

The Carillon

May

"Sharing God's Love"

2024

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

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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CHURCH OFFICE

HOURS:

Mon.: Office Closed

Tues.-Thurs.: 9am-2pm

Rector's Reflections

Dear Church,

Over ten years ago, when an acquaintance who lived in Cleveland for many years learned that we were moving to this area she said, "Get ready for it to be dark and gray all of the time." Because she was prone to pessimism and because even in the short site-visit we made before we moved, we experienced some sunny days, I didn't put much stock in her prediction. I do remember her words, however, when the weather is dark and gray (which actually isn't that often) and I especially remember it in the Spring when everywhere you look it is NOT dark and gray but bursting with green and pink and yellow and white. Those are the colors that come first, soon to be followed by purples and blues and oranges. Surrounded by the glorious colors of Spring, with the warming breezes and birdsong that declares its arrival, I find myself committing anew to a posture and perspective of hope and anticipation of goodness and beauty.

Faith and hope are parallel perspectives, both which are central to the Christian life. "Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too shall be raised to new life," the funeral liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer reminds us. The very nature of the "Kingdom of God" as both current and present today while ALSO being not yet but still to come, requires us to walk in faith, carrying hope in our hearts and actions. Hope sees the reality of a situation, recognizes the difficulty and says, "That is not the last word."

Beloved St. Andrew's, it is my prayer for all of us that as we move through the seasons of this year, an election year in a deeply divided nation— a year where wars continue in the world – a year of economic challenge and a year where climate change continues to be a reality – that we will be grounded in hope and make choices based on faith in the Love, Grace and Mercy of God. May we be bearers and practitioners of hope, looking for the good, calling out the unjust and trusting that God's Love is at work every day.

Carrying Hope and Living in Faith,
Mother June





MESSAGE FROM THE SR. WARDEN Kathy Kerber

On April 8, 2024, residents of Lorain County, Ohio experienced the power of our Sun with the total solar eclipse. I witnessed the eclipse at the Lorain County Metro Parks Carlisle Reservation. During the totality phase of the eclipse, an eerie daytime darkness occurred, and the air temperature dropped about ten degrees Fahrenheit. Visibility was perfect and the sounds of the wildlife added to the experience. Coyotes howled, owls hooted, and two geese who joined spectators hoping for a snack honked their distress when darkness ensued. Human spectators cheered and clapped when the diamond ring sign became evident. This once in a lifetime experience reminded me how important the Sun is to life on Earth.

On April 10, 2024, the Vestry of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church approved the Congregational Development Committee's request for an outreach donation of \$50,000 to the Neighborhood Alliance Capital Campaign. This money will be used to restore the Elyria YMCA as a community service hub. The St. Andrew's gift will be matched 1:3 by another donor thereby multiplying the contribution. St. Andrew's donation is possible because of the generous bequest of the late Gail Wassermann. Her generous gift has allowed St. Andrew's in Elyria to share the light and power of the Son with Lorain County.

Multilingual People Needed to Read the Gospel on Pentecost

Do you speak multiple languages? If so, we are requesting your time and talent to serve as a lector during the Pentecost service at 10:30am on May 19, which will be the only service that day. During the reading of the Gospel, we will be having parts of the scripture being read in as many different languages as we are able to find volunteers for. If interested, please contact Jesse V. at the church office by either phone (440-322-2126) or email (office@standrewselyria.org).

A Message from Ben Holcomb, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry

Hello church family!

It has been a month full of both rainy days and sunny days, of inordinate warmth and typical Ohio spring cold. April always seems to be a month that is unpredictable and volatile, with its rain, temperature changes, and especially *this* April with multiple tornado watches all over the state. I pray you all found warmth in the rain and freedom in the sun.

The youth has had several fun opportunities this past month! We had our regular Youth Group meetings every Thursday, in which we spent some time in fellowship and conversation. The youth also helped clean up the sanctuary by spending time cleaning all of the pews on April 20. We had a good turnout with that, and we got done in no time! Thank you to everyone who came out to help keep our sanctuary looking beautiful. Finally, we are again getting ready for another Youth-Led worship service, which is happening on May 5 at the 10:30am service, so we have spent time to planning and rehearsing for that, as well.

