Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning Zoom Worship

9:30am - Zoom Link

Mtg. ID: 766 598 8948 Call in number 646.558.8656

Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30am In-person Rite I

8:30am In-person Rite I 10:30am In-person Rite II

*Children's Sermons will be offered at any service where there are children present.

ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

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Mon.: Office Closed Tues.-Thurs.: 9am-2pm

Rector's Reflections

Dear Church,

On Palm Sunday Bishop Anne Jolly visited St. Andrew's for Baptism, Confirmation and Reaffirmation. The sun came out and we were able to process with palms around the perimeter of the church. It is our custom to do this when weather permits and it is a highlight of my Holy Week experience every year we get to do this because I see you, the church walking in front of me, waving palms, playing rhythm instruments and proclaiming Hosanna. Everyone walks at a different pace and with a different gait. Children (and some lively adults) often skip and dance. The procession turns the corners and disappears but when I catch up, you are there, moving faithfully toward the entrance of the church. It is always a blessing and encouragement to see this joyous image of St. Andrew's.

For several years now, led by the work of our Strategic Plan, adopted in 2019, we have been asking the questions, "Who are our neighbors? and What do our neighbors need?" as a guide to outreach ministries. The Congregational Development Commission (led by Greg Hebble) and the Wassermann Task Group (led by Mike Von Gunten) have engaged these questions on broad and comprehensive levels. Their work continues to guide us as we seek to Share God's Love.

A third question that has begun to resonate within me is "What do we need from our neighbors?" Throughout Jesus' ministry, as he fed and healed and cast out demons, he demonstrated the mutuality of these ministries. Almost every miraculous act came with a word of guidance or instruction that, as we continue to read the Scriptures, contributed to the work of the Gospel. People were told to "go home and share what happened" and sometimes "don't say anything to anyone about this." Rarely did Jesus engage a need without asking something of the ones he healed or fed or freed from demons.

I'm not sure where this question will lead but it is a question that is rising in my heart and so I share it with you with the invitation to ask this question with me. In the Gospel story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, he emphasizes the mutuality of the ministry, naming master and servant as the same. Somewhere in this question lies a draw toward mutuality of ministry to say, "Who are our neighbors and how do we minister to one another?"

It is a question that I hope we will engage together, walking toward the Jesus and the church, like we walk in our Palm Sunday Processions.

Grace and Peace, Mother June



MESSAGE FROM THE SR. WARDEN Kathy Kerber

Water...two atoms of hydrogen sharing electrons with one oxygen atom to form a compound essential to life. This is basic chemistry. The symbolism of water is more complex. Water is mentioned in the Bible more than seven hundred times, and is often used to signify purity, healing, or the Holy Spirit. When Rebekah offered water to a stranger and his camels, this stranger, a servant of Abraham, interpreted this as a sign that she was pure and the one chosen by God to be the wife of Isaac. The prophet Elisha instructed Naaman to bathe in the River Jordan seven times to heal his leprosy. In John 7:37-39, Jesus prophesied that the Holy Spirit would come to him as the living water. An appreciation of the symbolism of water is important in understanding scripture and Christian traditions.

Christians have used water for the Sacrament of Baptism since the very first baptisms were performed by John the Baptist. John, cousin of Jesus, wandered from place to place preaching and baptizing people in the River Jordan. He told them, "I baptize you with water, but one will come after me who will baptize you with the fire of the Holy Spirit." As modern Christians, we are baptized with sanctified water believing the power of the Holy Spirit bestows forgiveness of sins and a new life of grace. On March 24, Bishop Anne B. Jolly baptized Danielle Partin celebrating her new life in Christ. Welcome Danielle!

While on the subject of water, I am pleased to announce that St. Andrew's was awarded a \$4000 Ohio EPA grant to help pay for the installation of water bottle refill stations. These stations will replace the outdated water fountains in the church. Lise Day prepared and submitted the grant. While discussing the grant, Lise indicated the case for the grant "just made sense as St. Andrew's is literally a cornerstone to downtown life." Thank you, Lise, for sharing your expertise.

