

ST. ANDREWS HERALD

Newsletter of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church FALL KICK-OFF 2023



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Fall 2023 Worship

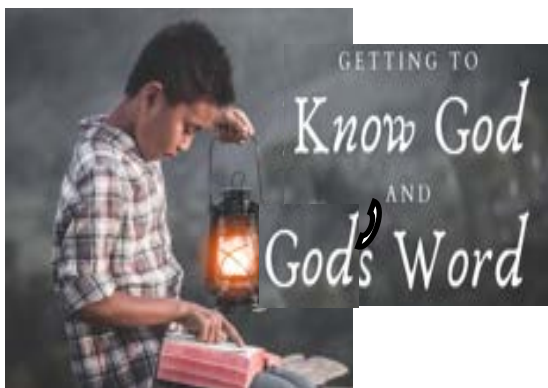
September 3

Hawaiian Shirt Sunday! Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt on Labor Day Sunday, Sept. 3rd
Proverbs 2:1-11 & James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
- Conflict and Wisdom—Guest Preacher: Rev. Pam Meilands

Knowing God's Word

September 10

9AM Potluck 10AM worship
Psalm 1 & Exodus 31:18-32:6
Coming Near



September 17

Please bring your first or favorite bible to worship!
Deuteronomy 34:1-12 & John 1
Finding our Way

September 24

Psalm 119:97-106
Hebrews 4:12-13
Genesis 32:22-32
Wrestling with the Word

October 1

Luke 24:13-35 & Acts 8:25-39
Word & Sacrament

A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Beloved People of God,

This summer was a blessing. We had the joy of welcoming new members and new faces in worship. We offered outdoor spaces to worship and play, with WOW (Wednesday Outdoor Worship), Spark Park Days, *and* a Church Picnic with wonderful food and wonderful fellowship. We had over 50 people participate in Mission Week, working together in the name of Jesus. And on Sundays, we gathered together around God's Word, asking the Holy Spirit to cultivate more love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, in our lives. ***I wonder which fruits of the Spirit keep nudging your heart? I wonder how you might continue to cultivate them, in everyday life?***

Behind the scenes, a Discipleship Task Force met regularly through the summer. The Task Force is comprised of: Beckie Dreibelbis, Ken Gries, Perry Latshaw, Rebecca Lister, Tim Peelen, Rob Cochran, and myself who were led by Anthony from Ministry Architects. We gathered all the conversation and thoughts from the Discipleship Summit on May 7th and began working to create a discipleship pathway, beginning with 3 Pillars, for every age and stage of life, *for all* in the St. Andrews Community.

In August, Session adopted these 3 Pillars of Discipleship:

- 1. Knowing God's Word**
- 2. Growing in Faith Together**
- 3. Serving in Christ**

I am so grateful for the work of the Task Force, and the prayers where we heard God ask: *Where am I in this?* And so, we kept praying and kept moving, until together we came to these 3 pillars to intentionally build our life of faith, so that we will all know where God is, in everything that we do together. The Task Force is not done yet and we ask for your prayers as we work through the details, ensuring that every age and stage of life is offered clear ways to deepen their faith, in each pillar, and to look at the pit falls, the voids, and to prayerfully work through them.

This Fall, our worship will be gathered around our 3 Pillars, to begin to explore *Knowing, Growing and Serving in Christ*. And to challenge ourselves to connect our journey of faith (each one of us) to these pillars, allowing them to guide us, to ground us, to balance us, and to center our life in Christ.

Join us on September 10th as we kick off the Fall, with a 9AM potluck breakfast

followed by worship at 10AM. And then the following week, *on September 17th please bring your first or favorite Bible to worship!*

Let's give thanks for the blessings of God!

Let us continually put Christ First, with open eyes looking for Where God is, and following the Spirit in all our comings and goings.

"Happy are those...(whose) delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season."

-Psalm 1:1a, 2-3a.

In the joy of Christ,
Pastor Robin

On July 30th we celebrated the joyful baptism of Ember Jo Lowrie, daughter of Craig and Kayla Lowrie.



“The promise is for you, for your children and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls.” Acts 2:39

O Lord, uphold Ember by your Holy Spirit. Give her the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.



Hawaiian Shirt Sunday!

Wear your favorite
Hawaiian shirt
on Labor Day Sunday,
September 3rd

Supporting Our Children & Youth

Sunday School Teachers and Youth Leader Training

Sunday **September 10th 4-6pm** in the Youth Room

Come out for an evening of Games, Training, fellowship, and food. Please let Rob know if you can attend.

