



St. Andrew's Net

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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Reverend Christopher Raiford

Worship Service 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School 10:30 a.m. | Coffee Time before and after Service

Communion, First Sunday of the month and special Sundays throughout the year.

February 2020

This Is Love...

Valentine's Day. I am not the biggest fan of Valentine's Day. And it is not because I don't like doing romantic things with my wife. I love my wife! No, the reason I don't like Valentine's Day is because of how it trivializes the entire idea of love. It makes love sappy, trite, cutesy, pink. Love cannot be captured on a cardboard, cut-out, Garfield card that has an overweight cat gazing longingly at a lasagna. Love is so much bigger, so much more than that.

In fact, if we really want to know what love is supposed to be, we must look to Jesus. One of Jesus' apostles, St. John (also known as the one whom Jesus loved) said it this way, **"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins"** (1 John 4:10). Far from being a cutesy, pink card, God gives His love to us in the sacrificial, blood-red death of Jesus. Jesus is love because He is God in human flesh and, as John says in the same letter, **"God is love"** (1 John 4:8). This means that God is constantly giving of Himself, pouring Himself out for others, for His beloved creatures, for YOU! We know this because on the cross we see God-in-flesh Jesus pouring out His lifeblood to atone for the sins of the world. That is to say, to wash the sins of the world away Jesus offered Himself as a sacrifice in our place. That is love, passionate love. Isn't it interesting that we refer to journey to the cross as Jesus' "passion?"

St. John goes on, **"Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another"** (1 John 4:11). God didn't love you by sending you a box of chocolates, but He sent His only Son to die for you. Jesus sacrificed His own life to purchase you as His own through His bloody cross. Our lives are covered in the blood of Christ; therefore our lives will begin to reflect such love. As the blood-bought children of God we ought to love one another as Christ loved us.

So, how does that change your Valentine's plans? Instead of a cheap gift this year, why not consider working hard to show your friends and loved ones that you truly do love them. Don't settle for the warm fuzzies but work to demonstrate your love by giving of yourself in some way to another. What can you do to serve? What can you sacrifice for the other person? And, don't just ask yourself this question on February 14th, but begin to make it a daily challenge you give yourself every morning.


For guidance, look to 1 Corinthians 13 where St. Paul describes what true love looks like: **"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails"** (1 Corinthians 13:4-8). And hear this wonderful news, these verses describe God's love in Jesus for you. Jesus is patient with you and kind to you. He does not boast of His glory but sets it aside to give of Himself for you. He does not lord His glory over you but is glorified by loving you. He is not rude to you, selfish, or easily angry with you, in fact, He holds no record of your sins because He has washed them away in His blood. He rejoices when you believe His truth and abhors the evil attacks that come towards you. So, He will always protect you so you can always trust Him and have a sure and certain hope in His promises because He always perseveres with you. God's forgiving love and mercy in Christ will never fail you. This is love!

Pastor Chris

SHROVE TUESDAY

SHROVE TUESDAY SAUERKRAUT/MEATLOAF DINNER

Mark your calendar for 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 25, 2020, and bring your appetites. Relax, enjoy the conversation and join your St. Andrew family for another delicious dinner hosted by Ginny and Dick Gruver and the Parish Life Committee. A sign-up sheet is on the windowsill in the narthex.



ASH WEDNESDAY

May your Ash Wednesday be a time
of reflection and promise.

Worship Service-Imposition of Ashes
February 26, 2020
7:30 P.M. Rev. Chris Raiford

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Wednesday Lenten Services

Pastor Raiford will be preaching on a series entitled "Three Words of Truth", Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M., March 4th until April 8th. The services will take place in the Parish Hall.

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 5	9:15 A.M.
Maundy Thursday, April 9	7:00 P.M.
Good Friday, April 10	7:00 P.M.
Easter Sunday, April 12	9:15 A.M.

February 17, 2020



YOUR 2019 GIVING STATEMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE, PLEASE PICK UP YOURS IN THE NARTHEX.



