



The Carillon

"Sharing God's Unconditional Love"

October
2025

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.

[ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR](#)

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NEWS

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

Rector's Letter

Dear Church,

During September I have had the privilege, along with Ellen Otis, Kathy Kerber and Cameron Taylor, of leading the children and youth during **Sundays at St. Andrew's**.

Sundays at St. Andrew's is a vibrant and growing Children and Youth Faith Formation program, brought to fruition last year through the discernment and experimentation of Ben Holcomb, Director of Children & Youth Ministry and the Youth Commission. It meets at 4pm on the first and third Sunday afternoons of each month, September through May. Designed around and rooted in the Evening Prayer liturgy, these gatherings offer music, Scripture, prayers, lively conversations, games, service opportunities and developmentally accessible engagement about "being Christian in an Episcopal way."

In September and October, the small-group activities include Liturgical Arts, Bible Stories, Saints of the Church, and Community Outreach. These multi-disciplinary activities allow young people to grow in faith, creativity, and service while discovering how discipleship connects to everyday life.

Sundays at St. Andrew's reflects a key goal of St. Andrew's 2024 Strategic Plan: "*Continue to integrate our children and youth in all aspects of our parish life.*" It embodies the unique charism of St. Andrew's—a wide welcome to children, youth, and their families, recognizing the full ministry of all the baptized—and nurtures the current and next generation in the life of the Church.

As part of our stewardship theme, "Tell Out My Soul the Greatness of the Lord," financial support for this program is more than a donation—it is an investment in the ministries that share God's unconditional love with and through children, youth, and families in our community.

Looking ahead, our October 5 "Sundays at St. Andrew's" gathering will celebrate St. Francis of Assisi (Feast Day, October 4) and include a service project for the Lorain County Pet Pantry, culminating in an invitation to participate in the Blessing of the Animals. We look forward to the joy, learning, and service this special day will bring!

I celebrate this ministry with gratitude—for the creativity, faith, and service of our young people, and for the adults who walk alongside them. It is a joy to be able to work more closely with these young Episcopalians, as together, we live into God's call to share love, faith, and welcome with all.

With Gratitude,
Mother June

Music Memos
August 2025 Edition
by Music Director, Mark Skladan

Choir

Choir rehearsal is at 9:30am every Sunday. We welcome anyone to join us! If you can't sing with us, then come to church and sing hymns along with us!!

Thank you to those who donate to our choral scholar fund and to the vestry for making funds available for this ministry.

Our regular choral scholars this year: Christine, Maren, Katelyn, Corryn and Isaac.

Choristers

October Rehearsals in Preparation for
All Saints Day

- **October 5** (after 10:30am service) AND During Sundays at St. Andrew's (4pm)
- **October 12** (during 10:30am sermon time)
- **October 19** (after 10:30am service)
- **October 26** (after 10:30am service)

Anyone in Grade 8 or younger is invited to join us at rehearsals. Grade 9 and above are invited to sing with the choir any Sunday.

Organ Tuning

The organ was tuned in late September as part of our annual service agreement with Leek Organ. Thank you for your donations to the organ fund!!

Final Thought

"We are all ONE through Christ."

When it seems like everyone is divided, I keep this little nugget from Galatians close at hand.

Service of Remembrance
October 30, 2025, at 7pm

You are warmly invited to the Service of Remembrance—a quiet, contemplative gathering where we bring before God those whom we love but see no longer. Together, we will speak aloud the names of those who have died, honoring their lives and making space for our grief in their absence. In the soft glow of candlelight, accompanied by gentle instrumental music and the simple, prayerful chants of Taizé, we will remember with gratitude, entrust them once more to God's care, and claim the sure and certain hope we have in the Resurrection. You are encouraged to bring photos, mementos, or other tokens of significance to help create an altar of remembrance, a visible sign of love and memory that holds our beloved close. This service offers a sacred pause in which grace, grief, and hope meet—a holy time to let the names of our beloved be spoken, cherished, and lifted to God in prayer. We gather as a community of faith as we walk with one another in times of joy and of sorrow.