Sunday School

Sunday School classes will **begin meeting on September 17th at 9am**. All are welcome to come for a time to Know God's Word, Grow in Faith Together, and Serve in Christ.

Karen (Room 1), K-2nd Grade

Melynda (Room 4), 3rd-5th Grade

Tim (Room 7), 6th-8th Grade and Confirmation

Rob (Youth Room), High School

Rick (Chapel), Adults 11am

Coming Soon! Adult Sunday School Series Class at 9am



Church in a Bag!

Starting Sunday September 10th the blue 'listening bags' are getting a facelift!

At St. Andrews, we strive for all generations to gather in worship. This means that, we are continually seeking creative ways for all to be active worshipers. Church in a Bag will encourage involvement with children and families, by providing resources for children & youth to be engaged with worship. This is about knowing God's word, that is for all of us.

Church in a bag goes alongside the Kids bulletin. This is designed, as a way for children and youth to listen and interact with worship. Students are welcome and encouraged to draw, write, or doodle through the bulletin as they hear or interact with service on what stands out to them. In their interactions we can all gather and talk through service, trusting that God is at work in our hearts big and small, as we grow in faith together.

The final piece of Church in a bag is going out into the world. Children and youth are encouraged to share with all of us, what they experienced in worship. This could be with a congregation member or the staff of the church. Let us all be ready to listen, and to receive what is shared. This helps us create space to go out and share God's word, as we all learn to serve in Christ.



FOR OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH

What do you call a bible character who just pulled into church? (Answer Below)

Upcoming...

Where has the Summer gone!? But what a summer filled with events, fun at Spark Park, mission, and food! Like many things though, it must come to an end.

But wait! With Fall there is so much more ahead. Season change bring a whole new set of fun!

September 10th is our Kickoff Sunday at 8:45 am with a Potluck Breakfast. But also, an adult Youth Group gathering for all Volunteers, Sunday School Teachers and Youth Leaders. Sept. 10, 4-6pm.

September 17th is the first Epyc and Trailblazers of the school year. It is shaping up to be an active and fun year of youth ministry!

October is approaching Way faster than anyone cares to admit. Yet with it comes Corn Maze, Pumpkin patch, Carving pumpkins and Trunk or Treat! Stay Tuned for more details on all of those!

Oh, and are you interested in helping with the Visit with St. Nicholas? Because I hear Sleigh Bells!



Kids Ring and Sing

Starts in Late September

Ring and Sing is a music program for all kids! Maggie introduces kids to the joy of music together!

Epyc 4-6pm

Epyc is youth group for 6-12th grades in the youth center. We enjoy a time of fellowship, study, and food!

Sept 17th- Epyc

Sept 24th- Epyc

Oct 1st- Epyc

Oct 8th- Epyc

Trailblazers

4-6pm

Trailblazers is youth group for 1st-5th grades in the living room. We enjoy a time of fellowship, study, and food!

Sept 17th-Trailblazers

Sept 24th- Trailblazers

Oct 1st- Trailblazers

Oct 8th- Trailblazers

Rob Cochran

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Answer: A Parking Lot!



August

- 1 Shirley Etter
- 2 Karen Shalters
- 3 Jeff Burgis
- 5 Michael Yordy
- 6 Rebecca Lister
- 7 Helen Leaman
Brynna Lister
Lisa Meyer
- 9 Kathy Lebo
John Hakkinen
- 10 Roz Presby
- 11 Mary Lynne Mulligan
- 13 Tom Shott
- 14 Shawn Burgis
Judy Kurtz
John P. Goetze (son)
Teagan Lowrie
- 15 Ford Rau
- 17 Johnathan Shuey
- 18 Cliff Shiner
- 22 Dennis Shalters
- 27 Maureen Goetze
Linda Rau

Aug—Oct Birthdays

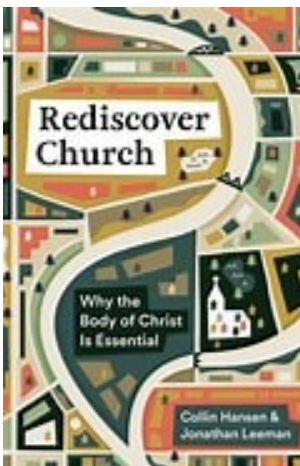
September

- 3 Tim Chevalier
- 4 Fay Peterson
Ken Tice
Dave Tshudy
- 5 Joanne Fairlamb
Margi Hearson
Charles Jones III
- 6 Dan Dowhower
- 11 Alexamarie Lowrie
- 13 Jim Reilly
- 16 Nadine Jones
Carol Hockenbury
- 17 Annette Chevalier
- 18 Danielle Chevalier
Caitlyn Gelgot
Barry Kohr
John K. Goetze (dad)
- 19 Cynthia Condrack
- 20 Nicholas Chevalier
Gayle Reilly
- 23 Claude Miller
- 25 Bonnie Tenney
- 26 Summer Hakkinen
- 27 Lew Sauerwein

