

# ST. ANDREW'S CROSS

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## JUNE EVENTS

### SAW Rummage Sale June 3rd and 4th

See page 5 for all of the details  
including volunteer and donation information.

### The Festival of Pentecost Sunday, June 5

Our high school graduates will be celebrated at the  
10:30am service and presented with handmade quilts  
from St. Andrew's Comforters.

### Outdoor Worship & Potluck Brunch Sunday, June 12 @ 9am

Celebrate the beginning of summer! Worship will be  
outdoors, weather permitting, followed by a potluck  
brunch in the church building.

Please note the new service time, as this is the first  
week of our summer schedule, and bring a lawn  
chair if you have one.

### Summer Worship Schedule Begins June 12th

Remember! Worship will be held at 9am each Sunday  
from June 12 through September 4th.



**July Cross Deadline: June 15th**

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### *from the May 9th Council Meeting:*

Pastor Neel reported that Sunday worship attendance continues to climb.

A motion carried to move our three second year confirmation students to full adult membership May 29th, and to accept a new adult member, as well as an infant into membership by baptism in the coming weeks.

A motion was approved to combine Confirmation classes with St. Mark's Lutheran Church next year on a trial basis. Pastor Neel will teach the classes which will alternate between buildings, with students being confirmed into their own, home church.

Mark Jonkman reports that the Chancel Choir has concluded rehearsals for the church year. He anticipates bringing the youth choir back in the fall.

Motions were made and passed to hire Kristina O'Neill Davis as Director of St. Andrew's Nursery School (see announcement, page three) and Rocco Presto as Sexton (see page six).

An audit of our finances was completed on April 26th.

An outdoor service (weather permitting) was approved for Sunday, June 12 at 9:00am, as was a potluck brunch to follow in the church building.

Several of our teams suspend meetings for the summer. Those teams include Worship and Music, Property, and St. Andrew's Comforters.



### General Fund Financial Position Summary For the Month Ending April 30, 2022

	April	2022 YTD
<b>Offerings</b>	\$18,513.75	\$64,287.58
<b>Expenses</b>	\$16,729.14	\$78,558.90
<b>Surplus (Shortage)</b>	\$1,784.61	(\$14,271.32)

## 2022 CHURCH COUNCIL

*\*denotes Team Liaison*

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## St. Andrew's Nursery School



### CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP

As the 2021/2022 School Year comes to a close, we say goodbye to Dori Roberts who has served as SANS Director since 2015. Dori first came to SANS as a parent in 2009, and then joined the teaching staff in 2013. Dori will be teaching in the public schools this fall and, although we will all miss her, we rejoice with her for the new opportunity. Thank you, Dori, for your leadership and dedication to providing all of our children and families a safe, loving, and nurturing preschool experience.

With Dori's departure, we congratulate our new Director, Kristina O'Neill Davis. Kristina has been on the SANS teaching staff since 2020 and holds a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education from East Stroudsburg University.

Kristina's first day as SANS Director will be May 30th. Welcome to your new role, Kristina!

### SANS Food Drive

In the month of April, St. Andrew's Nursery School held a food drive to benefit the food pantries of Easton Area Schools. Thank you to all who contributed. It was a huge success!



Donations on their way to the Food Bank



### 2022 Youth Mission Camp

Palmer Moravian Church

June 20 - June 24

Open to all rising 6th—12th Graders

Participants will travel to local service agencies to help in a hands-on way. Registration deadline is June 5th. For more information, contact Kathy Sofie at: [kathypalmermoravian@gmail.com](mailto:kathypalmermoravian@gmail.com).

### St. Stephen's Vacation Bible School "Adventure Island"



July 11-15

9am—Noon

Free for Kids ages 4-12

67 W. Washington Avenue, Bethlehem

Register by July 6th at

[www.ststephensbethlehem.org](http://www.ststephensbethlehem.org)



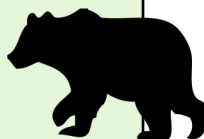
### Don't Miss Out on the Best Week of Summer!

Over 600 campers have already registered for summer camp at Bear Creek.

Many sessions and age groups are filling quickly, so you are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

Registration is also open for Family Camp and the Artist's Retreat which are held Session Three, which is July 3-8.

Limited Camper-ships are available. Contact the church office for more information.