Water...a basic need and the power of the Holy Spirit available on the corner of Third and Middle. Thanks be to God.

With Gratitude, Kathy Kerber

A Message from Ben Holcomb, <u>Director of Youth</u> and Children's Ministry

Hello church family!

What a weird month it has been, but a good one! I think we saw just about every season this month. Leave it to Ohio to keep us on our toes! I hope you all have taken advantage of the warm, sun, cold, rain, and even snow this month. Here's hoping April will be more consistent!

A lot has also happened this month with the youth! Near the beginning of the month, a group of us ate at Mulligan's in Avon. We had a lot of great food and good conversation during this time of fellowship. I definitely think a youth restaurant night is something we will do again in the future!

The game night we had on March 23 was another time for the youth to get together! We had a few come and we played some games, one of which involved a lot of movement and teamwork. We all had a great time.

It is with a grateful and happy heart that I announce that I am officially confirmed in the Episcopal Church! I am so grateful for everyone who came to support all of us confirmands on Palm Sunday. I was so happy to not just be confirmed in this amazing worldwide church, but also to be confirmed surrounded by my own church family of St. Andrew's. I want to thank you all for welcoming me so readily when I started over two years ago, and continuing to welcome me as I made my confirmation. A special congratulations also goes out to a member of our Youth Group, Nandi Badat, who also got confirmed on Palm Sunday! I speak for us all when I say that we're so proud to see her taking this huge step in her spiritual journey.

Good things are happening everyday all around us, and I am so excited to see what's next at St. Andrew's!

"Happenings" with the Congregational Development Commission

UPDATE: Community Freedge

Thank you to all that responded to our plea regarding the urgent need for funds for the Freedge. We now have enough donations collected to continue this important ministry for another 3 months. Please prayerfully consider your continued support for this ministry. It is even a more important ministry to continue now that the only Southside grocery store (Aldi's) has closed.

Help a Local Teen Battling Cancer

A great big thank you to the many St. Andrew's parishioners who have helped the Moore family as they deal with the struggles of their son battling cancer. The opportunity to help this family of 10 is still ongoing. The best way we can help is by donating gift cards the family can use for gas and groceries to help offset transportation costs to and from medical appointments in Cleveland and to help the family with day-to-day needs such as food.

Personal Care Product Donations

Another thank you to those that have been donating personal care items for the Warming Shelters. Another collection of donations was blessed on Easter Day. However, even though the Warming Shelters run by P2R are about to close for the season, the need for personal care products is ongoing. We were just made aware that the Freedge is now accepting donations of personal care products and we will be continuing to collect donations for this purpose. We are collecting donations of personal care products such as body wash, wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair care products and feminine hygiene products. A collection container is in the rear of the sanctuary.

Community Meals

The Community Meals program continues. Take home meals are served by St. Andrew's on the fourth Wednesday of each month. We have continued hosting a time of hospitality beginning prior to the meal and lasting until the meal is done being served. Guests are invited into the Parish Hall to enjoy a beverage and connect in conversation. Volunteers to help serve the meals and to oversee the hospitality time are always needed and welcomed, contact Jesse V. at the office if you'd like to volunteer.

-Greg Hebble

<u>April Ministry Highlight and Gratitude –</u> St. Andrew's Finance Office

This month's Ministry Highlight describes the work of a group of volunteers and a part time staff person that work steadily and faithfully to ensure accuracy, transparency, and accessibility in performing the regular tasks related to the financial life of the church. While the "St. Andrew's Finance Office" is a small office between the Parish Office and the Rector's Office, those who work in and out of this office serve in the important ministries of faithfully administering the day-to-day financial work of our parish. Deep gratitude is expressed for our Money Counters, Pam Hahn and Kathy Kerber; Treasurer, Doug Skladan; Assistant Treasurer, Jane McDonald; Bookkeeper, Karen Ennes; and Resource Management Commission member, Jean Hays who serves in many financial support roles. We are also grateful for Judi Hudnutt and Robert Sharkody who offer their service as check signers along with Doug Skladan. Lise Day, Cathy Heck and Doug Skladan also write grants that help advance our mission. Those in the Finance Office serve in close communication and work with the Vestry, Resource Management Commission and the leadership of the Financial Stewardship Campaign. St. Andrew's mission is "Sharing God's Love" and one way we do that is by faithful financial management. St. Andrew's thanks all those named above for your steadfast and committed ministry.