October

- 1 Diane Pomeroy
Tim Peelen
- 2 Bob Hearson
- 4 Nancy Leshar
Virginia Phillips
- 5 Ellen Dreibelbis
- 6 Paul Kilgore
- 7 Sam Dreibelbis
Collin Jones
- 8 Jere Shiner
- 9 Ann Andrews
- 10 Bridget Hofman
Barbara Moyer
- 15 Carolyn Kilgore
Lorraine Lowrie
Sue Mechura
Carol Schiller
Fiona Tshudy
- 18 Belinda Spicer
- 23 Colleen Tuisl
- 29 Don Beatty
Karen Regester
- 30 Michael Hains
- 31 Katelynn Sensenig

St Andrew's WEBS Group: Wed. Evening Bible Study



Current Study:

The Wednesday Evening Bible Study (WEBS) will begin our study season on Wednesday September 13th at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. We will be reading the book “Rediscover Church, Why the Body of Christ is Essential” by Collin Hansen & Jonathan Leeman. Many Christians have not returned to church life since the COVID pandemic. Whether for reasons of convenience or due to other concerns. The authors will help us see why gathering as a group of Christians is essential to our walk of faith. A book is not needed for this study, but, if you would like a book the cost is \$5.00. Please sign up in the Gathering Area or contact the church office.

Fellowship Committee

Coffee Hour Are you interested in hosting coffee hour after church?

The Fellowship Committee welcomes your assistance!

Please sign up in the Gathering Area. Ask Carla Dowd or Karen Fedder if you have any questions. Thank you!



The New Era Group Open to anyone interested.... A social group with daytime gatherings for lunch/movies/presentations and other activities.

Always open for someone (or a pair of someones) to come up with ideas.

Mark your calendars for this upcoming event:

Sept. 21st Wolf Sanctuary Guided Tour

These tours work to educate and dispel myths about this keystone species. The sanctuary maintains the dignity and health of over 50 gray wolves and wolf hybrids.

10AM Tour, Speedwell Forge Rd., Lititz.

(tours last 60-90 minutes) Cost is \$14 per person.

Then, lunch at 11:30AM, we'll meet at The Brickerville House in Lititz (self-pay)



Please RSVP by Sept. 10th.



Coming up in September:

Join us on **September 10th for Kick-Off Sunday**
as we start up our Fall schedule
with a Potluck Breakfast for all in Snyder Hall at 8:45am!

Coming in October:

October 22nd—St. Andrews Day, complete with bagpiper in worship, shortbread and our annual Baked Potato Luncheon!



Mission Committee News

*Mission spotlight for August: Paper Towels, Tissue, Toilet Paper

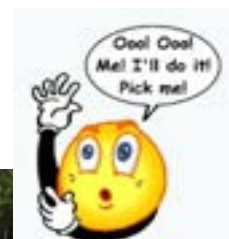
*Mission Spotlight for September: Hot & Cold Cereals

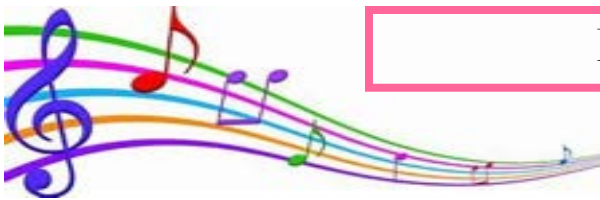


Mission Week 2023 - August 6 - 12



**MISSION
IMPOSSIBLE**





Music Notes

Chancel Choir and Praise Team Rehearsals

Regular rehearsal schedule resumes on Wednesday, September 6th

Praise Team at 6:30 pm Wednesdays in the Sanctuary

Chancel Choir at 7:30 pm Wednesdays in the Music Room

New singers are always welcome to join us in leading worship to sing our praises to God. Our Chancel Choir and Praise Team share their love of God and music as they sing and pray in fellowship with each other. Come join our music family!

Singing brings your heart, soul, mind and strength together to focus completely on God.



