

The Carillon

"Sharing God's
Unconditional
Love"

May
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.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.: Office Closed

Tues.-Fri.: 9:30am-2:30pm

Rector's Letter

Dear Church,

If you want to know who God is, look at Jesus. If you want to know what it means to be human, look at Jesus. If you want to know what love is, look at Jesus. If you want to know what grief is, look at Jesus. And go on looking until you're not just a spectator, but you're actually part of the drama which has Jesus as the central character. -NT Wright

This is the poem with which I opened the sermons on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Day; and though it was a recent discovery, I chose to use it because it set the stage for all of the messages of those holy days.

As we move into Eastertide it continues to be a good guide because every day, beloved church, we are invited to be more than spectators, to actually be a part of the drama that has Jesus as the central character.

On Easter Day we heard the story of the first Easter as it is told in the Gospel of John.

This story, like many stories in the Holy Scriptures and like many stories in our own lives, begins in the dark. Before it was yet morning, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. Other texts tell us that she was carrying oils and spices to anoint the body of Jesus as was the custom. In her grief and stunned realization that Jesus was dead, she leaned into ancient ritual of caring for the body.

Mary saw the empty tomb and ran to tell Peter and the Beloved disciple, who hurried to go and see for themselves. The Beloved Disciple was faster and got there first but did not go in. Peter went in and then the other disciple. Then they left and Mary stayed. It was in staying that Mary encountered Jesus. She didn't recognize him until he called her by name, and she knew. When he called her by name, she knew it was Jesus.

Church, Jesus calls us by name and knows us and while we likely do not hear it in our ears (though some may), we hear it in our hearts and we hear it in the opportunities we have every day to join Jesus in the work of God's love.

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Rector's Letter Continued

We see Jesus in the mystery of the Eucharist, in the spaces we occupy during the week, in our worship and in one another. We see Jesus in the acts of courage and protest that push back and resist the forces of chaos, greed, the hunger for power, and instability. We see Jesus in the kindness of strangers and in the grace offered in relationships that could be characterized by anything but grace. We see Jesus in the faithfulness of this church, St. Andrew's, as we seek to share God's Unconditional Love in ministry, service, relationship, and worship. We see Jesus in the longing and hunger we have for there to be more love and less hate. We see Jesus in sacrifice and saying yes and saying no and sharing and forgiving and being forgiven.

NT Wright gives us more wisdom about being participants with Jesus in the work we have been given to do.

"If God's world of justice and mercy and beauty has already been inaugurated, then those who believe in Jesus' resurrection must be . . . people who do justice and mercy in the present, people who, together with other siblings in the body of Christ, work for God's healing love in creation; people who do beauty; people who celebrate art, because art and music . . . are ways in which we can pierce through the imagination, which gets stuck in the old creation, and can help people to imagine . . . that there might actually be a new creation in which the bullies and the wicked empires of the world are not in charge, and in which Jesus is in charge. . ." -NT Wright

When we seek to make the connection and consider exactly how we can be participants with God in the work we are called to do, we take counsel from the Baptismal Promises.

Let us continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers by showing up for each other, learning together, feasting upon the holy mystery of the Eucharist and engaging with the Divine as we make our earthy, sometimes messy, lives our prayers.

Let us persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever we fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord by calling out and honestly naming anything that seeks to draw us or our energy or our attention away from God's love.

Let us proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ by using the holy imagination we have been given to notice and see God showing up in the large expanses and in the small crevices of our lives and our communities and then giving testimony- talking-sharing-writing-singing, making music and art and dancing about it. Let us seek God in our care for the earth and earth's generosity and beauty.

Let us seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves by opening the eyes of our heart and the ears of our spirit to see and hear Christ in all those we encounter, and in ourselves.

Let us strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being. Let us speak up and act against injustice and refuse to be silent. Let us seek peace and be peace and give the respect that dignity commands.

All this we do with God's help and all this we can do only with God's help.

Eastertide us upon us. In the coming weeks in Sunday worship, we will be exploring together the birth and development of the early church. The times of the day are centuries and cultures away from 2025 in Lorain County, Ohio, but there are striking similarities, and the messages and call are amazingly relevant. So, let's join together in entering the stories and call.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen. The Lord is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Matthew 28:1-6



Message from Kathy Kerber, Sr. Warden

Happy Easter! Welcome Spring! The grass is now green and growing. The bird feeder is busy with new arrivals daily. The tulips and hyacinths are up. Nature provides an abundance of reminders that life is good. God is generous.

Humans are not so generous. While there are many good people in this world, the tones of social media, televisions commentators and editorials are seemingly more selfish with individuals or groups out to promote themselves at the expense of the community around them. We need people working to build stronger families, neighborhoods, and cities, not simply criticizing what is wrong with society. Adopting a lifestyle of generosity can contribute to a stronger family and community.

