



# MESSENGER

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## JUNE NEWSLETTER 2022

*"There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens" – Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Dear Partners in Ministry,

I find myself in a liminal time. A liminal time is an in-between time, a time between what was and what will be. It is also described as a time that is on the verge of something new.

I write this newsletter with one good eye, and one not-so-good eye. For over twenty years, I have needed glasses to see clearly. Without them, it was not possible to read or see things at a distance. I had cataract surgery two weeks ago on my left eye. I can see pretty clearly through it. My other eye, however, is yet to be completed in a few days. I am between the time of not seeing clearly and the time of being able to see clearly without glasses. I believe that our PLUM congregations are also in a liminal time.

We are in the time between the onset of a pandemic and the end of the pandemic. We are in the time between one pastor's retirement and another pastor's beginning of a call to PLUM. We are in the time between doing church as we have always done it and the way that church might look in the future.

Liminal time is a time of waiting, and it feels like we are always waiting for something: waiting for a new baby, waiting for a test result, waiting to hear about a new job opportunity, waiting for your wedding or graduation day, waiting for your vacation. Waiting can be hard. Waiting can also be an opportunity to pause; to reflect on where we have been and what we have learned; and to dream about what may be possible. We, the members of PLUM are in a time of waiting. We are waiting for a new thing to emerge, and while we wait, we reflect and we dream.

PLUM has many things to be excited about this summer. We welcome Pastor Alexander Sumo to our pastoral team. There will be opportunities for each congregation to host Pastor Alexander for a coffee hour in order to get to know him better and for him to meet you. His installation is scheduled for July 30<sup>th</sup>. Details about the Installation Service will be forthcoming. The pastors are hosting three Potluck Picnics; June 23<sup>rd</sup>, July 28<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup>. The locations and details of these gatherings will be posted on the PLUM website and will be sent to each congregation. Our synod assembly is scheduled for June 16, 17 and 18.

Many of you will be taking some well- earned vacations. Our prayer is that you have safe travel, that you enjoy your time with family and friends, and that you experience rest and relaxation.

Recently in our congregations, we asked the question; “What is your dream for your congregation and for PLUM?” What is your dream? What are you hoping for? As we wait for the Lord to reveal our new thing, let us share the prayer of the psalmist:

*“Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.”*

Psalm 33:20-22, ESV

Pastor Sue



## **ST. ANDREW NEWS**

### **SAL COUNCIL MEETING**

St. Andrew’s next Church Council Meeting will be on **Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm on the ZOOM format.** All Council members are asked to attend. Thank you.



### **SAVE THE DATE**

Mark **September 17<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar. That is the date for **St. Andrew’s 2022 Flea Market.** Details will be coming in the July/August Messenger.



### **PLEASE UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESSES**

Do you receive emails from our Church Office (standrew3@aol.com)? If not, it’s because we do not have your accurate email address. Please send your email address to the Office so that we can stay connected. When there is time-sensitive news, it’s especially important to be able to reach our church family quickly, and email can be a valuable tool. Thank you for your assistance.



### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

<b>2nd</b>	<b>Genevieve Long</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>Justin Gloor</b>
<b>14th</b>	<b>Wendy Denny</b>	<b>18th</b>	<b>Luann Keifner</b>
<b>26th</b>	<b>Grant Uram</b>		



### **ENJOY YOUR SPECIAL DAY**



### **LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

*Please contact the Church Office with persons you would like to have included on our Prayer List. The Prayer List is included in the Messenger and the weekly Bulletin.*

Patrick Murphy, Teresa Kuehl, Teresa Stacy, Margaret Hrabovsky, Justin Gloor, Keith Malizio, Kathy Treemarchi, Elaine Moore, Liam Collins, Karen Porter, Jazz, Jaxon, Anita, Toni, Faith, Lisa, Phyllis Connelly, Bob Kraus, Janet Comber, Kit Stockman, Dan Hoover, Leslie Trosky, Susan Jordan, Kpannah K. Sumo, All those who are suffering from disease, Covid-19, violence or distress; All frontline health care workers; All those who protect and serve our country and community; All those who have suffered the loss of a family member or a friend; The Churches of PLUM and their Pastors and Staff; The Community of East Carnegie and the Congregation of St. Andrew.



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JUNE



**USHER:** Anyone Available  
**TREASURER'S ASSISTANTS:** Anyone Available  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Lynn Gloor  
**STAIR GLIDE:** Anyone Available

### JUNE 5:

**Greeter:** Bobbie Everly  
**Lector:** Steve McGrogan

### JUNE 12:

**Greeters:** Jess & Tom Hrabovsky  
**Lector:** Barb Malizio

### JUNE 19: FATHER'S DAY

**Greeters:** Marilyn & Tim Rogers  
**Lector:** Marilyn Rogers

### JUNE 26

**Greeter:** Bobbie Everly & Lynn Gloor  
**Lector:** Steve McGrogan

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### SUMMER WORSHIP

Our Sunday worship service will move to Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. We are sure to be ready for the air-conditioned experience. We will return to the Sanctuary in September.

