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Where All are Welcome. No Matter Where They Are on Life's Journey.

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SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS JUNE 2ND

Once again this summer, our worship services will follow the "Now the Feast" liturgy. Traditional services will resume in September.

RUMMAGE SALE JUNE 7TH AND 8TH

The annual St. Andrew's Women (SAW) Rummage Sale will be held Friday, June 7th and Saturday, June 8th from 8am-2pm. This event is SAW's largest fundraiser of the year, and we have been getting calls from the community for information since April.

Help is needed as we prepare earlier that week, during sale hours, and afterward for clean-up. Donation reminders, reprinted from the May Cross, can be found on page 5. See any member of SAW or the church office for details.

"LUTHER" MOVIE JUNE 23RD AT 1PM

Return to St. Andrew's after lunch on Sunday the 23rd for a showing of "Luther", a movie about the life of Martin Luther, whose teachings and theological beliefs founded Lutheranism. See page 6 for details.

NEW CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESSES

Effective immediately, we ask that you please use the following email addresses that align with our website, and for specific jobs in the church, rather than individuals by name.

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Sitting with members of the congregation the other day, one of our folks related that when they talked to someone else who had been in worship, they stated that there was a lot of positive energy at church.

Nothing warms a Pastor's heart more. Because this is the atmosphere needed to not only grow, but perhaps more importantly, it is the atmosphere needed to experience the Grace and Love of God. God's grace and love are dynamic, and cannot be experienced without positive energy. Of course, that means that church (worship) will not be a quiet experience, rather church will have the noise of humanity.



I give thanks for that noise, I really do, it is joyfully wonderful. Of course, that is not to say I don't relish moments of quiet. One of my favorite spots in my home is an area with lots of windows. I sit in peace, sometimes watching the birds eat at the bird feeder, and sometimes I just sit. I cherish that time, too.

But when I'm in the church building, I am grateful to God for the positive energy. It feeds my soul, as much as sitting peacefully at home does.

Provide for both in your lives. God will speak to you in both in the noise and in the quiet.

- Pastor Neel

Donations will soon be need for a.....

Dinner at Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter

Wednesday, July 3rd

We plan to prepare hot dogs and hamburgers on their grill, and serve other picnic-style foods. Would you like to help us out? Be on the look out for a sign up sheet in mid-late June.

Contact the church office, Terry Diehl, or any member of the Community Care Team for additional details.



CONGREGATION COUNCIL



2024 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Laurie Roth, President: 610-252-7619
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Sue Himmelreich: 484-226-0165, **Congregation Care*
Diana Laustsen: 610-217-0448 **Community Care*

Non-Council Appointed Officers:

Jonathan Bleice, Treasurer: 610-462-9488
Elizabeth Campbell, Secretary: 610-252-2258

**Denotes Liaison to Committee*

Minutes from all Council Meeting are available by request in the church office.

Council meets the second Monday of each month on Zoom. Members of the congregation are invited to attend, but only Council members are given a vote. Links to the meeting can be found in the calendar on the church website.

General Fund Financial Position Summary for the month ending April 30, 2024

	<u>April</u>	<u>2024</u>
Offerings	\$15,403.52	\$68,588.90
Expenses	\$16,915.74	\$69,851.59
Surplus (Shortage)	(\$1,512.22)	(\$1,262.69)

REMEMBER—

OUR DOORS ARE NOW LOCKED DURING WORSHIP



As a community of faith committed to following Jesus Christ, we strive to extend a generous welcome to all who enter our doors, and to treat them with the love and dignity that God offers every one of us. *We always strive to make our church a safe and welcoming place for everyone.*

For that reason, the church doors are now being locked each Sunday morning at 9:40am, or ten minutes after the service begins. Greeters are stationed at the doors to assist with access.

St. Andrew's Women (SAW)

The Strong. The Proud. The Backbone.

Wednesday, June 12 @ 10:00am in the Church Social Room

Program: Mark Johnson, Sing-Along

Devotions: Kathy Brandt

Potluck Picnic Hostesses: Donna George, Shirley Kerbaugh, Marge Weidner

Business: Critique Tea and Rummage Sale, Vote on Rummage Sale Funds Distribution, Schedule Agenda Planning Meeting for August, Distribute Hostess and Devotion Sign Up Sheets for 2024/25, Select Committee Chairs for Fall Craft Fair, "Now You Have It, Now You Don't".