Julie Roller	Feb. 4
Kelly Merrifield	Feb. 9
Joy Barto	Feb. 10
Nancy Heivly	Feb. 13
Lukas Merrifield	Feb. 13
Grace Hogan	Feb. 17
Spencer Gardner	Feb. 25
Daulton Myers	Feb. 28
Matthew Myers	Feb. 28



ANNIVERSARIES

Karen & Jim Krum
February 18, 1995

Jack & Cindy McArdle
February 27, 1999



Dear friends at St. Andrew,

Thank you very much for all the cards, prayers, expressions of sympathy and memorials in Mom's name. Special thanks to all who participated in the funeral service.

Many thanks also to those who organized, provided food, served the delicious luncheon and cleaned up.

Love in Christ,
Larry, Jerry & Shirley Watson

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Andrew,

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who sent cards, meals, altar flowers, phone calls, visitors and most of all prayers.

God Bless You All!

Love,
Jonnie Stahl

Dear St. Andrew Congregation,

Thank you! Your church's alliance with "Food For The Poor" has helped to transform the lives of poor families by lifting them out of poverty and empowering their futures! Your support has helped provide safe shelter, education, water, food and so much more!

Blessings, "A small ripple of kindness sometimes
Ed creates a tidal wave of transformation."

OUR 2020 FEBRUARY OUTREACH IS SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS

Through the Shepherd Ministry the churches of Lycoming County are able to:

- assist people who need hope and peace in the midst of poverty and need.
- advocate with local agencies, law enforcement and correctional agencies for:
 - counseling
 - utilities assistance
 - bedding and hygiene
 - transportation assistance
 - medical, dental, visual and audio assistance
 - work preparedness
 - documentation assistance
 - funds and fees
 - food assistance
 - employment assistance
 - mediation and advocacy

Care and Evangelism Committee
meeting, Thursday, Feb. 13, at
6 p.m. in the church office.

Women's Bible Study
will be held February 20, at 7 p.m.

Pastor's Bible Study
Is held Tuesdays at 10 a.m. & 7
p.m.

Immerse Bible Study on Mondays

LET ALL
THAT
YOU DO
BE DONE
WITH
LOVE.

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14 NKJV



FEBRUARY 2020 USHER SCHEDULE

February 2	Leonard & Sheila Morehart	570-546-3969
February 9	Pete & Darlene Waldron	570-546-2445
February 16	Rick & Sue Sarginger	570-546-5404
February 23	John & Cam Myers	570-584-5411
February 26	Dick & Ginny Gruver	570-546-6984 (Ash Wednesday)
March 1	Hiliary & Steve Haddon	570-546-5359

THE BEST WAY TO FIND YOURSELF IS TO LOSE YOURSELF
IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS.

—CHANDI

Thank you for volunteering!

If you are unable to serve on your Sunday,
please switch with someone, and let Kay in
the office know at 570-546-3591.

FEBRUARY 2020 NURSERY SCHEDULE

Feb. 2	Nora & Anna Styer
Feb. 9	Chelsie & Leslie Houser
Feb. 16	Luanne Libbey
Feb. 23	Sue Sarginger & Nora Styer
March 1	Ellen & Rachel Detweiler

VIDEO AND SOUND SCHEDULE

February 2	Erik Houser Jerry Watson
February 9	Sam Haddon Jerry Watson
February 16	Erik Houser Jerry Watson
February 23	Sara Styer Jerry Watson

2020 ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY

February	Becky Hibschman
March	Kay & Phil Myers
April	Sue Sarginger

2020 Altar Guild

February	Darlene Waldron
March	Janet & John Dougherty
April	Julie Roller
May	Joy & Dean Barto
June	Darlene Waldron
July	Janet & John Dougherty
August	Julie Roller
September	Dean & Joy Barto
October	Darlene Waldron
November	Janet & John Dougherty
December	Julie Roller



FEBRUARY LECTOR SCHEDULE

February 2	Sheila Morehart
February 9	Erik Houser
February 16	Leslie Houser
February 23	Dee Knight
February 26	Ash Wed., Pastor Raiford

FEBRUARY ALCOLYTE SCHEDULE

February 2	Nora Styer
February 9	Rachel Detweiler
February 16	Anna Styer
February 23	Faith Haddon
February 26	Ash Wed., Nora Styer

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