Normally in these letters, I tend to talk a bit about the month ahead, but this month I want to spend some more time reflecting on the month of April. A lot has happened this month in my own life, and I imagine I am not alone. It's easy to get overwhelmed, burnt out, and overly taxed in times like these, so it is so important to look to the Creator. God did not make these hardships, but God will make a way out of them. Sometimes that means putting your head down and pushing through a hard week at work. Other times, it could mean leaving an unhealthy working environment or a hurtful relationship.

The rain will always fall, as we have seen this month, but that doesn't mean we have to stand out there in the rain. God will give us an umbrella, or even a roof over our head to shelter us. If any of you had a month like this or are still experiencing difficult times like this, I ask you to pray for shelter and peace. Praying for comfort is not selfish or silly, but it is self-care and self-love. I pray all of you find shelter when you need it.

“Happenings” with the Congregational Development Commission

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 Donations and Warming Shelter Update

Thank you for all that have been donating personal care items for the Warming Shelter. St. Andrew's contributed a huge quantity of products this winter which have been dispersed by Place to Recover to shelter guests. It has been greatly appreciated and well received.

The Warming Shelter has now been shuttered for the winter and they are no longer accepting personal care items.

Please note that we are still collecting personal care items which will now be donated to the “Freedge” located at the south branch of the Elyria Public Library. Along with your generous donations of pantry and fresh food collections, we will continue to support this ministry with personal care items as well. Thank you again for your participation.

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

May Ministry Highlight and Gratitude – Music Ministry

This month we highlight the Music Ministry at St. Andrew's, recognizing and offering gratitude to all who participate and offer their gifts of making music.

Director of Music, Mark Skladan oversees this ministry and invites members of the parish and community to join the choirs and ensembles. Mark also works with Rev. June in planning music for worship and has been the point person in the Skinner Organ restoration project. Music Ministry is a multi-faceted endeavor, offering a venue for the expression of musical gifts, carrying messages of love, truth and hope and making space for connections with God and one another that cannot happen with spoken word, alone.

We give thanks to all who share their gifts in ministry and look forward to the continued blessing that they provide in worship, fellowship and service.

Choir Members 2023-2024

Joan, Deb, Ellen, Eliot, Sarah, Hans, Cheri, Russ, Jeanine and Will

Choral Scholars 2023-2024

Matt, Jack, Hannah, Christine, Erin, Helen, Maren, Emily, Zach and Cameron

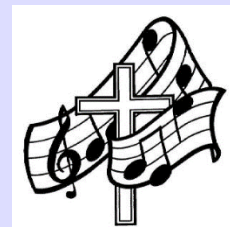
Instrumentalists and Vocalists 2023-2024

Michael, Zavion, Johan, Bella, Noe, Ben and Nandi

St. Andrew's Choristers 2023-2024

Riley, Cole, Cybil, Colette, Tris, Genevieve, Lorelai, Lydia, Harper, Piper, Everley, Abby and Evelyn

Thank you all for your dedication, generosity and ministry. St. Andrew's is blessed by your gifts.



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

Skinner Organ Update: The Time Is Coming (Has Come)

At the writing of this article, the restoration work on our Skinner Organ is 95% complete. It is entirely possible that by the time of publication the organ will now up and running returned to its former glory! Thank You to all who made this possible through their contributions. We will formally dedicate the instrument and recognize donors with a permanent plaque on the organ.

More Words Of Thanks

Our choir will sing for the last time this spring on May 12. Words cannot express the dedication and talent of our church singers and scholars. We had at least 21 singers participate in choir at some point since October. We thank the parish for donations to the choral scholar fund and the many, many compliments our choir receives on a weekly basis. We in the choir hope that our singing is as meaningful to you as it is to us. See you in the fall, choir!

Choristers

This Sunday, May 5, The Choristers of St Andrew's will sing the anthem at the 10:30am Youth Led Worship Service. We will invite the congregation to sing along with us.

Thank you to all our Choristers (and their parents) for rehearsing and singing three times this choir season. We love the enthusiasm they bring to our worship!