Mike Donghia of *This Evergreen Home* identifies eight ways to live generously:

1. Share your time with others
2. Give compliments freely
3. Offer your skills and talents
4. Forgive quickly and fully
5. Practice hospitality
6. Assume the very best about the words and actions of others
7. Donate to worthy causes
8. Be an attentive listener

St. Andrew's offers many opportunities to practice generosity. Please consider sharing a conversation with a community meals guest during the coffee hour or actively listen to the imaginative world view of a young child attending Sunday Bible School. Offer your organizational skills to plan an activity for the parish retreat or an intergenerational event. Join the Altar Guild and learn the practices of preparing the altar for worship that have gone on for generations. Compliment someone on a job well done. Participate on commissions such as Congregational Development, Youth or Resource Management, or volunteer to help with the projects and task forces associated with these commissions. Life is a fleeting gift. Let's not wait to give of ourselves to others and our communities.

Music Memos May1 2025 Edition by Music Director, Mark Skladan

Thank you...

.... to our choir for their faithful service. The choir will sing May 11, and sing for the last time until October on May 18. We are also very grateful for our choral scholars. There are rumors that maybe a "pop up" summer choir may sing at least one week...stay tuned!

...to our Choristers who will sing the Anthem on May 4, as part of our Youth Led Worship that morning at 10:30am.

...to our guest musicians who have added so much to our services. We look forward to hearing some special musicians this summer.

...to our parish for their compliments and support

...to Ben, who will lead a guitar mass on May 25th (10:30am service) while Mark is on vacation

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

Friends of Christ,

Is it finally safe to say that spring is here? I sometimes worry about saying it too soon, and then the cold comes back. It's always discouraging when the ever-fickle Ohio weather changes up on us. However, it looks for now that the weather has been warming over the past month.

Speaking of the past month, the youth has been quite busy! We had Sundays at St. Andrew's opportunities on the first and fourth Sundays of the month, as the third Sunday was Easter. We have also been rehearsing for the youth-led worship service on Sunday, May 4, at the 10:30am service which I am very excited for.

Now that the weather is changing, we have a lot of fun things coming as well. We have an intergenerational trip to Cedar Point being planned that will be a blast for everyone involved (for more information, see below), and even a service project to help with the Urban Garden at Redeemer Lorain in the coming months.

As I said before, I always have this worry of saying it's spring too early, and then the cold comes back. I feel it is that way in life too. I don't think I'm the only one who is afraid to admit they have something good when it can be taken away in the blink of an eye. We, as people, have a fear of enjoying the here and now. Yes, the weather might change, but if we spend all our time making sure we have an umbrella for the rain, we block ourselves from the sun.

Life changes pretty fast. Five months ago, I didn't even know I was going to be a dad, and now I'm making baby registries and looking at the price of diapers. If I constantly think about what life is going to be like in a year, a month, a week, I am going to miss every single blessing God gives me today. This month, let us all spend time enjoying today's weather. Let's not be anxious about tomorrow, because today has enough problems of its own.

God Bless,
Ben

Intergenerational Trip to Cedar Point: Saturday, June 14

Hello friends! I am very excited to announce that we will be having an intergenerational trip to Cedar Point on June 14, and everyone's invited!

There are plenty of ways to get tickets! First, St. Andrew's can help cover half of your ticket, and extra scholarships are available as well. To take advantage of this opportunity, please bring in \$30 per person going in an envelope along with the name of who is going. There will be a sign-up sheet outside the sanctuary as well to sign up with. You will need to be signed up and money turned in by June 1, so we can purchase your ticket. However, if you want to buy your own ticket, you can do that any time, including on the day of the event at the park.

We will meet at Cedar Point at 10:00am at the main gate, and carpooling is available upon request. Hope to see you all there!

-Ben H.

Thank You for Supporting Our College Students

Thank you to all those who donated funds to help purchase care packages for our parishioners currently attending college and wrestling with finals!

The care packages, containing a variety of yummy and healthy snacks, have all been delivered to our five St. Andrew's college students. We've already received feedback from one student, who said the care package was extremely appreciated in their preparations for finals week, and that they were glad to know that their St. Andrew's family was thinking of them.

Kitchen Items Free to Good Home

Since the church kitchen was completely emptied, we have had the opportunity to identify items we do not want to put back in the kitchen but still have life.

Our goal is to stock the kitchen with commercial grade appliances, pot/pans, utensils, and more and these items are useful, but not in a big kitchen, and so we'd like to give them away to those who could use them.

Please visit Andy's Place and any items that have been placed on the wooden benches are available for you to take - - if you are not in need but know of someone, please take and share. All items left after Monday, May 12, will be donated.

