



The Carillon

Newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Elyria, Ohio

"Sharing God's Unconditional Love"

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A Letter from the Rector

Dear Church,

The mission of St. Andrew's is to share God's unconditional love, and we seek to live that mission in every part of our common life. Through three Sunday worship services, (one of them livestreamed), faith formation gatherings, five community meals each month, diocesan engagement and training, partnerships with our neighbors, and faithful management of our resources, we do this work. We depend on God's presence and grace, follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and are empowered by the love of Jesus. Looking back from October 2026 over the themes that have shaped us since Advent 2025, when this liturgical year began, I see our community of faith being drawn, season by season, into a deeper trust that God's love is the foundation of everything we do.

Advent 2025 began with a hard and honest question: **"What do you fear?"** That question asked us to name the anxieties we carry: about the future, about our church, about our community, nation and the world, and about the needs around us. The season's invitation to "insist on hope" did not ask us to pretend those fears didn't exist. It asked us to bring them into the light of the promise that God is coming to make all things new. Hope, in that sense, is not a denial of difficulty but a stubborn refusal to let difficulty have the final word. Many of us began Advent 2025 carrying something heavy, and this theme gave us permission to set it down and wait together.

Lent 2026 followed with a different invitation: **"Tell Me Something Good."** In a season often associated with penitence and self-examination, we chose to ground ourselves in the Good News. That shift mattered. Repentance still had its place, but the deeper call was to remember what God has already done in Christ and to speak that good news to one another. We were reminded that our faith is not formed by a list of things we must achieve but is a gift we receive and then share. It gave our worship, our formation gatherings, and our conversations a steady rhythm of gratitude and renewal. Church members rose to the

challenge of asking “tell me something good” of those they encountered throughout Lent, and shared stories of the amazing responses they received.

When summer came, our attention turned toward the intergenerational Sunday Night Bible School and the 4th Annual Parish Retreat at Bellwether Farm. **#WeConnect** demonstrated how our faith takes shape in relationships as it called us to connect with God, with ourselves, with one another, with our neighbors and the wider community, and with land and nature. Our community meals, our partnerships, our service opportunities, and the Episcopal Church of Lorain County Outdoor Worship gave that call a concrete form, placing us at tables and in conversations where people of many backgrounds sat together.

Plenty Good Room was the stewardship theme, which reminded us that there is always room in God’s house, and that our task is simply to make ourselves at home by coming often, exploring many rooms, and inviting others to join us.

Those two themes together describe a church that is both rooted and open. They carried into our financial stewardship campaign, which concluded on Sunday, October 11. Our giving, like our meals, our service, and our worship, is one way we answer God’s generosity with our own.

Advent 2026 begins in a little over six weeks. Between now and then, St. Andrew’s continues to live into our calling with our regular rhythm of worship and ministry, and with several special events. These include providing space for **the League of Women Voters Candidate Educational Forum** on Oct. 20 for those running for County Commissioner, and the **Garford Halloween Artfest** on Oct. 24. Nov. 1 is **All Saints Sunday**, and in one live-streamed Festive Holy Eucharist we will remember the saints who have gone before us as we seek to live lives inspired by their examples. On Nov. 4, a **Virtual Prayer Vigil** will be held on Zoom, offering the opportunity to come together after Election Day for prayer and community. **The Solemn Service of Remembrance** on Nov. 12 broadens the prayer focus to include giving thanks for and remembering those who have died. The **210th Diocese of Ohio Convention** (Nov. 20–21) calls all of the faith communities to ask how God is widening our vision. **Christ the King Sunday** ends this liturgical year on Nov. 22 and we begin **Advent 2026 on November 29 exploring the theme, “Until the Dawn.”**

I am so grateful for the ways God has met us in each season, and for your faithfulness in showing up, stepping up, speaking up, and standing up in the many gatherings and ministries which express our faith.

The journey from Advent’s honest fears to Lent’s good news, and from our connected community to the open door of Plenty Good Room, has been a journey toward a fuller expression of our mission.