Welcomed Through Rites of Initiation on Palm Sunday

Baptism - Danielle Partin

Confirmation – Jolene Adkins, Nandi Badat, Harry Finkbone, Ben Holcomb, Danielle Partin and Jesse Varner

Reaffirmation – Hannah Barkhurst, Steve Gonosey, Greg Hebble, Amy Kellogg, Kathy Kerber, Mary Millinder, Ellen Otis, Sarah Schuster, Michelle Schnur, Sharon Schwenk, Hans Van Wormer, Joan Van Wormer, Matthew Van Wormer, and Myki Van Wormer

Music Memos: April 2024 Edition By Music Director, Mark Skladan

Choristers!

The St. Andrew's Choristers will resume rehearsals in preparation for singing during the Youth-Led Worship Service at the 10:30am service on May 5.

Chorister Rehearsal Schedule

4/7: rehearse for 15 minutes after the 10:30am service **4/14:** rehearse during sermon time at the 10:30 service **4/21:** rehearse for 15 minutes after the 10:30am service **4/28:** rehearse for 15 minutes after the 10:30am service

5/5 (performance day): rehearse in choir room at 10am before the 10:30am service

Adult Choir

- -Thank You to all choir members and choral scholars for their contributions during Lent, Palm Sunday and Easter!
- -There will be NO CHOIR on May 5 for the adult choir as it will be Youth Sunday.
- -The last day for choir will be May 14.

Organ Restoration

Good News! We are expecting the Skinner Organ Restoration Project to be complete sometime in April. This has been a long, complicated process but the results will be long lasting! Check out some more photos of the progress below!

This is a progress report as of the end of March...

Progress is as follows:

- 100% complete ICS 4000 switch system, fuse panel and power supply installed in chamber.
- 85% complete removal of vintage DC cable.
- 75% complete New DC cable has been installed in the organ chamber.
- 95% complete thumb pistons installed into piston slips for three manuals. Still need to connect to connector plugs.
- 75% complete Three keyboards reassembled. Installed 183 new felts and 183 new adjustment leather nuts. These were last installed in the late 1980's. It was best they were changed at this time. New Cables have been soldered to the individual key contacts. Adjustment and contact regulation still need to be done.
- 85% complete Two draw jambs. All the solenoid units have been mounted in place. We are now
 in the process of attaching the engraved names to the stems and then to the solenoid units. Then
 units installed on console.
- 90% complete The Nameboard has had the openings modified to fit the control panels and new coupler tablets. Nameboard still needs to be installed on console.
- 70% complete Pedalboard. Contact rail wired up with new cable, contacts cleaned. Three New linear switches, replacing the old contact assembly, modified to fit to the three expression pedals. New toe pistons have been laid out, reversible's and SFORZ chrome toe pistons are mounted on custom oak blocks. Pistons still needed to be wired up. Also pedal keys need to be installed and regulated.
- 100% ICS 4000 Console plane is all assembled on the panel that will go into the console. All the wiring harnesses for the drawknobs, coupler tablets are wired up and ready to plug in.

Music Memos Continued

 TBD: AC electrician is making very good progress with their portion of the work. (Receptacles for console and chamber installed, console on/off switched wired up, contactor - on order or being installed, chamber LED lighting - in process, removal of dated spotlight in chamber - in process, created a clear path in conduit for data cable.)

