

The Fisherman's Network

St. Andrews United Methodist Church

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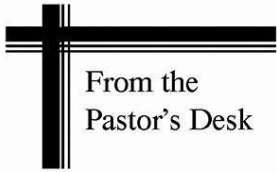
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Our Mission: "To Show, Share and Grow in God's Love, through Jesus Christ."

Our Vision: "Believe in God, Follow Jesus, and Serve Others."

November 2021 Newsletter



From the
Pastor's Desk

We need a revival at St. Andrews Church

I believe God is healing our church, renewing us for a great harvest that's coming.

God's Spirit is filling our hearts with joy and strength for the future.

God's Holy Spirit is on the move in our church and city. Open your hearts to receive the power that revives and renews.

When God's Spirit moves people:

People repent their sins.

Their faith grows to trust God

They obey the Word of God

They get on the church's mission train

I believe we have a great desire to love our God. As we connect with God, his joy is and will be our strength.

I invite you to pray, we need prayer warriors to bring about this revival. Let us practice the disciplines of the church, praying, fasting and reading the Holy Scriptures.

The result of the revival will be more commitment to God, the church and its mission.

Revival will bring reconciliation and harmony in the church.

God bless us and renew us. AMEN.

Blessings,
Pastor Serufusa



St. Andrews Music Notes

St. Andrews Chancel/Praise Choir has begun practicing for the advent/Christmas season. We have extra music and extra space for anyone who would like to join us; even if it is just for the Christmas season. We really do enjoy the fellowship at rehearsals.

I have joined the Faithful Ringers and my only question is, "Why didn't I join sooner?" It is so much fun and a great way to keep your mind active. Most importantly is that both groups are making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Lisa Shives
Music Director



Adult Sunday School

Classes will Begin in November

Watch for coming announcements of the start date for Paul Bailey's adult Sunday School class.

John Davidson will lead an Advent study, "The Heart that Grew Three Sizes". Finding faith in the story of the Grinch. Classes will be held at 9:00 am Sundays beginning November 28th. John asks that all who plan to attend watch the movie or read the book, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" before the first class. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex beginning November 7th.



Important Dates in November

11/02 - 7:00 pm virtual

Church Conference

- 11/04 - 10:00 am Bible Study (final)
- 11/04 - 7:00 pm Trustees
- 11/06 - Turn Clocks Back Tonight!
- 11/07 - Daylight Savings Time ends
- 11/07 - All Saints' Sunday
- 11/09 - 6:00 pm SPRC
- 11/11 - Veterans Day
- 11/16 - 6:30 pm Finance
- 11/21 - Christ the King Sunday
- 11/23 - 7:00 pm Ad Council
- 11/24 - 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. Paul's Lutheran (Funkstown)
- 11/25 - Thanksgiving Day (Church Office closed)
- 11/28 - 1st Sunday of Advent
- 11/28 - 9:00 am Advent Study begins
- 11/28 - UM Student Day



November 24th
7:00 pm

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Funkstown, MD
Pastor Randy Reid will
bring the message



Notes on Finances...

Applying Bible Principles

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Tim. 6:10).

How would people describe you? Are you one who "loves" money? Is your life marked by a continual inordinate concern about and striving for money? If so, then perhaps you are one who truly "loves" money.

Money is neutral. It is neither good nor bad. What matters is our attitude towards it. If we view it as a means to an end, a means of exchange, and something God can use in our lives to bring glory to Himself, then we probably do not love money. On the other hand, if we are always wanting more and more money, if we will do just about anything to obtain it, and if we think about money more than anything or anyone else, we likely are guilty of loving money. In that situation, it has become a "god" to us, and we bow at its altar in continuing service in order to obtain more of it.

If you are determined to get rich, no matter what, before you continue that lifestyle, read Paul's admonition to Timothy in 1 Timothy 6:9-10. Consider Solomon's counsel in Proverbs 11:28 and Ecclesiastes 5:10-11. And think about the words of

the Lord Jesus in Matthew 6:24, who said, "No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Or as Jesus would say, "Let anyone with ears listen."



Remember our
Veterans
November 11, 2021



November is Food Month:

"Our dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for this food. Feed our souls on the bread of life and help us do our part in kind words and loving deeds. We ask in Jesus' name." (Author unknown)

This month's project will be donating food to our community. Consider giving a box of children's cereal to St. Mark's Food Bank, a canned item to the Rescue Mission's Meal Ministry, or a box of macaroni and cheese/instant potatoes to Bester Elementary School's Pantry. In the last month we donated a total of 84 items. Thank you!

Church World Service (CWS):

Thank you for supporting CWS in October. Because of you, CWS is "making a difference and changing lives." Look for an update in December's newsletter.

Global Ministries-Support of Desiree L. Segura-April:

From Roland Fernandes, General Secretary:

"Thank you! Your financial support is enabling Global Ministries' missionaries to fulfill the Mission of the Church." We sent \$462.00 for the first half of 2021 to honor our covenant with Desiree. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

St. Andrew's Potato Project:

"Your gift is already helping our hungry brothers and sisters! Thank you for your \$130.00 gift of health and hope."

From Chesley R. Vohden (Director of Church Relations)

**SALVATION ARMY STOCKINGS
ARE COMING!**



Worship

November is the month of "Giving Thanks". Although we should always be giving thanks each and every day; this month seems to make us more aware of all those blessings we should be thankful for always.

All Saints' Day is celebrated on November 7th. During the worship service, we will remember those who have died in the past year. The names of members who have passed will be written on our special altar cloth and other friends and family who have passed will be mentioned.

Thursday, November 11th, the country will observe Veteran's Day. Be sure to thank a veteran for their service and be thankful for all military personnel who have served or are actively serving to protect our country.

As we near the Thanksgiving holiday, consider contributing to St. Andrews collection of food for the local Food Bank. Sharing our plenty with those who are not as fortunate and thanking the Lord for our blessings goes back to the very heart of the first Thanksgiving.

On November 24th at 7:00 pm we will observe a Thanksgiving Eve Service combined with Emmanuel UMC and St. Paul's Lutheran Church at their church in Funkstown. Pastor Randy from Emmanuel UMC will bring the message.

Sunday, November 28th is the first Sunday of Advent. The church will be decorated for Christmas and we will be in preparation and anticipation of celebrating and being thankful for the most precious gift...the birth of Jesus.

The month of November is full of special days to be thankful for each and every day. May we strive to: *"Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"*.

I Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV
