



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.

June 2020

As we move into June we are starting to experience the beautiful weather of Spring/Summer season. States are now moving to reopen after many months of being in our homes. While we were locked down the season of Lent ended and we celebrated Easter in our homes, each of us celebrating the resurrection of Jesus in our own way. With the Easter season ending and Pentecost beginning it is a good thing to reflect on God's great gift of life given to us by Jesus. We know that He did not stay dead, but rose from the grave, demonstrating to us that we now have a new life as well. This is such a marvelous gift given to us, as we can live in Christian freedom in the shadow of the cross and the empty tomb as we continue to live in a world that now has Covid-19. However, even though the Easter season is coming to a close, that doesn't mean we stop celebrating Christ's glorious death and resurrection. In fact, the celebration gets much more vigorous. On Sunday May 31st we celebrate the day of Pentecost.

We celebrate the day of Pentecost because it is the fulfillment of what Jesus said in Acts 1:6-8, ***"So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?' He said to them, 'It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.'"***

When we celebrate Pentecost, it commemorates the great sending of the first pastors, the 12 first apostles. They were given the gift of the Holy Spirit in a unique way to go into all the world. This is not speaking of a command given to the laity of the Church, but the apostleship that has been passed down from age to age as the Office of the Ministry. This Office was ordained for the specific acts of withholding forgiveness from those who do not repent and forgiving of sins of those who do repent (see John 20).

It is in the sending of the 12 apostles that the word of God begins to spread out from the physical location of the nation of Israel into the entire world. In fact, with the speaking in different tongues, we are shown, just as with the coming of the Magi near the beginning of Jesus' life on Earth, that the message of a loving God isn't just meant for the Hebrew nation, but for the whole world. God shows us here that God's grace is for the likes of Jews, Greeks, Romans, Americans, etc. His salvation is for you, for me, for your neighbor, and for those you haven't met, and may never. This is the good news for us as Christians. Why? Assurance of salvation. With the good news of Jesus there is no doubt that Christ has given Himself up for the many, for the forgiveness of your sins, and the promise of your own resurrection, where your body will be raised from the dead. You will then live with Jesus forever in heaven, where there is no more sin or any of its effects including the dreaded Corona Virus.

This is what you are as the church: the forgiven children of God. How? Because God has made you into a wonderful treasure all His own. You are the treasure more precious to Him than gold or silver. Even if all the precious metals of the entire universe were gathered together, it still wouldn't be worth enough in comparison of you as His treasure. Therefore, He will love and protect you into eternity as He has promised you through His Son, Jesus Christ. Knowing this, that we are God's precious treasure, knowing that He is guarding and protecting His own, we can live giving God all the glory. Live giving and bringing glory to God especially today with all that is going on around the Earth, in your congregation here at St Andrew, and even your own families – I commend you to your Father who loves you and promises to care for you and defend you from all evil of body and soul. The Peace of the Lord Be with You Always.

Amen
Pastor Chris

Church Secretary Position

It is with great sorrow that I am announcing Kay Myers has submitted her resignation as church secretary to our council at our May 14, 2020 meeting.

We are happy for Kay as her decision was so she could babysit her granddaughter. She offered to continue, if council decided, two days a week would be adequate. However, after some discussion, it was decided we would prefer to have the office attended each day as a convenience to our parishioners and pastor.

Kay has agreed to continue working two days per week until we are able to hire her replacement and continue as long as needed to train and transition to the new secretary.

Any member who is interested in the job should submit their resume with qualifications to the attention of Dean Barto by June 15, 2020. A formal job description will be sent to the applicants, and interviews will be scheduled to meet with the committee assigned by council, consisting of Pastor Raiford, Dean Barto, Julie Souter and Erik Houser.

On behalf of St. Andrew, I want to thank Kay for her dedicated service and willingness to help us during this time of transition.

Dean Barto
Council President



Dear Friends:

Your compassion has always been inspiring and never more than right now. I know that, like me, you may worry for your family, loved ones, safety and health– but despite what we are all currently facing, you opened your heart to care for children, families and communities across the world.