Justice and Peacemaker's Task Force Update: Juneteenth Celebration

As part of an effort to build connections with the greater Elyria community, the Justice and Peace Makers Task Force will be organizing a group outing to Elyria's 4th Annual Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 21. This event is being organized by the Elyria Community Partnership and the Elyria Black Legacy Collection and will take place in Ely Square from noon to 5pm. More information can be found at <https://elyriatogether.org/juneteenthblc/>. We encourage those who are interested in attending to save the date; we will provide more details in the coming weeks.

We also welcome suggestions of other events that might be of interest as we actively curate a list of these opportunities for the St. Andrew's community. These suggestions can be sent to the church office by emailing office@standrewselyria.org.

Save the Date: 2025 Parish Retreat at Bellwether Farm: August 15 & 16

From Friday, August 15 to Saturday, August 16, all of St. Andrew's is invited to come and spend time in nature, spiritual reflection, and fellowship at our 2025 Parish Retreat at Bellwether Farm!

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 as we would like to celebrate them at one of the 10:30am services this summer! Please let the church office know no later than June 15.

Pentecost Reminder!

This is a reminder that Pentecost is June 8! A reminder that there will only be one service on this day at 10:30am. Please plan to wear red to mark the occasion



Sunday Night Bible School 2025: Waves of Wonder

Let waves of wonder wash over you as you get out into God's creation at Sunday Night Bible School! Be inspired by the beauty and majesty of what God has made. We will explore scriptures in which God provides water for plants and animals. We will visit the wilderness and miraculously receive water from a rock. We will take a boat ride with Jesus, weather a wavy storm, and even imagine a new heaven and a new earth where all are invited to receive life-giving water. Through worship and drama, Bible study, art and science explorations, and active games, will deepen our understanding of the importance of water and be invited to join God in caring for this precious natural resource.

Sunday Night Bible School will be hosted every Sunday at 5pm, from July 13 through August 10.



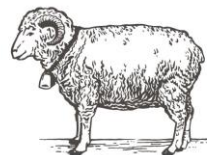
Bellwether Summer Camp

Bellwether Farm summer camp is an opportunity for campers to immerse themselves in fun, engaging outdoor activities. These programs seek to teach healthy social, nutritional, and environmental practices, while providing a safe context in which to encounter God's beautiful creation. Campers will have an opportunity to learn about organic gardening, animal care, and creative cooking. They will also participate in traditional camp activities including swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, fishing, and field games.

Camps are offered on the following dates:

- Week 1, June 8-13, *Grades 6-12*
- Week 2, June 15-20, *Grades 3-9*
- Week 3, June 22-27, *Grades 3-9*
- Week 4, July 6-11, *Grades 3-9; Mini camp for grades 2-3*
- Week 5, July 13-18, *Grades 3-9; Mini camp for grades 2-3*
- Week 6, July 20-25, *Grades 3-9; Mini camp for grades 2-3*
- Family Camp: July 25-27, *all ages welcome with at least one adult.*

Visit bellwetherfarm.com/camp for more information and to register. Scholarship assistance may be applied during the registration process. Sibling discounts are also available.



Bellwether
— FARM —

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
Jonathan Frazier, Jr.	24
Naviya Schuster-Little	25
Jacob Hebble	29
Mike Von Gunten	29
Cameron Taylor	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
Elyria First United Methodist
The Original Glorious Apostolic
Church

Our Community Partners

The Freedged
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, Judie Housel, Karen Wells, Bob Sharkody, Ben Schuster, Russ Panchak, Karen Blair, Amy Kellogg, 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, Carol Caruso (family friend of Jesse Palermo-Varner), Lynn Easton, Scott Pennington

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

Those Who Have Died: Donna Quisenberry, DeShawn Moore, Bob Hardy, Mavis Hardy, Taffy Valassis, Jon Quisenberry, Rev. Francis "Francie" Hill (formerly Rev. Francis "Francie" McNutt, Rector of St. Andrew's from 1996-2007), Cindy McClymonds, Robert Powell, Kathy Plank, Emma Fischer, Chuck Farlow (Margo Reich's Brother-in-Law), Shirley Zeh (Cousin of Badger King)

Other Concerns: Dale Ann, Randy Lehman, Fred McClymonds, Scott McClymonds, Tim McClymonds, Nancy Farlow and Family, the Family of Emma Fischer, the Family of Shirley Zeh, Eliot Prior, Maddie Smith, Jessica, and Corey (friends of June Hardy Dorsey)



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, send to office@standrewselyria.org
Deadline for the June issue of the Carillon is **May 26**. Thank you.

Kitchen Renovation Update – Hans Van Wormer

As we work to renovate the kitchen, I'd like to take a moment and give an update. Progress has slowed due to a structural issue. The original vent routing we intended is not feasible due to a 20" I-beam. Revised routing has been submitted to the City, and we are awaiting approval. This delay is setting us back a few weeks, but efforts are being made to keep work moving forward as we are able. I want to Thank Jeff Hahn for shepherding this project and our neighbors at First Methodist Church for the use of their kitchen.