Please contact the office if you would like to make a donation to cover shipping/processing costs or are unable to shop but would like to sponsor a box.







## Touch of Heart

Gift tags will be available on November 24th and will need to be returned by December 15th for collection. Please take one or more.

## Joe & Walt Breakfast

NOVEMBER 17th @ 8am

French Toast, Ham, Scrambled Eggs & Toast

Please sign-up so we know how many to prepare for. Thank you!



## Christmas Poinsettias

It's time to order Poinsettias to adorn our church this Advent Season. Each 6 1/2" pot will have multiple blooms at the cost of \$9 each (payment is due with your order). Order forms are available in the Narthex beginning November 10th or by email upon request.

SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 15  
Christian Education & Parish Life are  
planning a Family Fun Day!  
Children's Games  
Cookie Auction  
Light Supper  
Christmas Caroling  
Cookies & Hot Cocoa  
Watch for more information!







## All Saints Day

We will be remembering the loved ones that have gone before us on Sunday, November 3rd during our morning service. If you have a loved one that has passed between November 1, 2023 & October 31, 2024 that you would like to be remembered, please send their name along with a photo to our email: [office@standrewlutheranmuncy.org](mailto:office@standrewlutheranmuncy.org), or drop it off to the office by November 1, 2024.

## Christmas Cookie Plates

The Women of St. Andrew will be putting together cookie & candy plates for our shut-ins in December (Date TBD-see bulletin for details).

All donations are welcome.



## Warm Accessories Tree

Parish Life Committee will be collecting hats, gloves, mittens, scarves & socks on November 24th, December 1st & 8th, to be donated to the Son Light House for distribution. Please help decorate our warm accessories Christmas trees!



## Anniversaries

November 6, 1982 - John & Leslie Houser

November 15, 1980 - John & Janet Dougherty

November 17, 1962 - Will & Lois Wertman

## Birthdays

November 06 - Rick Sarginger

November 06 - John Houser

November 09 - John Dougherty

November 14 - Kathy Heilman

November 23 - Ginny Gruver

November 24 - Shirley Watson

November 27 - Becky Houser

November 28 - Cindy McArdle

November 28 - Aliyah Lander



# Service Volunteers

## Sunday School Teachers

November 03-Karen Krum

November 10-Darlene Waldron

November 17-Kay Myers

November 24-Luanne Libbey

HAPPY  
THANKS  
GIVING

November 28, 2024

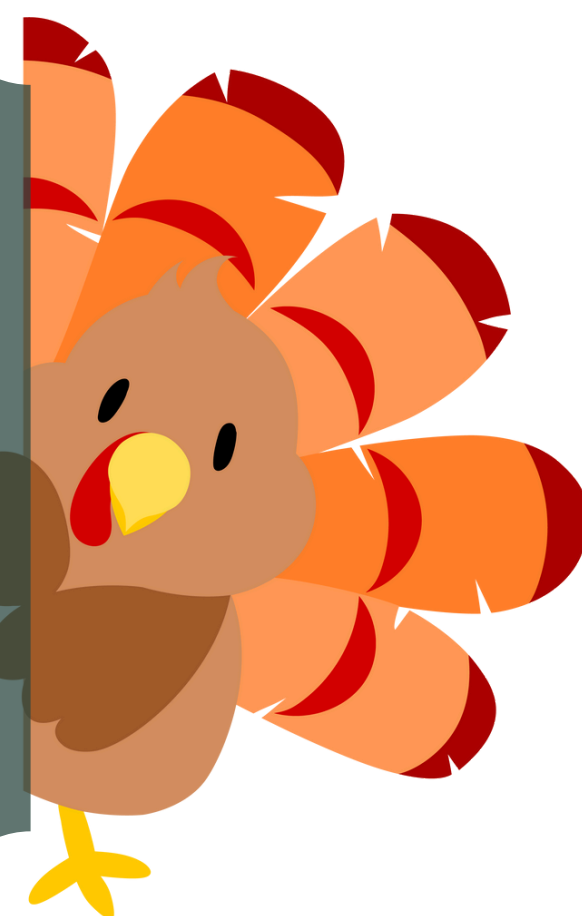
## Greeter

November 03-Linda Moyer

November 10-Joe & Sharon Cardinale

November 17-Larry & Sharon Barnard

November 24-Tom & Dee Knight



## Altar Flower Delivery

Hilary Haddon

*Veteran's Day*



November 11, 2024

November 24, 2024





# Service Volunteers

Communion Assistant  
November 03 - Kathy Heilman



Hello  
November

Lector  
November 03-Sheila Morehart  
November 10-Barron Zimmers  
November 17-Kay Myers  
November 24-Larry Barnard

Acolyte  
November 03-Sam Haddon  
November 10-Gina Styer  
November 17-Lila Styer  
November 24-Levi Lander



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