In this uncertain and trying time, your generosity truly gives hope to all of us here at Heifer. For that, and for your recent gift of \$65.00, you have my deepest thanks and appreciation. Your contribution will help make a life-changing impact for vulnerable families around the world those who can be most hurt during the ovid-19 pandemic. Especially women, who are disproportionately affected by poverty and hunger. They have limited opportunity...but unlimited potential.

With your generous donation we were able to purchase: Honeybees, A trio of rabbits, and a water buffalo.

I hope that during this difficult period you and your family are well and staying safe.

With much gratitude,

Pierre U. Ferrari
President and CEO



Pentecost celebrates the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit, and the Early Church (Acts 2). Small flames appeared on their heads and allowed them to speak in tongues and proclaim the truth of Christ's resurrection, eternal life, and forgiveness of sins. Those who believed were baptized and received the Holy Spirit as well. This is the longest part of the entire Church year.

School Supplies, Cereal, Peanut Butter & Jelly Donations Needed During The Month Of July

In July we will be collecting school supplies, peanut butter, jelly and cereal for the needy children of our area. The items will go to the Son Light House for distribution.

They do not need backpacks any longer as they have a supplier for them.

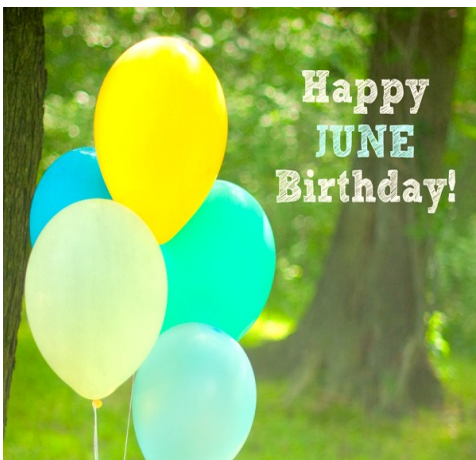
If you have questions or concern, please contact: Shirley Watson at 570-546-5360.



One flag, one land, one heart,
one hand, One Nation, evermore!



Happy Flag Day



Seth Roller	6/4
Dick Gruver	6/4
Michael Hogan	6/4
Prefa Hose	6/5
Christopher Johnson	6/11
Lois Wertman	6/18
Martha Miller	6/20
Adam Hogan	6/21
Jonnie Stahl	6/25
Doris Poust	6/26
Chaplain Janet Dougherty	6/27
Darlene Waldron	6/29
Tom Knight	6/30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- Rick & Sue Sarginger
6/14/1980
- Doris & Lynn Poust
6/12/1960
- Dick & Ginny Gruver
6/16/1973
- Marlin & Naomi Wertman
6/30/1957

As of May 30th we do not know when Lycoming County will be going into the Green Phase of the Covid 19 Quarantine. I have posted a schedule below just in case it happens by June 14th. Please wait for a call or e-mail from the church notifying you of this. Until then don't forget to listen to Pastor Raiford and the Chancel Choir on our Facebook Page.

There are "The Word In Season" and "Encounter with God" devotionals available on the windowsill in the narthex, the windowsill near the office, and the table at the Penn Street entrance. Please help yourself.

Once again, thank you to all who have been faithful in their giving during this Pandemic. Thank you for your patience, God willing we will be through this soon.

Take care and God Bless!

Kay Myers

Parish Secretary



JUNE USHER SCHEDULE

June 14	Phil & Kay Myers
June 21	Dick & Ginny Gruver
June 28	Pete & Darlene Waldron
July 5	Leonard & Sheila Morehart
July 12	Ellen & Troy Detweiler

Julie Souter will call Lectors and Acolytes to schedule a Sunday if needed.

ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY

June	Julie Souter Amy Brinser
July	Mike & Emma Hogan
August	Janet Dougherty

JUNE VIDEO | SOUND SCHEDULE

June 14	John Dougherty Jerry Watson
June 21	John Dougherty Jerry Watson
June 28	John Dougherty Jerry Watson
July 5	John Dougherty Jerry Watson

Thank you for volunteering!
If you are unable to serve on your Sunday, please switch with someone, and let Kay Myers, Parish Secretary know at 570-546-3591.

Acolytes and Lectors: If for some reason you cannot find a replacement please call Julie Souter at 570-337-3892.