

# ST. ANDREW'S CROSS

*Where All are Welcome. No Matter Where They Are on Life's Journey.* OCTOBER, 2023  
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## 2023 Fall Fair

Flea Market,  
Raffle,

Soup and Bake Sale

Friday, October 6, & Saturday, October 7  
9am-2pm

**How can you help?** Sign-Up sheets are available for review in the Narthex, or contact the church office or any SAW member. Help is needed throughout the week with set up, starting on Wednesday evening and ending with Saturday evening clean up.

**Other ways to help:** Contribute items to raffle; make and contribute soup or baked goods; buy and sell raffle tickets; volunteer to help; attend and shop the sale!

Proceeds from the sale benefit St. Andrew's special projects.



Reformation Sunday  
October 29th



Sunday, November 5  
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**NOVEMBER CROSS DEADLINE:**  
Monday, October 16

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**Please Note: The Cross Newsletter is abbreviated again this month due to Elizabeth's limited office hours.**

# CHURCH COUNCIL

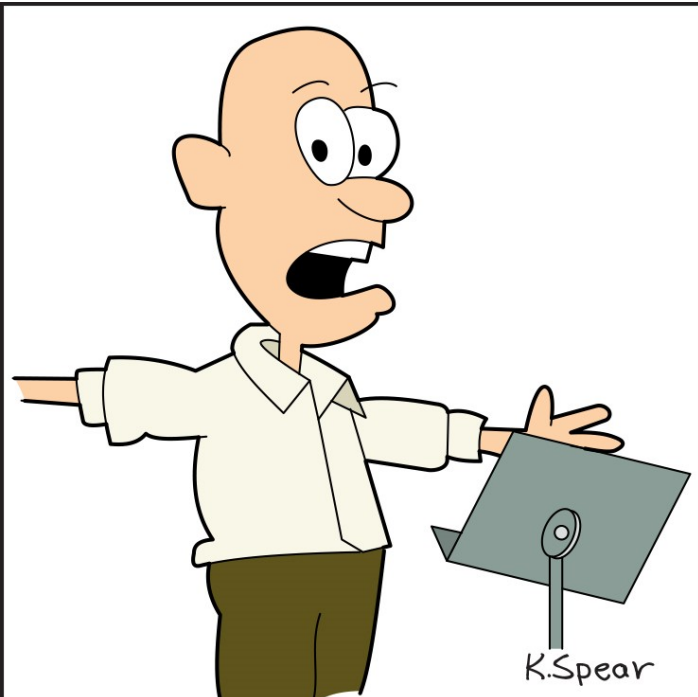
Due to the abbreviated newsletter, minutes from our most recent Congregational Council meetings are not included. Minutes are always available upon request through the church office.

## 2023 CHURCH COUNCIL

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Jonathan Bleice, Treasurer: 610-462-9488  
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**"If you would like to respond to today's message, text me at 555-GOAT."**

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### **General Fund Financial Position Summary For the Month Ending August 31, 2023**

	<b>August</b>	<b>2023 YTD</b>
<b>Offerings</b>	\$13,796.00	\$131,038.04
<b>Expenses</b>	\$17,318.97	\$151,035.93
<b>Surplus (Shortage)</b>	(\$3,522.97)	(\$19,997.89)



### **Friends Helping Friends Event**

Savings Passes are available now for this annual event at Boscov's. For only \$5 (a contribution that will stay at St. Andrew's), you will receive a savings pass for up to 25% off most items on Wednesday, October 18th.

See Donna George, April Shaheen, or the church office to purchase your savings pass and help St. Andrew's.





## **Bible Study**

### **Wednesdays at 7pm on Zoom**

The Adult Bible Study group began an eight-week exploration of the Book of Luke on September 20th. Study Guides are available through the church office, and new members are always welcome. Contact Pastor Neel or the Office for more information.

## **Community Care Team**

### **Thursday, October 26 @ 7pm via Zoom**

The Community Care Team works quietly in the background, coordinating much needed assistance to the community. If you are interested in joining the Team, or learning more about the ministry, contact Terry Diehl, Diane Laustsen, or the church office. You are also invited to join the Zoom call on the fourth Thursday of the month. As a reminder, the group continues to collect non-perishable food items, diapers, and baby wipes. These items can be dropped off at Hope House or in the Narthex.

## **Confirmation Classes**

### **(Most) Sundays at 6:30pm in Hope House**

Confirmation Classes will begin again for the year on Sunday, October 1st at 6:30pm. Open to all seventh and eighth grade students, Pastor Neel works closely with the youth to gain an understanding of the Lutheran Church, the holy sacrament of communion, service to others, and much more. Contact Pastor Neel of the church office for more information.

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

### **Wednesday, October 18th, 10am-3pm - Social Room**

Each month a faithful group of ladies, St. Andrew's Comforters (aka Comfort Quilters), meets to make quilts. These quilts are not always fancy, but are designed for comfort. The quilts are distributed locally to those in need, and are also given annually to our high school graduates. The group meets monthly in the church Social Room. For more information about the group, contact Mary Ann Gaumer, the church office, or show up for their next meeting. All are welcome!