What needs to happen to finish the project is the following:

- Final wiring of chamber with new cable. Also, removal of remaining vintage cabling. (At the church)
- Final assembly of keyboards, leveling, contact adjustment. (In the shop)
- Final assembly of pedal keys into frame. (In the shop)
- Wiring of 14 toe pistons. (In the shop)
- Wiring of choir primary, tremolo unit and stop action to spreader strips. (In the shop).
- Fabricating wood for kneeboard to cover openings where reversible latch down pistons were originally located. (In the shop)
- Installation of choir spreader strips. Solder wires to chest escutcheon pins. In church
- Final assembly of two drawjambs into console shell. (At the church)
- Final assembly of keyboards into console shell. (At the church)
- Final assembly of control panel, coupler tablets into nameboard. (In the shop)
- Assembly of nameboard into console shell. (At the church)
- Mounting of ICS 4000 console cages along with power supply into console shell. (At the church)
- Final Installation of pedalboard and expression pedal assembly. (At the church)
- Plug all wires from keyboards, pedals etc. into proper location inside of console cage. (At the church)
- Run data cable from console to organ chamber. (At the church)
- Turn on organ and test/troubleshoot for proper operation. (At the church)
- Reinstall the pipes that were removed. (At the church)
- Organ tuning. (At the church)

A busy Lent and Holy Week is followed by an exciting April and May. As Always, we invite anyone to come to the choir room at 9:30 on most Sundays and join the fun! Also, instrumentalists are ALWAYS needed, especially as we head towards the summer months. Please contact me with any questions.

"The singing of our sacred hymns, written by the servants of God, has a powerful effect in converting people to the principles of the Gospel, and in promoting peace and spiritual growth." "We get nearer to the Lord through music than perhaps through any other thing except prayer."







Rima's Story: Follow Up Resources (Part 2)

In January, we hosted Deacon Jane Traeger's sister-in-law, Rima, as she shared her story as a Palestinian American, and of her family's expulsion from Israel in 1948. As a follow up to Rima's powerful story and the dialogue and interest it garnered, we are proud to be doing a short series featuring resources for those who wish to be better informed and learn more about the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. These resources will range from essays, to videos, to podcasts and more.

Podcast

"The Words to Say It" produced by the This American Life.

Video

"This Is a Colonial War" Historian Rashid Khalidi on Israel, Gaza & the Future of Palestine

Articles, Essays, and Poems

"In the Shadow of the Holocaust" by Masha Gessen

"A Palestinian Meditation in a Time of Annihilation: Thirteen Magams for an Afterlife" by Fady Joudah, Palestinian poet and physician

"The Holocaust Industry: Reflections on the Exploitation of Jewish Suffering" by Norman Finkelstein

We would once again like to thank Rima, this time for providing these resources for us to share.

I am walking the Easter path I am not perfectly sure what that means I know there is wonder But I do not know what all it brings

Easter by Jay Snider

I think about Pilate I know, what a strange thing to think through But he is imperfect like me Not quite understanding what to do

I find Pilate struggling With all the world is asking He wants to do right by the Lord But struggles under the weight of opposition

He pushes back on the crowd Why do you condemn this poor man What wrong has he done There is blood on your hands

Yet he caves to the crowd He caves to the pressure It is easy to judge him But would I do any better

I think this question on Pilate Is my Easter journey this year Not rushing to judge others Rather understand their fears

Pilate is human like me He tries and he fails I will not judge him for our Lord Hug instead with love, and new understanding

2024 Guardians Game St. Andrew's Night at Progressive Field

Join us for the Guardians game on Friday June 21, against the Toronto Blue Jays. We will once again have seats in the Family Deck, so those of you with a fear of heights or very narrow stairs don't need to worry. We will be in Section 311 again which is in right field near the visiting team's bullpen. There will be fireworks and it's Dollar Dog night and "Free Shirt Friday"! For those of you "of age" there will also be \$2 beer before the game. Ticket prices are \$25 each.

Please submit your ticket orders to Amy Kellogg on or before May 10, 2024. You can reach her at akellogg@bakerlaw.com or 440-821-2458.

Heather Campbell Reich Community Meals

St. Andrew's volunteers next serve on Wednesday, April 24.

We are also in need of volunteers for the "Hospitality Coffee Social Hour" time that St. Andrew's provides at each Community Meal. Hospitality volunteers are still needed for April 8 and April 22.

Please contact Jesse V. by email at office@standrewselyria.org if you would like to volunteer for either the kitchen crew or the hospitality crew. to make sure we have enough volunteers.