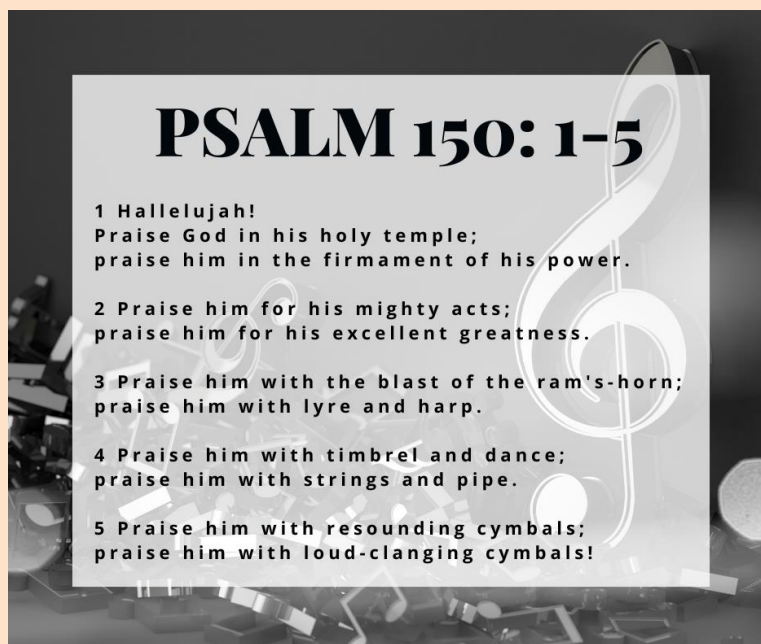
Looking Ahead

Summer musicians are needed. If you play an instrument or sing, summer is the time to add some special music to our services during the long, "ordinary" season. Please see me if interested!

Hymn and Service Music For The Summer

Do you have a favorite hymn, song, or piece of service music you would like to hear or sing? Text or call me at 440-570-3622 and make your request. You may also email me at themaestro64@gmail.com.

We will try to get as many requests as the liturgy will allow. Your request will be listed in the bulletin so make sure you come to the 10:30am service that day so you can hear it or sing it!



PSALM 150: 1-5

1 Hallelujah!
Praise God in his holy temple;
praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts;
praise him for his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn;
praise him with lyre and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe.

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals;
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals!

Stewardship Happens Year-Round

God calls us to offer the world a vibrant, welcoming community. And God calls us to dedicate this community not only to receiving God's care, but also to offering care to one another, as well as to neighbors near and far. A compassionate community—that is true "abundant life."

But there is one more step. Abundance isn't genuine abundance unless and until it is shared by all. Every child of God deserves the opportunity to enjoy the gifts of abundant life (including the gift of sharing it with others!)—and so our congregation is devoted not only to community and compassion, but also to God's justice and love.

This past fall, St. Andrew's reflected on the ways in which we build community through the "Abundant Life" stewardship campaign. Pledges form the largest source of annual income, and members answered the call in October. Regardless of your pledge amount—or the ability to do so or not—it's important to also recognize donations to the offering plate. The Stewardship Committee encourages you to use the provided envelopes in the pew and to write your name on the envelope.

In this Eastertide season, we also ask you to prayerfully consider stewardship as a year-round endeavor, whether it be through time, talent, or treasure. And as a reminder, pledge amounts can be given weekly, monthly, or annually—whichever is right for you.

Thank you for being a part of this important mission!

Amanda Nagy,
Stewardship Coordinator

Finance Report for Q1 2024 by Doug Skladan - Treasurer

The purpose of this report is to provide some clarity and identify significant changes or transactions affecting this month's financials and Cash Flow. Some comparisons to 2023 are provided for the 1st quarter. In addition, [click here](#) to view two St. Andrew's finance related infographics made as a part of the Money Matters Workshop that was hosted on April 28.

Statement of Revenue and Expense by Budget

Revenue

Pledge Income – The income was slightly over budget for the month and about \$15,000 for the quarter. We are ahead of last year by \$1,269.

Non-Pledge, Plate – Contributions for the first quarter are \$6,966 and \$5,299 over last year.

Special Offerings – We received \$1,655 of offerings for Easter.

Total Operating Income - \$25,734 vs a budget of \$21,659. YTD is \$89,447 compared to a budget of \$64,978 and an actual \$76,834 in 2023.

Expense

Building and Grounds General – Emergency repair of the boiler for \$2,026. YTD expenses are greater than last year by \$2,644.