## *Memorials Were Received in Memory of ...*

Betty Jean Hartman, who died on March 19th,  
from Lois Keck and Family.

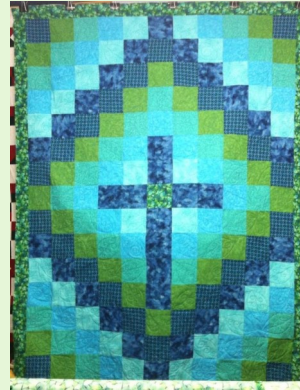
Donnamarie Hawk, who died on April 1st,  
from Shirley Brugger.

Charles Massey, who died on March 11th, from  
Janet and Thomas Domerski, Sylvia Gallop, Ja-  
net Rhymer, Frederick Tedesco, and ETI, Inc.

Clyde McIntyre, who died on January 16th, from  
Debra Henry.

Jeanine Peters from Nancy and Nat Amato, Kathy  
and Ed Schaeffer, Gail and Jack Stahley, and Lin-  
da DeRenzis Sutton and Bob Sutton.

## **St. Andrew's Comforters**



***St. Andrew's  
Comforters will  
take a break for the  
summer. Check  
back in future  
issues of the Cross  
for updated meeting  
dates.***

SAC is a faithful group of ladies who meet on  
the third Wednesday of the month to make  
quilts for our high school graduates and  
many others in the community. These quilts  
remind the recipients that St. Andrews, but  
especially Christ, will be here to comfort  
them through their life journey.

***Quilts will be given to our high  
school graduates on Sunday,  
June 5th at the 10:30am service.  
Please come out and join us in  
honoring the accomplishments  
of our young people that day.***

To learn more about St. A's Comforters,  
contact Mary Ann at 610-258-2219.

## *Congratulations Class of 2022*

**Ryan Bonser** is graduating from Pleasant Valley High School and will be attending Embry-Riddle  
Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL. Ryan is the son of Lori and Robert Bonser, and  
grandson of Betty Detweiler.



**Sean Costanzo** is graduating from Freedom High  
School and will be attending Moravian University in the  
fall. Sean is the son of Wendy and John Costanzo.

**Corry Fucili** has recently graduated from Grand  
Canyon University with a Master of Arts-History with  
an education focus. Corry is the son of Sheri and Tom  
Fucili and the grandson of Betty Detweiler.

## St. Andrew's Women (SAW)

The Strong. The Proud. The Backbone.

**Wednesday, June 8th**

**10:00am in the Church Social Room**



### **Business:**

- Critique Rummage Sale
- Determine distribution of Rummage Sale proceeds
- Distribute 2022/2023 Hostess, Devotion, and Mission sign-up sheets
- Set Date for August Agenda Planning Meeting
- Discuss Fall Fair (October 7 & 8) and raffle prizes
- Decide Committee Chairs for upcoming year

**Program:** "Now You Have It, Now You Don't"

**Hostesses:** Shirley Kerbaugh, Pat Bean, Marge Weidner, Donna George

**Lunch:** Potluck Picnic at church (hot dogs with fix-ins provided)

## **Ladies' Tea Proceeds to Ukraine**

The Annual Ladies' Tea brought in \$800, which when matched by SAW, became a \$1,600 total donation to benefit Ukraine Relief through the ELCA.

Our thanks to all who participated in the event.



## **SORTING YOUR DONATIONS SAVES US VALUABLE TIME**

We appreciate all donations to the Rummage Sale, and ask that you please take a moment at home to sort and label your boxes before dropping them off.

Suggested terms are: *Housewares, Electronics, Holiday, Toys, Linens, Media/Books, Men's Clothing, Women's Clothing.*  
Thank you for your help!

## **REMINDER..... WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

Luggage, exercise equipment, large musical instruments, office and computer equipment, televisions, and Christmas trees. Thank you for your understanding.

## **RUMMAGE \$ALE WEEK PLANNER**

***This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and volunteers are needed all week!***

***Please contact any member of SAW, the church office, or Pastor Neel for more information or to volunteer.***

**Saturday, May 28:** Tables are set up, rooms that aren't used on Sundays are prepared.

**Sunday, May 29:** Donation Drop-Off begins at the conclusion of the 10:30am service. Set up tables in common areas. Sorting begins.