## **♥ Thank You!**

Just a quick little note to thank all of the St. Andrew's Family for the many prayers, cards, and gifts that I have received over the last two months. You are all truly a blessing to me, and I look forward to the day when I am back in the office on a more regular schedule. For now, know that I truly appreciate each and every one of you. - Elizabeth

# St. Andrew's Women (SAW)

Wednesday, October 11th, 10am  
Church Social Room

**Speaker:** Pastor Neel

**Topic:** His Recent Trip to Holy Lands

**Hostesses:** Bring a Bag Lunch - Dessert Provided



*The Strong. The Proud. The Backbone.*

SAW is open to all women— members and friends of St. Andrew's are welcome to attend on a come as you can basis. SAW provides support to the church, community, and many other charitable organizations through a number of unique and widely anticipated annual fundraising events. SAW meets in the church building on the second Wednesday each month.



## Sunday, November 5th

On Sunday, November 5, 2023, loved ones who have entered into eternal life will be remembered during our All Saints' worship service.

If you would like to have someone remembered on this special day, please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office no later than Sunday, October 29th. We will remember each individual in the Prayers of the Church.

***Please print clearly.***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/01	Christine Bechtold, Tyler Bonnell, Adele Irving, Gary Strausser II
10/02	Derek Miller
10/03	Jason Allen
10/04	Makenna Casterline, Nicole Dalrymple, Wendy Harvey
10/05	Catherine Garces, Russ Souders
10/06	Andrew Semanick
10/07	Ethan Holland
10/08	Christine Baskwell, Jacob Boscia, Jr., Jessica Kessler
10/09	Marcia Cappello, Staci Forsythe, Carl Wolff
10/10	Todd Himmelreich, Debbie Troxell
10/12	Scott Casterline, Abbey Geiselman, Christina Hough, Brynley Klabunde, Joy Sandt
10/13	Donna Brown, Rachel Griffith-Fox, Madeline Hynes, Madelin Mariconda, Tamme Westbrooks
10/15	Dottie Phillips
10/16	Joe Ravese
10/19	David Abel, Welles Hill, John Walchak
10/20	Rebecca Chatenka
10/21	Jill Hand, Amanda Stydinger
10/22	Joshua Young
10/23	Gabrielle Bleice, Susan Weaver
10/24	Brian Gaumer, Donna Trauger, Kelly Warrelmann, Cynthia White
10/25	Kathie Enea, Dodge Hill, Terry Nitchkey, Melony Rooks
10/28	Brayden Garces, Logan Garces, Nina Kramer, Linda Pennoyer, Marge Weidner
10/29	Melba Green, Justin Nitchkey, Gretchen Schaefer, Fay Slater
10/30	Bryan Shields
10/31	Lisa Allen, Ned Enea, Cindy Holland, Jacob Janos

## Fall Fair, Raffle Soup and Bake Sale

You Don't Want to Miss It!

Friday, October 6  
Saturday, October 7





# OCTOBER CALENDER

## **Sunday, October 1**

9:00am Alternative Worship  
10:30am Traditional Worship  
6:30pm Confirmation Class @ Hope House

## **Monday, October 2**

7:00pm Worship and Music @ Hope House  
7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

## **Tuesday, October 3**

7:00pm Property Team via Zoom  
7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

## **Wednesday, October 4**

7:00pm Bible Study via Zoom

## **Thursday, October 5**

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## **Friday, October 6**

**Fall Fair and Bake Sale**

## **Saturday, October 7**

**Fall Fair and Bake Sale**

## **Sunday, October 8**

9:00am Alternative Worship  
10:30am Traditional Worship  
6:30pm Confirmation Class @ Hope House

## **Monday, October 9**

**Indigenous People/Columbus Day**

**Nursery School Closed**

7:00pm Congregation Council via Zoom  
7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

## **Tuesday, October 10**

7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

## **Wednesday, October 11**

10:00am St. Andrew's Women Meeting  
7:00pm Bible Study via Zoom

## **Thursday, October 12**

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## **Friday, October 13**

7:30pm Crossroads AA

## **Sunday, October 15**

9:00am Alternative Worship  
10:30am Traditional Worship  
6:30pm Confirmation Class @ Hope House

## **Monday, October 16**

7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

## **Tuesday, October 17**

9:30am Counting Committee at Hope House  
12:30pm Steel Magnolias  
7:00pm Spiritual Gifts Meeting via Zoom  
7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

## **Tuesday, October 17**

9:30am Counting Committee at Hope House  
12:30pm Steel Magnolias  
7:00pm Spiritual Gifts Meeting via Zoom  
7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

## **Wednesday, October 18**

10:00am St. Andrew's Comforters  
7:00pm Bible Study via Zoom

## **Thursday, October 19**

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## **Friday, October 20**

7:30pm Crossroads AA

## **Sunday, October 22**

9:00am Alternative Worship  
10:30am Traditional Worship  
6:30pm Confirmation Class @ Hope House

## **Monday, October 23**

7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

## **Tuesday, October 24**

7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

## **Wednesday, October 25**

7:00pm Bible Study via Zoom

## **Thursday, October 26**

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7:00pm Community Care Cmte via Zoom

## **Friday, October 27**

7:30pm Crossroads AA

## **Sunday, October 29**

9:00am Alternative Worship  
10:30am Traditional Worship

## **Monday, October 30**

7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

## **Tuesday, October 31**

**Halloween**

7:00pm Easton Musical Arts