



St. Andrew's Net

St. Andrew Lutheran Church

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**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.**

July 2020

The Gospel. This is a term we throw around a lot in this church. But what do we actually mean by that term? You may have heard of phrases like "the gospel truth" or "Am I supposed to believe that as if it were the Gospel." But what exactly does that word mean? What is "the Gospel?"

Gospel comes from the Greek term "εὐαγγέλιον" (where we get our modern term "evangelical" or "evangelism"). It means "good news" or "glad tidings." The Gospel, properly speaking, is the good news that God has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to put on human flesh, suffer a bloody death, and rise again so that He might pay the penalty for our sins and reign over us as a gracious Lord. It is the announcement that Jesus has done this for you. This work of God in Christ not only forgives our sins, but it also gives to us all of God's gifts: everlasting life, freedom from the condemnation of the Law, freedom from sin, death, and the devil, and peace with God. The Gospel is the good news that God does all of this for you by His grace alone. Another way of saying this is that God gives us Christ's righteousness, or, justifies us. There is nothing you or I can, must, or will do to get it from Him. He does this solely and especially for sinners who do not deserve it. We simply receive it. We simply believe it. That is called faith.

But trusting in the Gospel is hard for us to do. We cannot seem to be convinced that we are not responsible for our justification. We are hardwired for Law. The Law is the opposite of the Gospel. The Law says that you must do something to gain righteousness with God. You must do something to be forgiven and receive all of Christ's gifts. It seems so proper to us to think that, in order to get to heaven, I must be a good person, go to the right church, or be a productive citizen. All of these are good forms of righteousness in their own way, but when we begin to think that by doing these things we are gaining a place for ourselves before God, we are turning these forms of righteousness into the greatest of sins! Why? Because we are trusting them to justify us when justification is the work of Christ alone. We would be taking credit for earning what Christ has completely earned for us already.

WOW! This is some heavy theology for a mere newsletter article. Well, I want you to start craving more information. On Tuesdays at 10 am and 7pm we are studying St Paul's Letter to the Galatians. St. Paul is going to be showing us from every possible angle that Christ's work is sufficient to save us and that there is nothing we can, must, or will do to earn what He gives. I think this is critically important for us to have drilled into our heads. We can hear it every single Sunday, and yet, it doesn't make complete sense to us. The devil and the world are constantly trying to teach us otherwise. So, by taking an in depth look at the book of Galatians, faith will be strengthened as we hear the Good News: that Jesus Christ has done all that is necessary to save you and gives you His salvation as a free gift! If you cannot attend one of the sessions on Tuesdays start reading Galatians at home and learn about that wonderful thing called "the gospel"

Have a blessed and safe summer.

Pastor Chris

OUR JULY OUTREACH

Re-Creation has been cited as:
"America's Ambassadors to Hospitalized Veterans"
Serving across our nation in VA Medical Centers
and State Veterans Homes for 40 years!

Re-Creation maintains the national tours to our nation's VA Medical Centers through the concern, dedication and generosity of grateful Americans like YOU! See our website for show locations and times.

HAPPY
Anniversary

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Nancy & Gary Heivly
July 13, 1968



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Sara Styer	July 2
Audrey Johnson	July 2
Lynn Poust	July 4
Nora Styer	July 8
Barb Wood	July 14
Lila Styer	July 20
Chelsie Houser	July 23
Gary Heivly, Sr.	July 25

School Supplies, Cereal, Peanut Butter & Jelly Collection

During the month of **July**, we will be collecting school supplies, boxes of cereal, peanut butter, jelly, individually wrapped granola bars and snacks for children in need of our area. The items will go to Son Light House for distribution. Please speak to Shirley Watson with any questions.



Wishing you a sparkling 4th of July
Filled with pride, honor and lots of fun!

Dear Pastor Chris and St. Andrew,

I want to take this opportunity to let you all know just how grateful I am for giving me The honor of being your Parish Secretary for The Last 4 1/2 years. It has indeed been my Pleasure.

Special thanks go to Jerry Watson, Joy & Dean Barto, Dee Knight, Shirley Watson, John Libbey, And Julie Souter for all your help and guidance. I may be leaving my post, But Phil and I will remain faithful members. We both so enjoy Pastor Chris's sermons and Bible Studies.

Thank you to the talented Wendi Raiford for stepping in as my replacement. She will be A perfect fit, as she is more than capable of doing a wonderful job, and is such a blessing to St. Andrew.

Most of all I thank God for his divine grace, inspiration, love, guidance and all the many-blessings in my life, one of which is St. Andrew!

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Kay Myers



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

The Parish Life Committee will be meeting on Thursday, July 9th at 6:15 P.M.

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

(IF THE SUSPENSE IS KILLING YOU, ASK SOMEONE ON THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE :)

JULY & AUGUST 2020 USHER SCHEDULE

July 5	John & Cam Myers
July 12	Bill Ritter Walt Gross
July 19	Julie Roller Becky Hibschman
July 26	Karen Myers Luanne Libbey
August 2	Dick & Jo Langer
August 9	Leonard & Sheila Morehart
August 16	Ellen & Troy Detweiler
August 23	Rick & Sue Sarginger
August 30	Jim & Karen Krum



JULY VIDEO | SOUND SCHEDULE

July 5	Erik Houser Jerry Watson
July 12	John Dougherty Jerry Watson
July 19	John Dougherty Jerry Watson
July 26	John Dougherty Jerry Watson

JULY ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

July 5	Nora Styer
July 12	Rachel Detweiler
July 19	Anna Styer
July 26	Adam Hogan

ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY

July	Emma & Mike Hogan
August	Janet Dougherty
Sept.	Ginny Gruver Hiliary Haddon

JULY LECTOR SCHEDULE

July 5	Michele Styer
July 12	Leslie Houser
July 19	Hillary Haddon
July 26	Amanda Hogan

Thank you for volunteering! If you are unable to serve on your designated Sunday, please switch with someone. Nursery volunteers may contact one of these substitutes: Darlene Waldron 570-971-1498, Wendy Griggs 570-546-6243, or Courtney Johnson 570-220-6249. Please notify Wendi of the change at 570-546-3591.