**Monday, May 30:** Memorial Day

**Tuesday, May 31:** Drop-Off continues, item sorting and pricing, 9am-7pm.

**Wednesday, June 1:** Last day to drop off your donations. Item sorting and pricing, 9am-7pm.

**Thursday, June 2:** Final sorting and pricing, 9am—"noon-ish". Soup drop off: 2-3pm. Baked goods drop off: 5-7pm.

**Friday, June 3:** Volunteers begin at 6:30am. Sale hours 8am-2pm. Soup drop off: 2-3pm.

**Saturday, June 4:** Sale hours 8am-2pm. Volunteers needed to clean-up, box up leftover merchandise, put church "back in order".

## June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month

*Is this Normal Aging or is this Dementia?*

**PARISH  
NURSES**



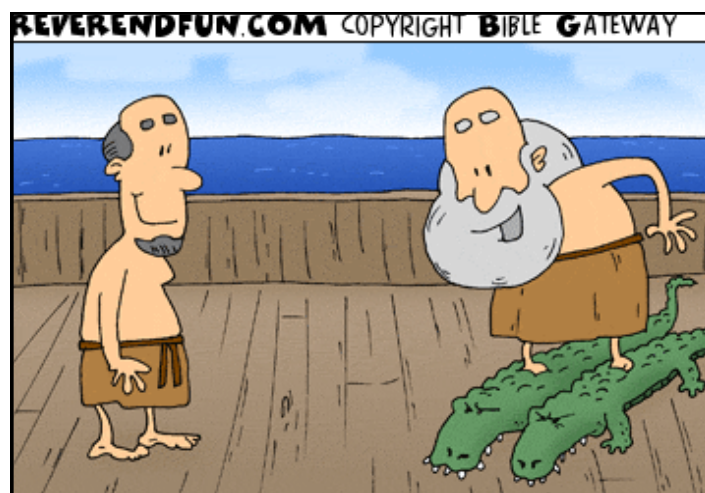
	<b>Normal Aging</b>	<b>Possible indicator of dementia</b>
Memory Loss	Temporarily forget names or where you left your keys	Difficulty remembering familiar names, places, or recent or important events
Disorientation	Forget the day of the week or why you entered a room	Get lost on your own street or forget where you are and how to get home
Challenged by mental tasks	Make a mistake when balancing a checkbook	Unable to complete tasks that may be familiar to you, such as balancing a checkbook or following a recipe
Difficulty completing activities of daily living	Sometimes need assistance with an electronic device	Need assistance with brushing teeth, getting dressed or using a phone
Trouble using words appropriately	Occasionally struggle to find the right word	Difficulty completing sentences and following directions or conversations
Poor judgment	Make questionable or debatable decisions at times	Unsure how to dress or giving money to solicitors excessively
Changes in mood or personality	Fatigued by obligations or irritable when a routine is disrupted	Increased suspicion, withdrawal or disinterest

If you know someone who is struggling with dementia, please feel free to attend The Morningstar Memory Cafe'. These gatherings are held at the Advent Moravian Church, 3730 Jacksonville Rd., Bethlehem, PA. The Memory Café is hosted by experienced professionals from Senior Solutions who are Certified Dementia Specialists. These bi-monthly gatherings provide activities for care partners and care recipients in an environment where they can socialize with others. For more information and to reserve a place, please call 610.258.0700 or email [contact@senior-solutions.com](mailto:contact@senior-solutions.com).

## Welcome to Our New Church Sexton



Rocco Presto has joined our team as the new church building Sexton. Rocky is retired from Easton Area School District where he was on the custodial staff at all levels from elementary through the high school. Welcome Rocky!



