

# The Carillon

## September 2025

"Sharing God's Unconditional Love"

### 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 Worship

10:30am In-Person

Worship (Livestreamed on  
[YouTube](#))

\*A children's sermon will be offered at all Sunday worship services where children are present.

### Rector's Letter

Dear Church,

A question that I have been asking, both in my personal life and also in leadership as your Rector is, "What is the work that is mine/ours to do? It is a question inspired by Enneagram teacher, Suzanne Stabile, in considering priority and call. In our current national and cultural landscape, replete with shifting contexts of need and seemingly daily situations where the unconditional love of God is called for more than ever, I can find myself overwhelmed. The St. Andrew's Strategic Plan of 2024 has provided clarity and focus when considering that question. In addition to the regular ministries that provide the solid framework of our church, I want to share with you a detailed update of the work that we have been doing in the structure of this plan (*note: begins on page 2*). I hope it will be an encouragement and a guide as to the work that is ours to do in these days. Let us remain grounded in the unconditional love of God as we live and move and have our being. So grateful to be on this journey with you.

Mother June

### ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

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### Updated Picture of St. Andrew's Strategic Plan Bulletin Board

Now adorned with "helping hands" from the 2025 Parish  
Retreat at Bellwether. Thank you for your beautiful  
additions!

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**Mon. & Wed.:** Closed  
**Tues., Thurs. & Fri.:**  
9:30am-3:30pm



## **AUGUST 2025 ST. ANDREW'S STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE (1/4)**

### **SHARING GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE:**

- ✝ By offering opportunities to grow spiritually and to share our gifts.
- ✝ By identifying and meeting the needs of our parish and our extended community through outreach, education, and engagement.
- ✝ By being leaders in our community for justice and inclusion for all people, showing compassion without judgment.

## **VISIONS STATEMENTS AND GOALS**

### **TO EXPERIENCE JOY IN OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY**

- ✝ Provide more opportunities to come together in celebration, prayer, and gratitude.
  - Expansive Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper with intentional inclusion of community meals guests, wider community guests, and St. Andrew's parishioners
  - Fellowship opportunities connected to Easter and Pentecost Worship
  - Holcomb Baby Shower
  - Community Meals Hospitality hosted 6 times per month
  - Guardians Baseball Game with 61 participants
  - Episcopal Church of Lorain Joint Worship and Picnic
  - Sunday Night Bible School for 5 consecutive Sunday nights
  - Summer Contemplative Worship on Thursdays
  - Monthly mid-week breakfast gathering for the 8:30am service attendees
  - Restaurant Nights
  - Third Annual Parish Retreat at Bellwether Farm
  - Special Prayer Services (pre-election and MLK Day) led by the Justice and Peacemakers Task Group
- ✝ Welcome and inform new members.
  - Website kept current and updated regularly
  - Newcomers Luncheon to take place in October
  - Christ's Welcome printed in the weekly bulletin and expressed aloud as part of the service
- ✝ Begin livestreaming and recording church services in 2025.
  - We have been livestreaming and recording the services since Lent, broadcasting 24 services, to date, including the Joint Outdoor Worship with the Episcopal Church of Lorain County.
  - There are 23 subscribers to the [St. Andrew's YouTube Channel](#) where the services are broadcast. (Please increase this number by subscribing.)
  - The recorded services average 17 views per week

## **AUGUST 2025 ST. ANDREW'S** **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE CONTINUED (2/4)**

### **TO ENGAGE THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE QUESTIONING THEIR FAITH AND/OR SEEKING SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING**

- ✝ Provide a safe place for asking questions, expressing views and seeking answers.
  - Sunday Night Bible School offered a weekly adult Bible Study
  - Monthly breakfast with the 8:30am congregation offers space for this kind of discussion
  - A discussion at the Parish Retreat suggested additional ways we might do this by creating an overall culture of safety and belonging
  - The Justice and Peacemakers Task Group is engaging in these kinds of conversations as they plan advocacy and education actions.
  