SAW provides support not only to the church, but also to our community and other charitable organizations, through a number of unique and widely anticipated annual fundraising events. **SAW is open to all women** on a "come as you can" basis.



Did you donate a jewelry box filled with jewelry to the Rummage Sale? If so, please contact the office ASAP. A piece of jewelry, that we feel may be a family heirloom, was included.

Why Do We Fundraise?

On May 11th, the Social Room was filled to capacity with women who had come for the SAW Ladies' Tea, and men who were serving. It was a joyous afternoon of fellowship, delicious treats, and most importantly, an afternoon that raised **\$1,086** to aid refugees in the Gaza Strip.

In this time of dwindling church attendance, many religious communities are turning to fundraising to help with things like keeping their lights on and their staff paid.

At St. Andrew's, we made the decision long ago that our fundraisers would either go to outside charitable organizations, or would assist with the "extras" that aren't a part of our budget. In short, our fundraisers are always for a specific purpose.

In the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37, Jesus taught us to love our neighbor as we do ourselves, to show compassion to those in need, and to put the welfare of others before our own.

So, why fundraise? To help others. ***It is who we are.***



- This Page is a Reprint from the May Cross - Rummage Sale Donations

Collecting Stuff is Fun, but when you've squirreled away too much, please consider donating it for the Rummage Sale.



Donations will be accepted Sunday, June 2nd (after worship), and June 3 through June 5 from 9am—7pm. All donations must be in by Wednesday the 5th to allow time for pricing.

To assist us with your donations, please label boxes (housewares, clothing, electronics, etc.).

Sorry, but some items are too difficult to dispose of after the sale. We are unable to accept luggage, exercise, office, and computer equipment, Christmas trees, televisions, or large musical instruments. Questions? Just ask.

Jewelry Lover? We are collecting jewelry now to price early, saving precious time at the last minute. Drop off jewelry at Hope House or place in the basket on the counter in the Narthex.

A New Jewelry Chairperson is Needed. If you are interested in managing jewelry sales for the Rummage Sale and Fall Craft and Vendor Event, contact SAW President Donna George, Pastor Neel, or the Church Office. The current chair will work alongside of the new chairperson for this year's Rummage Sale.



Cold Soup and Baked Goods may be dropped off between the hours of 5-7pm on Thursday, June 6 and Friday, June 7 from 2-3pm. Soup and bakery sales are a huge part of our fundraising, and we appreciate your donations.

Refrigeration is **NOT AVAILABLE** for baked goods, as our refrigerators will be filled to capacity with soup. Suggested baked goods are cupcakes, muffins, cookies, loaf cakes and breads, small and large pies (Molasses Crumb is a best seller), brownies, and fudge.



Teamwork! Help is needed throughout the week for a variety of jobs from sorting and pricing to cleaning up after the event. Contact any SAW member or the church office to volunteer. Many hands make light work, and we appreciate all help!



June



@ St. Andrew's



"T and T and T"

Sunday, June 9th after Worship

"Helping everyone to feel a part of the St. Andrew's Community"

You are invited to stay after worship to enjoy some light refreshments (**Treats**) and to complete or take home a **Time and Talents** Survey.

Tell us how you would like to volunteer at St. Andrew's. There is always a need for help, and there are many ways that you can assist as we strive to live our mission.

Hosted by The Spiritual Gifts Committee

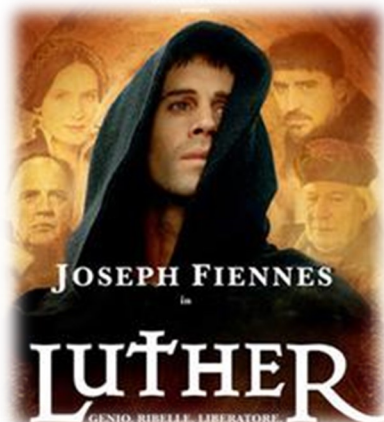
Easton Musical Arts Chorus presents

"A Salute to Broadway Musicals"

Sunday, June 9th at 3:00pm. Suggested Donation \$8.00

"Luther"

Sunday, June 23 at 1pm in the Social Room



Join us for a showing of *Luther* starring Joseph Fiennes in the title role. Alfred Molina, Jonathan Firth, Claire Cox, Bruno Ganz, and Sir Peter Ustinov co-star.

Luther is a 2003 historical drama film dramatizing the life of Protestant Christian reformer Martin Luther. The film covers Luther's life from his becoming a friar in 1505, to his trial before the Diet of Augsburg in 1530.