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### SAL BOOK CLUB

The SAL Book Club will be held on **Friday, June 3rd at 1pm**. The book is Frog Music by Emma Donoghue. Join us for good talk and fellowship.

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### IN PERSON BIBLE STUDY

In person Bible Study will take place on **Tuesday, June 21st at 1pm** and will also be once a month in July (7/19/22) and August (8/16/22). It will resume weekly beginning in September.

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### A BIG THANK YOU

A big thank you for all the cards and best wishes on my 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Looking forward to when I can get back to Church. Love,

Margie Hrabovsky

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## PLUM NEWS

**PLUM WORSHIP AND MEETINGS VIA ZOOM:** As we continue with the Covid-19 restrictions, we can still all gather for Worship, meetings, bible studies and fellowship by connecting on the ZOOM format. Just use the information below and you can be a part of all we are currently doing.

**Zoom online:** <https://zoom.us/j/401596541>

**Zoom by phone:** (646) 876-9923

**Meeting ID:** 401 596 541

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**PLUM WORSHIP COMMITTEE:** The PLUM Worship Committee will meet on **Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 7pm** via ZOOM. We will then take a break until September. Join us June 8<sup>th</sup>, as we discuss and plan our ZOOM worship services.

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**AT HOME TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE:** During this time of the Coronavirus and Social Distancing, prayer is a source of comfort. Please join us in Taizé Prayer from the safety of your homes on **Friday, June 3, 2022, 7:00 pm via ZOOM.** TAIZÉ worship will then take a break for the summer and return in September.



**SOUTHWESTERN PA SYNOD ASSEMBLY, THURSDAY, JUNE 16 - SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022:** The Southwestern PA Synod Assembly will be held this year from Thursday, June 16 through Saturday, June 18, 2022. This will be an online assembly. Please pray for our participants as they do the business of the Synod.



**PLUM BOARD MEETING:** The monthly PLUM Board meeting will be held on **Monday, June 27, 2022** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.



**THURSDAY, JUNE 2: WHAT'S NEXT? PLANNING MEETING:** Join you fellow PLUM members on **Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** to discuss the future of PLUM (growing our church, better serving God and neighbor, connecting with community). The meeting is at **7pm via ZOOM.**

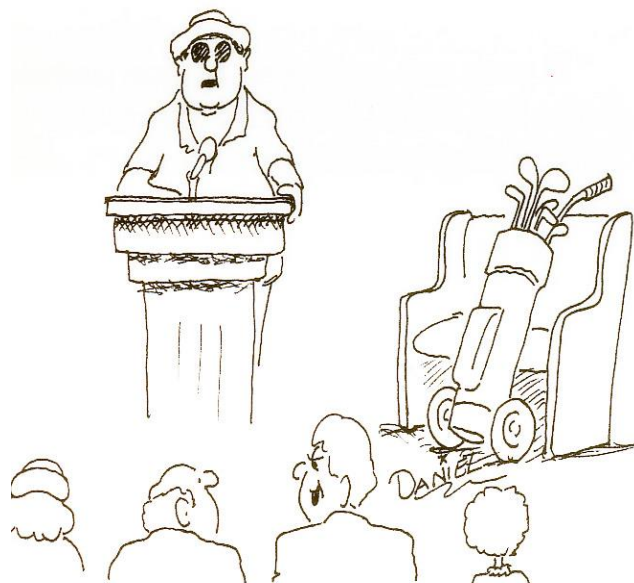


*Happy Father's Day to all Dads  
and to all the men who have  
been a fatherly influence in our  
lives!*

6/19/2022



i ♥ Dad



"Do you get the feeling that we're going to get out early today?"

# St. Andrew Lutheran Church

# June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2  MHC 11:30AM WHAT'S NEXT MEETING 7PM ZOOM	3 TAIZE SERVICE 7PM ZOOM 	4 
5  WORSHIP 9:15 ZOOM 3PM	6	7 	8 WORSHIP MEETING 7PM ZOOM	9	10 	11
12  WORSHIP MOVES TO FELLOWSHIP HALL 9:15 ZOOM 3PM	13  SAL COUNCIL 5PM ZOOM	14  FLAG DAY	15 	16  MHC 11:30AM	17	18 
19 WORSHIP 9:15 <i>Happy Father's Day!</i> JUNETEENTH	20 	21 BIBLE STUDY 1PM <i>hello SUMMER!</i>	22 	23	24 FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE	25 
26  WORSHIP 9:15 ZOOM 3PM	27 PLUM BOARD MEETING 7PM ZOOM	28 	29	30		