- ✝ Offer opportunities to grow spiritually.
  - Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation was offered in Advent and Lent and will be offered again in Advent of 2025.
  - Weekly invitation to all to help lead the Prayers of the People
  - Faith formation resources (podcasts, online prayer resources and webinars) are regularly listed in the bulletin and newsletter.
  - Mid-week in person Contemplative Prayer Service continued through June and July 2025. Will be offered again in Advent.
  - Welcome cards inviting the larger community to attend and also visit the meditation garden were distributed at Lemonade at the Parade.
  - Sunday Night Bible School Christian Formation for all ages was a part of Sunday Night Bible School (40 different individuals – children, youth and adults attended over the course of 5 Sunday nights, 9 leaders shared their gifts in teaching and leading, 10 leaders shared their gifts in hospitality and dinner provision)

### **THROUGH GOD'S LOVE, SUPPORT CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY**

- ✝ Continue to integrate our children and youth in all aspects of our parish life.
  - Youth and children planned and led a “youth-led” worship service for the 10:30am service in May 2025.
  - Children and youth held a “Lemonade at the Parade” event and put their faith into action in providing refreshing lemonade to the Juneteenth Parade goers. They extended the ministry to Coffee Hour the following Sunday.
  - The children were leaders in launching, promoting and carrying out the United Thank Offering Campaign for the whole parish in conjunction with Sunday Night Bible School
  - At the Parish Retreat the children engaged in learning about the Strategic Plan and then interpreted aspects of the plan in “Tik Tok” style skits, demonstrating their clear understanding of both the intent and practice of this plan.

## **AUGUST 2025 ST. ANDREW'S STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE CONTINUED (3/4)**

- ✝ Encourage and support our children and youth from our parish and in our community.
  - We are now community partners with the AGAPE Youth Choir and will be hosting their annual conference at St. Andrew's in 2026. This partnership was the subject of an interview with AGAPE Ministry leaders and Rev. June Hardy Dorsey on the Radio Show "Hometown Voices" hosted by Russ Van Wormer on August 12 on WOBL.
  - A contribution was made to support the Lorain County Urban League "Back to School Bash" for the purchase of school supplies.
- ✝ Create a Youth Commission
  - This is functioning with Allison Harris serving as the new chair and meets regularly with Ben Holcomb. This group planned and led the recent Baby Shower for Ben and Emily Holcomb. The Youth Commission will also work with Rev. June and other volunteers in sustaining children and youth ministry while Ben Holcomb is on Parental Leave.

### **TO PARTICIPATE IN GOD'S WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD**

- ✝ Continue to support groups focusing on advocacy and a similar mission.
  - Summaries of letters from Bishop Rowe and Bishop Jolly in August newsletter
  - Began printing Episcopal Public Policy Network Prayers in the Weekly Bulletins
  - Juneteenth Celebration and Lorain Co. Pride participation and leadership
  - Continue to strengthen our partnerships with Lorain County Urban League, P2R (A Place to Recover), Neighborhood Alliance and Lorain County Pet Pantry
- ✝ Continue to share our building and resources.
  - Continuing with the current groups of Scouts, Lorain County Pet Pantry and Job and Family Services. No new groups are being sought until after the kitchen renovation is complete.
  - We will host the Agape Youth Choir Conference in October. 2026.
- ✝ Restart the United Thank Offering Campaign in 2025, continue for two years, then evaluate its efficacy for continuing.
  - UTO was launched in conjunction with Sunday Night Bible School learning about UTO funded projects involving water.
  - The 2025 UTO Ingathering is August 31, 2025
- ✝ Begin The Bishop's Annual Appeal in 2025 for individuals by promoting through publicity. Make an annual parish gift from outreach funds to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.
  - The Bishop's Annual Appeal will be integrated with Advent programming.



## **AUGUST 2025 ST. ANDREW'S** **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE CONTINUED (4/4)**

- ✝ Continue to pray for, dream with, and support Bellwether Farm.
  - Summer Camp Counselors and staff attended Pentecost Worship at St. Andrew's, and we prayed for them in special prayers and introduced them to the parish.
  - Bellwether Farm has been added to our weekly prayer list along with neighboring churches.
  - Ben Holcomb served as Camp Chaplain for two weeks.
  - The Third Annual Parish Retreat was held at Bellwether Farm.
  
- ✝ Explore new ways to engage current and potential new members.
  - For new members this is a very 1 on 1 endeavor with the Rector inviting them to participate in ministries. We currently have one new member helping with Community Meals, two new members expressing interest in choir, one new member engaging with Morning Prayer occasionally.
  
- ✝ Explore what resources are available at the Diocese of Ohio.
  - 15 people participated in the Winter Convocation.
  - We plan to have a team of parishioners participate in the College of Congregational Development in August 2026
  - Members of the Justice and Peacemakers are attending Diocesan offerings on topics of justice and peacemaking.
  - The Diocesan Missioner for Innovation has offered to meet with a group interested in ministering with the high schoolers who walk past the church every school day.
  - The Resource Management Commission utilizing Stewardship Materials from the Episcopal Network of Stewardship.
  - Webinars offered by the Diocese of Ohio are publicized through St. Andrew's publicity channels.
  