The Advent 2026 theme is **“Until the Dawn,”** and it honestly names the reality that Christ is born and God is present, yet the world remains broken and unfinished. “Until the Dawn” will give us actions for the work of Advent, providing faith-filled ways

for us to keep insisting on hope, keep telling one another something good, and keep inviting others home. In all of these movements, may we trust that the love of Jesus will continue to empower us to share God's unconditional love with everyone we meet.

Grateful for you in so many ways,

Mother June

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Message from Kathy Kerber, Senior Warden

It was a scream heard by many people on my street. A neighbor fell onto patio pavement and was unable to get up. A 911 call was made. A bone was broken. Neighbors mobilized quickly. Upon her hospital discharge, transportation for follow-up appointments was coordinated. Plans for assistance with meals, hygiene and wound care were in place. A neighbor volunteered for daily pool maintenance. This is connection: recognizing the needs of another and acting. It is what Jesus wants us to do.

St. Andrew's is a community of connection. Whether it is helping a parishioner facing challenges with health, family or finances, we step up to assist. Our connection extends beyond the parish into Lorain County through our support of the community meals program, FREEDGE, and through partnerships with organizations such as Neighborhood Alliance, A Place to Recover (P2R), and Blessing House. In September, the Congregational Development Commission authorized the donation of funds to support the AGAPE Youth Conference this October. This conference focuses on music and spiritual enrichment, and provides experiences for the growth of organizational and leadership skills in young people. Our connection helps the most vulnerable. This is what Jesus asks us to do.

Financial stability fuels connection. The Plenty Good Room Stewardship Campaign has begun. Please consider a financial pledge to St. Andrew's. Pledge income is not only used for funding the day-to-day operational costs, including utilities, building maintenance, salaries, and insurance, but also funds the mission-driven activities and programs of the Commissions (Worship, Congregational Development, Resource Management, Youth). Your pledge helps provide the financial resources for the Commissions to continue the activities that power our connection within the parish and into the community. Connection is recognizing the needs of others and acting. It is what Jesus expects us to do.



Music Notes and Worship Updates

- Return to full-text bulletins on October 18 for the 10:30 am service
Return to using the NRSV in Advent
- One service on All Saints Sunday, Nov. 1
- Service of Remembrance, Nov. 12

Choristers in October

The Choristers sang anthem on October 4; “Hosanna! Amen!,” a lively anthem which celebrates Jesus.

Adult Choir Begins!

Choir rehearsals started on October 11 at 9:30 a.m. The choir sang the anthem “Plenty Good Room,” which highlighted our stewardship campaign and Pledge Sunday. Choir rehearsal will continue most weeks at 9:30 a.m.

Service Music

We have been using a version of the Gloria and Sanctus from WLP (green hymnal) and will continue to use it until Advent. In Advent, the service music will switch to LEVAS through Christmas Eve.

Choral Scholars

Thanks to a generous donation to the choral scholar fund, the scholars will return this fall! Donations are always welcome by designating the funds on your check or envelope. Thank you!

Piano Maintenance

Three pianos were tuned thanks to funds available in our budgeted music fund.



Youth Group Halloween Party

Sunday Oct. 18



4 – 5:30 pm

College of Congregational Development Update

Five members of St. Andrew's (Ben Holcomb, Judi Hudnutt, the Rev. June Hardy Dorsey, Barb Prior, and Leanne Taylor) participated in Year 1 of the College of Congregational Development (CCD). The CCD is a comprehensive, two-year training program designed to nurture leadership, facilitation, and teamwork skills among clergy and lay leaders within the church. Learning together as clergy and lay leaders, this team returned with new ideas, a shared vocabulary, and tools to help St. Andrew's deepen its commitment to sharing God's unconditional love.

As part of their Year 1 assignment, the team will put their learning into action through a project focused on Group and Team Dynamics. They chose an event already under consideration at St. Andrew's: a New Kitchen Celebration. Planning this gathering, together with others in the church, will provide opportunities to introduce, teach, and practice skills that help people work together effectively while celebrating the completion of the new kitchen.