Sponsored by St. Andrew's Bible Study Group.

June Birthdays

6/1 Jeron Heebner, Deborah Perry

6/2 Jeffrey Hegedus, Dakota Pittaro, Maureen Rinda

6/3 Ron Semanick

6/5 Gregory Hess, Owen Miller, David Ryan

6/6 Laurie Roth

6/7 Lorree Guydish, Scott Klabunde, Chris Lynn, Jennifer Naugle, Nathaniel Oraschin

6/8 Todd Brown, Earl Holland

6/9 Steve Dutko, Lincoln Sadler

6/10 Jack Graham

6/11 Malia Bennett

6/12 Karen Barilone, Robin Reese

6/13 Drew Costanzo, Sean Guydish, Glenda Prideaux

6/14 Addison Brehm, Carrington Brehm, Rachel Hill, Joseph Ryan, Michael Ryan

6/16 Matthew Clark, Sarah Emery, Terry Melick

6/18 Josh Brinker, Collins Hill

6/19 Sylvia Gallop

6/20 Evan Gimbar, Mark Oakley

6/21 Kelsey Miller, Cathy Sachs

6/22 Linda DeRenzis-Sutton, Walter Rankin

6/23 Jessi Thorpe

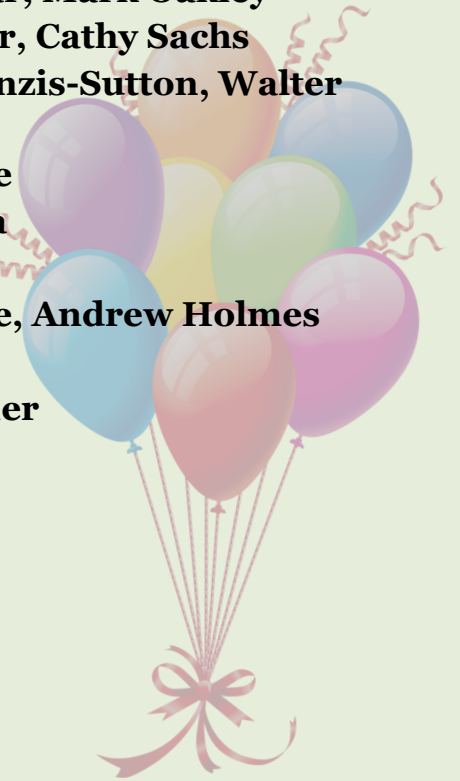
6/24 Tom Corona

6/26 Jean Gies

6/27 Chuck Bleice, Andrew Holmes

6/29 Cory Huff

6/30 Janet Rhymer



We congratulate Kaylee McGowan for her recent Confirmation on May 5th!

Church Time Nursery

Nursery care is available for our youngest children during worship in the large nursery school room.

Children can be dropped off prior to worship, or picked up by a nursery volunteer after the "Children's Time" message. Either way, we ask that you please sign your child in before the start of worship.



JUNE CALENDAR

Sunday, June 2

9:30am "Now the Feast" Worship
10:30-Noon Accepting Rummage Sale Donations

Monday, June 3

9am-7pm Accepting Rummage Sale Donations

Tuesday, June 4

9am-7pm Accepting Rummage Sale Donations
7:00pm Property Team via Zoom
7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

Wednesday, June 5

9am-7pm Accepting Rummage Sale Donations

Thursday, June 6

7:00pm Community Care via Zoom

Friday, June 7

8am-2pm **Rummage Sale**

Saturday, June 8

8am-2pm **Rummage Sale**
8:30-4:30 NEPA Synod Assembly

Sunday, June 9

Graduate Sunday

9:30am "Now the Feast" Worship
10:30am Time, Talents, & Treats Gathering
3:00pm Easton Musical Arts Concert

Monday, June 10

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

Wednesday, June 12

10:00am St. Andrew's Women, Social Room

Thursday, June 13

7:00pm Spiritual Gifts via Zoom

Friday, June 14

7:30pm Crossroads AA

Sunday, June 16

9:30am "Now the Feast" Worship

Monday, June 17

7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

Wednesday, June 19

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

Friday, June 21

7:30pm Crossroads AA

Sunday, June 23

New Member Sunday

9:30am "Now the Feast" Worship
1:00pm "Luther" Movie in Social Room

Monday, June 24

7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

Wednesday, June 26

7:00pm Bible Study via Zoom

Friday, June 28

7:30pm Crossroads AA

Sunday, June 30

9:30am "Now the Feast" Worship