- ✝ Continue to have a balanced budget in compliance with our financial policy.
  - This has been accomplished for the 2025 Budget year. Work on the 2026 Budget is being done and will be completed after the Fall Pledge Campaign.
  
- ✝ Provide ongoing education to the parish regarding stewardship, including capital, environmental, and financial resources.
  - Resource Management Commission has set dates for Fall Financial Stewardship Campaign.
  - Vestry approved new policy for money counters that includes pledge card counting and management.
  
- ✝ Maintain a three-year capital improvements plan.
  - For now, this is being accomplished through the next steps in the kitchen renovation and the completion of the Meditation Garden and Labyrinth.
  
- ✝ Continue moving forward while honoring our history.
  - "Open House" type events where our church is open during downtown "tours" have honored St. Andrew's history while sharing about ongoing ministries. The stained-glass windows have been of great interest.

## **Music Memos August 2025 Edition** **by Music Director, Mark Skladan**

### Special Musical Guests

Choral Scholars Maren Jesko and Kaitlyn Banyas will sing the "Laudamus Te" from Vivaldi's Gloria at the 10:30am service on September 14.

### Adult Choir

We are looking for new singers to join our returning St. Andrew's Choir members and Choral Scholars beginning on Sunday, October 5. Rehearsal will begin at 9:30am. If interested in joining (even if it's not every week, please see Mark Skladan, any choir member, or just show up!)

### Choristers

Rehearsal schedule for October through December:

- **October 5** (after 10:30am service)
- **October 12** (during 10:30am sermon time)
- **October 19** (after 10:30am service)
- **October 26** (after 10:30am service)
  
- **November 2 (10am rehearsal)** - sing at 10:30am service. Choristers will sing a combined anthem (This Little Light of Mine) with the adult choir on All Saints Sunday
- **November 9** (during 10:30am sermon time)
- **November 16** (after 10:30am service)
- **November 23** (after 10:30am service)
- **November 30** - no rehearsal
  
- **December 7** (after 10:30am service)
- **December 14** (during 10:30am sermon time)
- **December 21** (after 10:30am service)
- **December 24** - sing at 5pm Christmas Eve Service

## **Sundays At St. Andrew's Picks Up Again on September 7!**

Sundays at St. Andrew's begins again next week, September 7. Rev. June, the Youth Commission, and parish volunteers will lead this ministry while Ben Holcomb, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, is away on parental leave. Upcoming dates: September 7, September 21, October 5, and October 19 from 4pm-5:30pm

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

As I'm writing this, the weather is a perfect 70 degrees, there is a fresh smell in the air, and it seems fall may be deigning to join us soon. For those of you who don't know, fall is my favorite season. It is a time of beautiful change, of changing colors and cooling air, of drizzly rain and still warm sunshine.

This has been a great summer. This month, we finished SNBS, which was an amazing success. I am so thankful for the volunteers who helped out, and I am also thankful for everyone who came and was a part of our program this year! None of it could have happened without any of you, so I am very grateful for it.

This September, many things are happening. First, Sundays at St. Andrew's is starting back up on September 7<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-5:30pm, and every first and third Sunday of the month. There will also be a fall fun day at Brasee's Corn Maze. For more information on that, contact Amanda Van Wormer.

Like I said before, fall is my favorite season, and for the first time in, well, forever, I get to spend all of it doing nothing but being a dad. My baby is due very soon, so I will be going on leave. Tentatively, I'll be starting leave on September 7th and coming back on October 21st. That means that June, the Youth Commission, and volunteers will be leading Sundays at St. Andrew's; Amanda Van Wormer will be taking over the Youth and Children's events, so please go to them during this time if you have any questions.

I am very excited to be spending this time away to become a dad, and I am so thankful for all of your support and love. I will be praying for all of you during my leave, and if I don't see you before that, I will see you soon.

## **Justice and Peacemaker's Task Force: September Update**

With the 2025 Ohio General Election coming up on November 4, the St. Andrew's Justice and Peace Makers Task Force wanted to provide some helpful reminders about voting.