The proposed New Kitchen Celebration will bring together the wider St. Andrew's community, including parish members, Community Meals guests and partners, and the contractors whose handiwork made the new kitchen possible. The purpose of this event is to express gratitude and celebrate the new kitchen, the dedication and hard work of all who led, served, and worked on this project, and St. Andrew's ongoing commitment to the wider community.

Beyond the celebration itself, the project will help St. Andrew's assess its capacity for large-scale events, like a Fish Fry. What the team learns can also strengthen collaboration in other parish groups and ministries, while providing a foundation for continued learning in Year 2 of CCD. Through this work, the St. Andrew's CCD team hopes to turn learning into service for the congregation and the wider community, continuing to ask, "Where is God calling St. Andrew's next? How is God calling St. Andrew's to widen our vision?"



St. Andrew's Orientation Luncheon

Join us for the St. Andrew's Orientation Lunch on November 29, from 12:15–1:30 p.m. in the Parish Lounge! Whether you are new to the church or have been part of St. Andrew's for a while and would like to explore new ways to engage, you are warmly invited. Share lunch, get to know one another, and discover opportunities to deepen your connection with God through service.

Together, we'll explore the ministries of St. Andrew's and ways to grow in faith, build relationships, and serve our neighbors. This is a chance to ask questions, discover where your interests and gifts meet the needs of others, and find a meaningful place to participate. There is a place for you, and gifts only you can share! Sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Space.

2026 General Election Information

Important Dates

- Monday, Oct. 5: Deadline to register to vote for the 2026 General Election in Ohio
- Tuesday, Oct. 6: First day of early voting
- Tuesday, Oct. 27: Deadline to request a ballot to vote by mail
- Sunday, Nov. 1: Final day of early voting
- **Tuesday, Nov. 3: General Election Day** (polls are open 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.)

Methods for Voting

- Your voter registration and polling location for Election Day can be found at: <https://voterlookup.ohiosos.gov/voterlookup.aspx>
- In-person early voting occurs at the Lorain County Board of Elections (1985 N. Ridge Rd. East, Lorain, OH 44055). The calendar with early voting hours can be found at: <https://www.voteloraincountyohio.gov/office-hours>
- To request a vote-by-mail ballot, complete the form at <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/request-an-absentee-ballot> and mail it to the Lorain County Board of Elections.

Information for Voting

- A list of candidates and issues on the General Election ballot in your district can be found at: <https://www.voteloraincountyohio.gov/>
- A valid photo ID is required for voting. Additional information about ID types can be found at: <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voter-ID-requirements>
- FAQs about voter eligibility and residency requirements can be found at: <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/frequently-asked-questions#voter-eligibility>



Scan to access the Lorain County Board of Elections website.

[voteloraincountyohio.gov](https://www.voteloraincountyohio.gov)



CANDIDATE EDUCATIONAL FORUMS for Lorain County Voters

These events are free and open to the public. For more information, email LWVLoCo@gmail.com

OHIO SENATE FORUM

Invited: Representative Gayle Manning & Representative Joe Miller

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13
7:00-8:00 PM (DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM)



GOD'S KNGDOM WORSHIP CENTER
423 WASHINGTON AVENUE, LORAIN

COUNTY COMMISSIONER FORUM

Andrew Lipian, LC Commissioner Jeff Riddell, Carolyn White

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20
7:00-8:00 PM (DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM)



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
300 THIRD STREET, ELYRIA

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Nonpartisan Partner Planning Organizations: God's Kngdom Worship Center, Lorain County Civic Engagement Coalition, Lorain County Urban League, Lorain County Section National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), Lorain N.A.A.C.P., Lorain Interfaith Ministries, MetroCentral N.A.A.C.P., Northern Ohio Conference Social Justice Committee of the Third Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Justice and Peace Task Force, WOBL/WDLW Radio, WNZN Power 89.1

Candidate Educational Forums for Lorain County Voters, hosted by the League of Women Voters. Forum for County Commissioner: Tuesday, October 20, (Doors Open at 6:30 pm) 7:00–8:00 p.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 300 Third Street, Elyria. office@standrewselyria.org



Please help us keep birthdays updated and accurate.