The Book of Remembrance will be at the back of the church beginning October 5. Please write the names of those you would like to have read aloud at the Service of Remembrance.

Justice and Peacemaker's Task Force:
October Update

The Justice and Peace Makers Task Force would like to remind the St. Andrew's community that the next general election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4.

Information about the initiatives and candidates on the ballot can be found on the Lorain County Board of Elections [website](#).

Early voting begins on Tuesday, October 7 and runs through Sunday, November 2.

If you or someone you know needs transportation to either the Board of Elections or your assigned polling place, please notify the church office (office@standrewselyria.org; 440-322-2126) so that a Task Force member can coordinate transportation with you.

Participating in elections is a valuable way to demonstrate our care for and commitment to our community.

Message from Kathy Kerber, Sr. Warden

Some truths in life don't seem to make sense. Consider, for example, exercise. It is logical to think that exercise uses energy and therefore makes one feel tired. The reality is regular exercise enhances metabolic efficiency and increases physical endurance. Another paradox: more structure in one's life will increase a personal sense of freedom. A daily routine with allotted time for specific tasks and objectives improves one's control over personal time and productivity.

The belief that generosity can grow one's wealth is another example of an outcome that runs contrary to initial expectations. Stephen Post, bioethicist and co-author of the book "Why Good Things Happen to Good People: How to Live a Longer, Healthier, Happier Life by the Simple Act of Giving" wrote that people who give are more likely to be happier and healthier than those who don't. The practice of giving transforms not only the recipient's life, but also the giver's life.

The "Tell Out My Soul" Annual Stewardship Campaign for St. Andrew's has begun. As Senior Warden, I encourage all parishioners to consider pledging as this helps Vestry anticipate income for the year ahead. Pledge revenue is used to fund programs such as our Community Meals, Christian formation activities, expenses associated with worship as well as maintaining the building and grounds. I will be honest. Fundraising requests and pledge campaigns used to bother me. I felt guilty because no matter how much money I made, I never felt I made enough to give enough. Stephen Post's book changed my mindset. Giving is a practice of gratitude. I now give from a heart of gratitude rather than from a sense of guilt. Please consider sharing your works, wealth and wisdom with St. Andrew's. Your pledge enables the St. Andrew's community to offer care, compassion and kindness to others as we share God's unconditional love.

Some Notes on the 2026 Budget by the Treasurer Doug Skladan

This year we find it necessary to ask about an increase of 14% in your financial support of your church. Your Rector, Finance Team, Commissions, and Vestry are all working diligently to try and maintain a balanced budget.

Our operating expenses have significantly increased as many of you have also experienced in your daily living.

- † Building and Grounds contracts, Electrical, Gas-Heat, have all risen. We did receive a reduction on insurance cost by increasing our deductible to \$5,000.
- † Office and Admin cost is slightly lower.
- † Worship expense had a slight increase over the 2025 budget.
- † Clergy expense increased with a proposed 2.5% increase in the Rector's salary.
- † The Music Director, the Com/Outreach Assistant and the Sexton also have a proposed 2.5% wage increase.
- † Karen, our bookkeeper will stay on thru the end of year for training Beth Gray, our new bookkeeper.
- † Our payroll taxes will increase for the wage increases,

Thank you all for your ongoing support as we continue to *Share God's Unconditional Love*.

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 God's Peace in the Wake of Violence and Fear

God of peace, who breaks down the dividing walls of hostility, we bring before you the pain and grief brought by escalating tensions on immigration. Lord, we pray for peace and understanding to prevail. Heal the wounds of those who are hurting, and hold close the souls of those lost in the wake of violence and fear. Be near to families separated by tragedy and uncertainty, offering your comfort and protection. Soothe angry hearts and silence words that inflame hatred or division. May your Holy Spirit guide us toward justice, reconciliation, and the dignity of every person—so that our communities might reflect your love for the captive and the vulnerable. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, who is our peace and has reconciled us to you in one body through the cross. Amen.