- The deadline for voter registration in Ohio is **October 6**. Voter registration can be completed online (<https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/>), by mail, or in-person at the Lorain County Board of Elections (1985 N Ridge Rd East, Lorain, OH 44055). Multiple public institutions (including the BMV and public libraries) have voter registration forms. Registration forms sent by mail must be postmarked by **October 6 or earlier**.
- You can check your voter registration and polling location at the following website: <https://tinyurl.com/3nzzab36>
- To request a vote-by-mail ballot, you should complete the form found on this website: <https://tinyurl.com/3pwky46v>. The form needs to be mailed to the Lorain County Board of Elections and must be received by **October 28**. Vote-by-mail ballots must be received by **November 4 or earlier**.
- In-person early voting will be available from **October 7** through **November 2**. Early voting occurs at the Lorain County Board of Elections (1985 N Ridge Rd East, Lorain, OH 44055). The hours for early voting can be found at this website: <https://tinyurl.com/4hywtw9z>.
- The election is scheduled for **November 4**. Polls will be open from 6:30am-7:30pm.
- A list of candidates and issues on the general election ballot in your voting district can be found on the Lorain County Board of Elections website: <https://tinyurl.com/yvsnuky8>. Note that there is a Lorain County-wide issue regarding a sales tax increase that is on the general election ballot for this year.

While participation in non-presidential general election years is typically lower, it is still important to vote. Elected officials serving our local communities can have a significant influence on our day-to-day lives.

### **Message from Kathy Kerber, Sr. Warden**

S'Mores, what is not to enjoy? Toasted marshmallows oozing with melted chocolate placed between two graham crackers are the quintessential campfire treat. During the opening session of the 2025 Parish Retreat, participants were asked what they hoped to experience at Bellwether Farm. My response of "S'mores" may have been received as superficial or silly, but my intent was not to trivialize the retreat. S'mores is my metaphor for all the goodness of the St. Andrew's Annual Retreat.

The components of S'mores represent the benefits of the retreat. Graham crackers provide the stability or base of the treat and symbolize the foundational supports of family, faith and fellowship present during the retreat. Marshmallows are the tricky part of S'mores. Toasted marshmallows are warm and golden, but sometimes they become sticky or catch on fire. Just like marshmallows, the retreat did offer some sticky challenges and burning situations. Self-reflection can be uncomfortable, the temperatures were very warm, the games were competitive, and a pig did try to eat my shoe, but the presentations, food and fellowship were outstanding. Bellwether offered so much to enjoy. Finally, a S'more would not be a S'more without chocolate. The combination of warm marshmallow mixing with chocolate make the treat special just as the nature at Bellwether reminds us that life is a wonderful gift from God. Please plan on attending next year's retreat and enjoy great food, fellowship, and nature. All are God's gifts.

## **Episcopal Church Public Policy and Witness Weekly Prayers**

These prayers are not a replacement for action; they offer grounding and space to discern what actions each of us feel compelled to take. We may feel called to meet with or contact our elected officials, participate in community organizing, provide services to those in our communities, or join in protests or acts of civil disobedience.

One of St. Andrew's Strategic Plan goals is to participate in God's work in our community and the world by continuing to support groups focusing on advocacy. The Episcopal Public Policy Network is such a group and as our work of advocacy continues, we invite you to join.

The Episcopal Public Policy Network has weekly action alerts, resources, webinars, and trainings. Learn more here: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/>

### **For Peace with Creation**

Creator God, in this Season of Creation renew in us delight for the Earth and resolve to care for all that you have made. We lament the rolling back of climate protections, the assault on public lands, and the neglect of efforts to heal our wounded planet. Transform our grief into faithful action, that your living creation—singing your praise even as it groans for redemption—may yet flourish. Uphold all who labor and advocate for the care of our common home. Through Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed. Amen.

### **For Civil Hearts and Listening Ears**

God of compassion, your Son Jesus spoke peace to the anxious and gave rest to the weary. In our own nation, public life is often spoiled by anger, division, and reckless words. Raise up leaders who shape their conduct after Jesus, and transform our discourse so that the public square may be marked by civility, fairness, and love. Teach us to use our words for the sake of the suffering, and renew in us the Spirit promised by Jesus—the Spirit who tames our tongues and prepares our minds for the good work you call us to do. Through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

### **For Those Suffering from Famine in the World**

God of healing and wholeness, we remember before you all who suffer from famine, especially those who are starving in Gaza and Sudan. Where any child of yours goes hungry, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, is present among them, crying to be fed. Give your church courage to offer bread to the hungry and strength to plead for justice where we cannot. Soften the hearts of the powerful, that greed and violence may cease, and that your will—not ours—be done on earth as it is in heaven. Through Jesus Christ, who is the Bread of Life, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **For Truth in Public Health**