April Birthdays Retta Reynolds 1 3 Britt Julio Joan Van Wormer 14 Peggy Casselberry 14 Ella Panchak 14 Corine Hahn 19 27 Megan Quisenberry **Evelyn Van Wormer** 28 Michael Taylor 29



May Birthdays Tyler Heck 1 3 Hannah Barkhurst 6 Jonathan Frazier Violet Secaur 7 Howard Kerber 10 13 Amanda Van Wormer Leanne Taylor 14 Chuck Reich 14 Asher Hahn 15 Jonari Julio-Skeels 16 19 Cole Harris Jeremy Secaur 20 Johnathan Frazier Jr. 24 25 Naviya Schuster-Little Bonnie Paine 28 29 Jacob Hebble 29 Mike VonGunten 29 Cameron Taylor

Send us your news!

If you have information you would like included in our publications, send to office@standrewselyria.org Deadline for the May issue of the Carillon is April 23.

(Inclusion in either publication is at the discretion of the editor)

St.	And	drew's	Prayer	List:

Our Spiritual Leaders Our Friends Michael, our Presiding Bishop Christ Church, Oberlin Anne, our Bishop Church of the Redeemer, Lorain June, our Priest Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Elvria Jane, our Deacon Elyria First United Methodist Church Mark Skladan, our Music Director **Avon United Methodist Church** Joan, our Music Director, Emerita The Original Glorious Apostolic Church Ben, our Director of Youth Redeemer Lutheran Church, Elyria and Children's Ministry

Active-Duty Military: John Able, Stephanie Bacskay, Rose Buttle, Luke Colcough, Aaron Colcough, Dylan Donnelly, Charles Kellogg, Kim Reich, Gavin Schwan, Ryan Sumner, Ashley Augustine

Churches in Our Mission Area: St. Paul's, Bellevue; St. Paul's, Fremont; Christ Church, Huron; Redeemer, Lorain; St. Paul's, Norwalk; St. Thomas, Port Clinton; St. Paul's, Put-in-Bay; Grace, Sandusky; Old Trinity, Tiffin; Christ Church, Oberlin

Long Term Illnesses/Injuries: Kathy Inderrieden (Karen Blair's daughter), Pauline McKenna (Karen Blair's daughter) Paul Tanner (partner of Jolene Adkins), Scott Holcomb, Shelly Perkins, Margaret Roach, Deshawn (and family), John Palermo, Terry Finkbone (brother of Harry Finkbone)

At Home: Virginia Larson, Donna Quisenberry, Sally Ruth, Barbara Tobin, Patricia Pozywak, Bobbi Holliday, Taffy Valassis, Robert Anderson, Ruth Smith

Those Who Have Died: Joyce Priest, Wayne Emmanuel, Rob Hutchins, Shirley Schmid, Tom Adelsberg, Fred Beiswenger, Naaman Torres (husband of Marilyn Torres), The Rev. Janet Long, Garfield "Chip" Johns (Glynis Laing's brother)

Other Concerns: Bob and Mavis Hardy, Trevor Gosh, Kendra and Kendall, Pam Pudar, Wesley Stewart, Tom Heinz, John Torres, Karen Blair, Kathy Hawkins Tobin, Rich and Messiah, Linda and Tom Pennington, Mary Ann Hursky (Amy Kellogg's aunt), Sean and Natalie Prior, Lee Kauffman, Julie Joy and the Joy Family, Terry Brady, Laurie Stephens, John Kellogg, Tommy Winton, Linda Wilbert, Megan Kovacik (Emily Holcomb's sister), Rance and Elaine Hutchins, Marilyn Schmid and Molly Richeson, Katelyn (granddaughter of Harry and May Ann Finkbone), Steven Laing, Russell Pancheck, Karl Kirk, Brian Deagan

We pray...

For racial equity and justice

For our nation and those who serve in city, state, and national government.

For the unemployed

For the Heather Campbell Reich Community Meals Ministry

For the Homeless in Lorain County

For those harmed by gun violence

For those who are travelling

For the renewal in the city of Elyria

For the LCCC Ministry Partnership

For those who are ill and those who care for them

For peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine, other war-torn places