For the Awareness of Scientific Consensus and Shielding from Unnecessary Pain

O God of truth, who cannot lie, you shine light into the world so that your people may walk without fear. Amid confusion and the spread of misinformation, we pray for women and families, that they may be upheld by your truth, shielded from unnecessary fear and pain, and guided toward safe and reliable life-giving choices. Protect the vulnerable from unfounded claims that distort science, endanger health, and create harm. Fortify medical voices who agree in opinion, labor for the good of all, and offer healing. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, who is the truth and in whom your light shines. Amen.

For the Lives Affected by Political Decisions

Almighty God, who hears the cry of the poor, we see how public words become weapons, how plans to cut and cancel ripple into real lives. We remember those who never make the headlines—families dependent on public health, preventive care, and chronic-disease programs that face the threat of cuts; people struggling as health care coverage hangs in the debate; those struggling to feed their family and whose documented needs are among data that is being erased from public view. Forgive us when we lose sight of faces behind political debate. Grant us compassion and courage to speak for those without a voice. Shape leaders' hearts, that they do not wield power cheaply. Hold fast your people in uncertainty; and in your mercy, redeem what is being lost. We ask this through Jesus, who fed the hungry and gave rest to the weary, the living sign of your compassion. Amen.

For The People of the Democratic Republic of Congo Seeking Peace

God of the oppressed, who hear the cry of the afflicted, you stand opposed to war and all violent acts that wound the vulnerable and the land. We pray for the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo, who continue to suffer from militia violence and unending conflict. Though peace deals have been made, little has changed. O God, secure a lasting peace for the Democratic Republic of Congo and mercifully tend to all who are injured or grieving. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, who committed no violence but bore violence in his own body, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Happenings with the CDC – October Edition by Greg Hebble

We are seeking volunteers that would be available on Saturday, October 18 for the Fall Open House sponsored by the Elyria Community Partnership.

This tour will be similar to last years Sacred Landmarks Tour that we participated in. The Church will be open for visitors to come and tour the building and Labyrinth/meditation garden. The Open house is from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and we are asking for volunteers to escort guests through the building and grounds and talk about St. Andrew's.

If you are available to volunteer for even for an hour or two, please contact Jesse in the Church office.

We are collecting personal care and pantry items that will benefit the "Freedge" (free community refrigerator).

Your donations are always welcome and appreciated. Please drop off all items in the basket located in the front of the Sanctuary.



The Children of St. Andrew's Doing Their Part for the UTO!

Check out this picture of the children of St. Andrew's counting the UTO donations they collected from the Parish during our UTO In-Gathering on September 7.

St. Andrew's collected a total of \$643.60, all of which will be donated to the UTO. Thank you again for your generous contributions!

Send us your news!

If you have information, you would like included, send to office@standrewselyria.org Deadline for the November issue of the Carillon is **October 27**. Thank you.



October Birthdays

Eliot Prior	1
Kathy Taylor	2
Leah Welsh	2
Lindsey Hall	3
Jeremy Van Wormer	7
Lorelai Barkhurst	7
Janet Belcher	9
Judi Hudnutt	9
David Whalen	10
Sandy Menzies	14
Sarah Schuster	15
Jaxen Frazier	17
Jenna Frazier	15
Karl Kirk	18
Sean Prior	20
Karen Blair	24
Will Parsons	24
Linda Wilbert	24

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 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

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, John Grehn (family of Ryan 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, Scott Pennington, Doug Elmer, Cooley Derzis, Marion King, Gwen Frazier, Lee Kauffman, Linda Wilbert, Mary Ann Hursky (Aunt of Amy Kellogg), Dan Burnett

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, Stephen Secaur (Jeremy Secaur's father)

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), Dee Knaack, Mark & Laura Burnett, Joyce Toth, Lonnie



November Birthdays

Hans Van Wormer	2
Aiden VonGunten	6
Everly Varga	8
Mary Worcester	9
Lindsey Varga	14
John Kellogg	16
Greg Hebble	18
Matt Skladan	21
Elizabeth Thomas	21
Mya Frazier	22
William Hebble	22
Jeremiah Heck	24
Savannah Heck	24
Dori Mueller	25
Harry Finkbone	29
Jesse Varner	29