**You're right...  
these crocs really are comfortable!**





- 6/1 Jerri Heebner, Deborah Perry, Johnny Price, Jr., Chase Skutches
- 6/2 Jeffrey Hegedus, Dakota Pittaro, Maureen Rinda
- 6/3 Ron Semanick
- 6/4 Sue Moretti, Amy Ward
- 6/5 Gregory Hess, Owne Miller, David Ryan
- 6/6 Laurie Roth
- 6/7 Michelle Bonnell, Ron Frantz, Lorree Guydish, Kimberly Hutchison,  
Scott Klabunde, Chris Lynn, Jennifer Naugle, Nathaniel Oraschin,  
Angela Sabatino
- 6/8 Todd Brown, Earl Holland
- 6/9 Lincoln Sadler
- 6/10 Jack Graham, Dureen Hoerl
- 6/11 Malia Bennett, Mark Burnhauser. Sr., Michael Hynes
- 6/12 Karen Barilone, Robin Reese
- 6/13 Drew Costanzo, Sean Guydish, Glenda Prideaux, Chetan Rohgatgi,  
Sophie Thompson
- 6/14 Addison Brehm, Carrington Brehm, Piper Frankenfield, Rachel  
Hill, Joseph Ryan, Michael Ryan
- 6/15 Matthew Hetzel, Olivia Rymon
- 6/16 Matthew Clark, Terry Melick, Julian Rohatgi, Sarah Roth
- 6/17 Hudson Frankenfield, Michael McCready
- 6/18 Josh Brinker, Collins Hill, Matej Novak
- 6/19 Sylvia Gallop, Steve Parvin
- 6/20 Evan Gimbar, Mark Oakley, Brian Snyder, Tristen Young
- 6/21 Kelsey Miller, Jessica Mowrey, Cathy Sachs
- 6/22 Natalie Celia, Linda DeRenzis-Sutton, Aidan Murnane, Walter  
Rankin, Matthew Sabatino
- 6/23 Katie Derr, Shayna McGeehan, Jessi Thorpe
- 6/24 Allison Berger, Tom Corona
- 6/25 Michael Chaffier
- 6/26 Heather Frantz, Jeffrey Fretz, Jean Gies, Andie Graney, Gwen  
Krapf
- 6/27 Chuck Bleice, Andrew Holmes, Bryce Hulsizer
- 6/28 Joan Gordon, James Spadafora
- 6/29 Cory Huff, Lana Searfass
- 6/30 Janet Rhymer



**NEPA SYNOD**  
NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD

Thank you to the members of  
St. Andrew's Church from the  
Northeastern Pennsylvania  
Synod of the Evangelical  
Lutheran Church of America.

In grateful appreciation for  
giving **\$22,500** for Mission  
Support beyond the  
congregation for synod and  
churchwide ministries of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
in America.

**THANK YOU!**



**Ushers and  
Altar Guild  
Team Members  
Needed.**

**Contact  
Pastor Neel  
for details.**



# June Calendar



## Wednesday, June 1

7:00pm Bible Study via Zoom

## Friday, June 3

8am—2pm SAW Rummage Sale

## Saturday, June 4

8am—2pm SAW Rummage Sale

## Sunday, June 5

### The Festival of Pentecost

\*8:30am Holy Communion Service

10:30am Holy Communion Service

## Wednesday, June 8

10:00am SAW Meeting in Social Hall

7:00pm Bible Study via Zoom

## Friday, June 10

Synod Assembly via Zoom

7:30pm Crossroads AA

## Saturday, June 11

Synod Assembly via Zoom

## Sunday, June 12

### New Time for Summer

9:00am Outdoor Holy Communion Service

- No Live Stream -

Potluck Luncheon following worship

## Monday, June 13

7:00pm Church Council via Zoom

## Friday, June 17

7:30pm Crossroads AA

## Sunday, June 19

\*9:00am Holy Communion Service

## Thursday, June 23

7:00pm Community Care via Zoom

## Sunday, June 26

\*9:00am Holy Communion Service

7:00pm Supplemental Council Mtg via Zoom

## Wednesday, June 29

7:00pm Bible Study via Zoom

**\* Service Live-Streamed via Zoom**

WEDNESDAY

# Bible Study

Adult Bible Study meets Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm on Zoom. The group will begin discussing the book *“Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy”*, on June 29th.

*AMISH GRACE* explores the religious beliefs and habits that led an Amish community to forgive so quickly after the 2006 massacre of Amish girls in a schoolhouse in Nickel Mines, Pennsylvania. This act of forgiveness begs for a deeper exploration. How could the Amish do this? What did this act mean to them? And how might their witness prove useful to the rest of us?

Copies of the book are available through the church office and new members are always welcome. Contact the office or Pastor Neel for additional information.

## Mission District Night at the Iron Pigs Ballpark

Friday, July 8th @ 7:05pm

Tickets are on sale now for the Annual Bethlehem-Easton Mission District Night at the Ballpark! Join friends and family for this



fun evening cheering on our Iron Pigs as they host the Rochester Redwings.

For tickets, contact the church office ASAP.

Checks should be made out to St. Andrew's.

Note that reservations aren't guaranteed until payment is received.