Applause ... Memorable Music at St. Andrews

The popular concert series returns with three concerts scheduled for the 2023-2024 season! Letters with brochures describing our concert programs will be arriving in your mailbox soon!

The first concert is **Steven Courtney and the Suitcase Musicians** on **Friday, October 20, at 7:30 pm**. This is a concert for everyone – all ages! “Sharing love, kindness and friendship through music. Parents love the message. Children adore the music and fun spirit. Everywhere the band travels, people of all ages sing, clap and dance to the band’s music.” Come for a night of fun!

Postcards will be available soon to invite your family and friends in the community!

Concert in Memory of Dr. Carroll Ditzler

Sunday, **September 10, at 7:00 pm** in the Mt. Gretna Tabernacle the Perseverance Band of Lebanon will present a concert in memory of Carroll Ditzler. He was a long-time member of St. Andrews, the Chancel Choir and the brass quartet. Join us as the band honors the life of Carroll and his love of music!

Session Notes

August 1, 2023

Pastor Morgan opened the Session meeting with prayer and read a passage from 2nd Timothy chapter 1 beginning in verse 3. She asked the elders present to reflect upon what activities and experiences have helped them to grow in discipleship. The elders and deacon present shared their reflections.

This was followed by a report from the Discipleship Task Force requesting approval of the three pillars of Knowing God's Word, Growing in Faith Together, and Serving in Christ. These pillars are meant to serve as foundation for the discipleship pathway at SAPC and will inform the work we do in this area going forward. After some discussion, Session approved the request of the Task Force.

Vacation days were approved for Pastor Robin and guest preacher, Pam Meiland was approved for the September 3, 2023 service while Rob Cochran was approved to preach at the October 8, 2023 service. Session received the Deacons' report explaining a new welcome team process for guests at the Sunday services and a plan to hold new member classes in the fall and the spring of the year. Session also provided input into a new purpose statement for the Carlisle Presbytery.

Reports from the Standing Committees of Session were received, and we were encouraged to pray for the expanding and busy Youth Ministry of the church. The Fellowship Committee reminded the Session of the Kickoff Breakfast on September 10. The 2024 budget process was explained with committee chairs to have budget requests back to the Finance Committee by October 3. The St. Andrews Concert Series will begin on October 20th, with three concerts planned for the season. The Concert Committee requested permission to raise funds for the concert series; Session approved that request.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at approximately 8:45 pm

Karen Dielmann

Church Officers:

Session

2023

Carla Dowd (Fellowship)
 Karen Fedder (Fellowship)
 Rebecca Lister (Christian Ed)
 William Mulligan- (Clerk/Nominating)

2024

Frederick Jones (Mission)
 Stuart Juppenlatz (Stew. & Fin.)
 Kayla Lowrie (Christian Ed)
 Lewis Sauerwein (Worship)

2025

Karen Dielmann (Admin. & Pers.)
 David Overholt (Mission)
 Penny Samuelson (Worship)
 Doug Lister, (Pres. Trustees/Property)

Deacons

2023

Donna Kuntz
 Lorraine Lowrie
 Ann Ormond
 Kathy Wissinger
 Gwen Yordy

2024

Rosemary Birt
 John Butler
 Jean Ditzler
 Robert Kopp
 Sue Mechura

2025

Kathy Crager
 Lorna Everhart
 Mary Lynne Mulligan

Nominating Committee

Perry Latshaw,
 Diane Pomeroy,
 Lynn Phillips, Ken Tice

Church Staff:

Ministers	Members of St. Andrews
Pastor / Head of Staff.	Rev. Robin Morgan
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Richard L. Cassel
Director of Youth and Children's Ministries.	Robert Cochran
Coordinator of Music Ministries	Carole Haines
Organist.	Lisa Meyer
Contemporary Music Leader/Digital Media Spec.	Johnathan Shuey
Media Coordinator.	Lew Sauerwein
Treasurer	Marc Hamme
Church Custodian	Daphne Hoke
Office Manager	Mary Lynne Mulligan

Church Office Hours

9AM—4PM, Monday–Thursday, and 9AM—Noon, Friday.
 If you should have an emergency when the office isn't open,
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St. Andrews Mission Statement

Inspired by the love of Christ, we are building a community that invites our neighbors into a relationship with God and each other.

Our Values

Christ First

We will do all things as a reflection of Christ.

Inviting

We will extend Christ's welcome to all.

Joyful

We will vibrantly serve Christ with courage, enthusiasm, and a fun-loving attitude.

Open-Minded

We will embrace people and consider ideas with empathy and without judgment.