Almighty God, giver of life and fountain of wisdom, you inspire knowledge for the healing of nations. Bless those who labor to preserve health through life-saving vaccines and public care. Strengthen all who serve with integrity and courage, and guide our leaders to honor truth for the protection of the vulnerable; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **New Bookkeeper**

We welcome Beth Gray as St. Andrew's new bookkeeper effective August 26. Retiring bookkeeper Karen Ennis will continue at St. Andrew's in leading Beth's onboarding until it is complete. How grateful we are for financial accuracy, transparency and, accessibility and the work of the Treasurer and finance team in ensuring this.



## **Parish Retreat & Pears...PERFECTION! Some August Highlights in Photograph!**

Please enjoy these photos taken from the Parish Retreat!



Take a look at these beautiful Asian Pears from the St. Andrew's meditation garden that were shared at Coffee Hour and Community Meals!



## September Birthdays

Lydia Van Wormer	1
Ashley Snider	4
Barbara Maxwell	7
Jay Snider	8
Anthony Corrieri	9
Gabryella Frazier	13
Amanda Hebble	14
Pam Hahn	20
Russ Panchak	24
Noah Skladan	26



## October Birthdays

Eliot Prior	1
Kathy Taylor	2
Leah Welsh	2
Lindsey Hall	3
Jeremy Van Wormer	7
Lorelai Barkhurst	7
Judi Hudnutt	9
David Whalen	10
Sarah Schuster	15
Jaxen Frazier	17
Jenna Frazier	15
Karl Kirk	18
Sean Prior	20
Karen Blair	24
Will Parsons	24
Linda Wilbert	24

## Send us your news!

If you have information, you would like included, send to [office@standrewselyria.org](mailto:office@standrewselyria.org)  
 Deadline for the October issue of the Carillon is **September 22**. Thank you.

## St. Andrew's Prayer List

### Our Spiritual Leaders

Sean, 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  
 Avon United Methodist  
 Redeemer Lutheran, Elyria  
 Emmanuel Lutheran, Elyria  
 Elyria First United Methodist  
 The Original Glorious Apostolic Church  
 Bellwether Farm

### Our Community Partners

The Freedge  
 A Place to Recover (P2R)  
 Neighborhood Alliance  
 Pet Pantry of Lorain County  
 Second Harvest  
 Urban League

**Active-Duty Military:** John Able, Stephanie Bacskey, 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

**Health Concerns:** Kathy Inderrieden (Karen Blair's daughter), Pauline McKenna (Karen Blair's daughter), Paul Tanner (partner of Jolene Adkins), Scott Holcomb, Shelly Perkins, John Palermo, Judie Housel, Karen Wells, Bob Sharkody, Ben Schuster, Russ Panchak, Karen Blair, Sally Miyara, Badger King, Mya Wissinger, Dakota Maloney (Daughter of Claire Skladan & Jeff Maloney), Roja Schuster Little, Joe Dembek; Diana, Mike and Maya (Bill Hebble's co-worker's family as infant daughter undergoes heart surgery), Deb Schwan, Ryan Palermo-Varner, Ryan (friend of June Hardy Dorsey), Sarah Schuster, Lynn Easton, Scott Pennington, Doug Elmer, Cooley Derzis, Marion King, Gwen Frazier, Lee Kauffman, Linda Wilbert, Stephen Secaur (Jeremy Secaur's father)

**At Home:** Virginia Larson, Sally Ruth, Barbara Tobin, Patricia Pozywak, Ruth Smith, Linda Wilbert, Judith Beebe

**Those Who Have Died:** Cindy McClymonds, Robert Powell, Kathy Plank, Emma Fischer, Chuck Farlow (Margo Reich's Brother-in-Law), Shirley Zeh (Cousin of Badger King), David George, Karen Ramirez, Jim Toth, Phillip Wagner, Debbie Kasik

**Other Concerns:** Dale Ann, Randy Lehman, Nancy Farlow and Family, the Family of Shirley Zeh, Eliot Prior, Maddie Smith, Scott Pennington, Jessica and Corey (friends of June Hardy Dorsey), Dan Burnett, Dee Knaack, Mark & Laura Burnett, Joyce Toth, Brent Payne and Family, Peter Gale and Family, Family of Phillip Wagner, Janet May (sister of Debbie Kasik), Lonnie