Facilities – Expenses are higher by \$3,046 in 2024 due to maintenance and Insurance cost increases.

Mission – Assessment and Outreach is higher than 2023 by \$3,299.

Office/Admin – Expenses for the month are near budget and the YTD is \$2,845 compared to \$2,724 in 2023.

Parish Life – The month is \$1,294. YTD is \$1,639 compared to the annual budget of \$1,180. Last year the YTD was \$687.

March was almost a breakeven month, and we have a surplus for the year of \$21,192 compared to \$12,60 in 2023.

Statement of Financial Position

Huntington Checking – The account increased by \$2,559 for a balance of \$112,906.

JIF Restricted – Received \$8,764 from January and February accrued interest.

Organ Restoration – Received \$2,100 in donations.

FREEDGE – Donations of \$950 were received and there were \$226.84 of expenses leaving a balance of \$936.

Rector Discretionary Fund – Received \$4,158 in donations and transferred \$2,000.

JIF Money Market G. Wassermann Fund – Two months of interest totaling \$8,764 was allocated. Community Outreach received \$885, Outreach/Inreach received \$1,329, Capital Projects received \$3,009, and Reserve received \$3,541.

Rima's Story: Follow Up Resources (Part 3/3)

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 present the last entry in our short series featuring resources for those who wish to be better informed and learn more about the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. We hope you have found these resources of value.

Video

[A Call for Healing](#): Gabor Maté on Palestine/Israel

Articles, Essays, and Poems

["A Palestinian Poet's Perilous Journey Out of Gaza"](#)

by Mosab Abu Toha

["On Fathers, Daughters and the Genocide in Gaza"](#)

by Deema K Shehabi

["We Are Not Numbers"](#) A website sponsored by "We Are We Are Not Numbers" (WANN), a youth-led Palestinian nonprofit project in the Gaza Strip. It tells the stories behind the numbers of Palestinians in the news and advocates for their human rights.

Book

["The Hundred Years' War on Palestine: A History of Settler Colonialism and Resistance, 1917–2017"](#) by Rashid Khalidi

We would once again like to thank Rima once more for providing these resources for us to share and for sharing her own story with us.

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 be seated in the Family Deck in section 311, so those of you with a fear of heights or very narrow stairs don't need to worry. 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.

Please submit your ticket orders to Amy Kellogg before May 10, 2024. You can reach her at akellogg@bakerlaw.com or 440-821-2458. Ticket prices are \$25 each

Pentecost Reminder!

This is a reminder that Pentecost is May 19! A reminder that there will only be one service on this day at 10:30am.

Please plan to wear red to mark the occasion and then be sure to head down to the Parish Hall after service for the Intergenerational Pentecost Party!



Attention Graduates!

Do you have a graduate in your family? Please let the church office know when and where from you or your family member will be graduating. We will be celebrating all graduates at the 10:30am service on June 2!

Heather Campbell Reich Community Meals

St. Andrew's volunteers next serve on Wednesday, **May 22.**

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 Monday, May 6; Monday, May 13; Wednesday, May 22; and Monday, May 27.

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.

May Birthdays

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



June Birthdays

Aliyana Frazier	4
Jim Paine	4
Rebecca Hall	11
Justin Quisenberry	11
Kim Snider	12
Deb Schwan	14
Cole Von Gunten	16
Erin Welsh	24

Send us your news!

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

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

St. Andrew's Prayer List:

Our Spiritual Leaders

Michael, our Presiding Bishop
Anne, our Bishop
June, our Priest
Jane, our Deacon
Mark Skladan, our Music Director
Joan, our Music Director, Emerita
Ben, our Director of Youth and Children's Ministry

Our Friends

Christ Church, Oberlin
Church of the Redeemer, Lorain
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Elyria
Elyria First United Methodist Church
Avon United Methodist Church
The Original Glorious Apostolic Church
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Elyria

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

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

Those Who Have Died: 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, John Kellogg, Tommy Winton, Linda Wilbert, Megan Kovacik (Emily Holcomb's sister), Rance and Elaine Hutchins, Marilyn Schmid and Molly Richeson, Steven Laing, Russell Panchak, Karl Kirk, Brian Deagan, Carleen Hornack Simmons, Amy Kellogg, Bob Sharkody, Ryan Palermo, Harry Finkbone

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