If any dates listed below or incorrect or missing, email the church office (office@standrewselyria.org) with "Birthday Update" in the subject line.

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
Trevor Yug 11
Sandy Menzies 14
Sarah Schuster 15
Jenna Frazier 15
Jaxen Frazier 17
Karl Kirk 18
Sean Prior 20
Karen Blair 24
Will Parsons 24
Linda Wilbert 24

November Birthdays

Hans Van Wormer 2
Aiden VonGunten 6
Everly Varga 8
Mary Worcester 9
Lynn Easton 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 29
Harry Finkbone 29
Sue Paine 29
Jesse Varner 29



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 · Hope Community Church Bellwether Farm

Our Community Partners

The Freedge · A Place to Recover (P2R) · Neighborhood Alliance · Pet Pantry of Lorain County · Second Harvest · Lorain County Urban League · AGAPE Youth Choir, Blessing House

Active-Duty Military: John Able, Stephanie Bacskay, Rose Buttle, Luke Colcough, Aaron Colcough, Charles Kellogg, Kim Reich, Col. 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: Doug Elmer, Ron Wynne (Amy Kellogg), Heather Gatchell (David and June Hardy Dorsey's niece), Russ Panchak, Jean Hays, Linda Adkins (Jolene Adkins' mother), Thomas Biery, Paul Dorsey, Jr., Jack Jablonski, Cooley Derzis, Naviya Schuster-Little, Karen Hand (Sarah Schuster), Gale Hillbery (Retta Reynolds), Gary Pressnell, Jim Paine, Doug Skladan, Karen Blair.

At Home: Virginia Larson, Patricia Pozywak, Linda Wilbert, Judith Beebe, Bob Thomas, Karen Wells, Phyllis DeMark (Kendal at Oberlin).

Who Have Died: Mark Burnett, Ralph Wearsch, Dan Burnett, Bob Sharkody, Robert Skladan, Mary Majoras, Steven Vitas, Dino Cuffari (Amy Kellogg).

Other Concerns: Diane Wynn, Dee Knaack, Laura Burnett, Tom Burnett, Joyce Toth, Rev. Ron Wearsch, the Wearsch family, Michael Worcester, Brett Sharkody, Badger's Family, Roz Cuffari (Amy Kellogg).

Coming Up – At a Glance

Oct. 20 7 pm – League of Women Voters Candidate Educational Forum (County Commissioner), St. Andrew's Parish Hall

Oct. 24 7 pm – Garford Halloween Artfest

Nov. 1 10:30 am (one service only on this day)

– All Saints Sunday, live-streamed Festive Holy Eucharist

Nov. 3 – General Election Day

Nov. 4 – 6 pm Virtual Prayer Vigil on Zoom

Nov. 12 –7 pm Solemn Service of Remembrance

Nov. 20–21 – 210th Diocese of Ohio Convention (Sawmill Creek – Huron)

Nov. 22 – Christ the King Sunday(regular worship schedule)

Nov. 29 – Orientation Lunch, 12:15–1:30 p.m., Parish Lounge

Regular Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning Zoom Worship

9:30 a.m. – [Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 766 598 8948 Call-in number: 646.558.8656

Sunday Holy Eucharist

8:30 a.m. In-Person Worship

10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship (livestreamed on [YouTube](#))

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

Wednesday Morning Prayer on Zoom, 8 a.m. – [Zoom Link](#)

Did you know that you can email your pledge directly?

Put "Confidential Pledge" on the subject line and in the body of the email, name your intended financial giving for 2027, with amount and frequency (weekly, monthly etc.) and email it to treasurer@standrewselyria.org. Together we make Plenty Good Room !

