



Above: Christmas Pageant, 2022 · S. Floyd

As this reaches you, I will have spent six months in Ann Arbor as your Interim Rector. The search process continues at full speed, and we have much to accomplish before a new Rector arrives. Here are some of the things I see, both as an Interim, and as things I would hope have been addressed if I were to move to a new position as a called Rector.

We remain in a nebulous part of a global pandemic. Winter months always see a rise in respiratory illnesses, and the precautions taken during Covid-19 meant that we lost some immunity to some of those other illnesses. We're not completely out of the woods yet, but can see the horizon through the trees. We will need to continue conversations around how best to address this issue.

With that in mind, it's time to restart some programs that were put on hold. One of those was lay pastoral visitors. These visitors can also be trained and licensed as Lay Eucharistic Visitors, who take Communion to homebound parishioners. This ministry will become more important as we move forward, as the need for it in a parish the size of St. Andrew's far surpasses the ability of one or even two clergy can meet.

That brings me to an over-arching entity in the room. Pledges for 2023 have fallen much below expectations, requiring a withdrawal of nearly 25% of reserve funds to meet current

levels of spending. Historically, some pledges come in after the new year, but uncertainty about the economy, deaths or moving away of some long-time parishioners, and other events have contributed to the decline in pledging.

We have three positions that are open or coming open soon. The first to open was the Director of Christian Education, which is being filled on an interim part-time basis. That will continue for the time being, as how that position may be filled is something a new Rector will want to help decide. The other two, Parish Administrator and Finance Administrator, are receiving applications.

This means that parishioners will be needed to help with some aspects of those positions. We already have volunteers who come into the office four days each week. We may need more to help. And, there may be some aspects of administration that will need to be set aside until they can be met. One of the ways we do this will be reactivating the Building and Grounds Committee, who will oversee projects and the work of building maintenance along with our Sexton, Matt Marsh.

I have been in touch with some experienced folks regarding different ways to do stewardship. Several of the ways mentioned have been used at St. Andrew's, with the default position being a fall drive much like

we saw in 2022. Some of those with whom I spoke said that a parish like St. Andrew's should have some creative members who can develop a program, either from scratch or based on something that already exists. The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) has a well-developed program that uses a year-long approach that begins in Advent. That could provide a starting point for discussion and implementation, but it needs to begin before Summer arrives.

I like the idea that St. Andrew's has the creative energy to develop an answer to not just stewardship, but every other issue I've mentioned. The CAT survey presented in October expresses a desire for collaboration, and working together to create processes and programs to meet the needs of the parish will help us do that.

It's time to begin discussing all these and other topics. I invite your input.

THE REV. E. WAYNE ROLLINS
Interim Rector



Parish Briefs

Coventry Suppers to Resume February 11

Coventry Suppers are making a comeback! Are you interested in an opportunity to socialize with other church members by sharing a meal and fellowship? Then Coventry Suppers are for you! Through the pandemic we met virtually. Now we are ready to go back to in-person gatherings. Join us for a potluck Coventry Supper at the Church (Lounge or Parish Hall) on Saturday, February 11, 6-8:00 pm. Interested? Contact Susan Wakefield at susan.e.wakefield@gmail.com.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Sundays, February 26 - March 26 at 11:30 am

A series of discussions will begin on Sunday, February 26, after the 10:00 am service for those who have recently joined St. Andrew's or are thinking about becoming members of the parish. Our first meeting will be a meet and greet, and will be in the Lounge. Subsequent meetings will focus on the history, ministries, and other aspects of the parish and diocese. Anyone is invited to attend, whether you're a newbie or a long-time member and want to be part of the discussion.

Meetings will begin at approximately 11:30 am and last no longer than one hour. The final session will be March 26. Contact Fr. Wayne (wrollins@standrewsaa.org) for more information.

Millennial+Z Social: February 26

New name, same great ministry!

Our next St. Andrew's Millennials+Z social will be at the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum on Sunday, February 26 at 3pm. Fun for kids of all ages! Hope to see you there. Let me know if you can make it. Contact Bill Bryan at (williamabryan@gmail.com) to RSVP.

Breakfast Benefit Concert: Rosanne Cash

Saturday, May 13 - 8:00 pm at the Michigan Theater

Tickets still available for multi-Grammy winner Rosanne Cash and her band who will headline a benefit concert for the Breakfast Program on Saturday, May 13 at The Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor. Tickets on sale now at ticketmaster.com.



Ash Wednesday February 22, 2023

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

7:00 am
(Chapel)

12:15 pm
(Church)

4:30 pm
(Church)

7:30 pm
(Church • Livestream on YouTube)

Lenten 2023 Series

March 1: *Lars and the Real Girl*

March 15: *The Cakemaker*

March 22: *The Fisher King*



A series of Lenten movies has been a tradition at St. Andrew's since 2008. We are pleased to keep this tradition going in 2023, with a series of three Wednesday Lenten movies, on March 1, 15, and 22.

The series has traditionally had a theme. This year it has to do with **what is real**, a perennial question which has taken on new meaning in the COVID and post-COVID days.

Over the past few years, COVID has gotten in the way of the Parish Hall soup/potluck and a movie experience, but Zoom provided us with another way to have this shared experience.

This year, we are experimenting with in-person vs. on Zoom. Each format has its appeal. We had some excellent discussion periods after movies in the last couple of years on Zoom, but it is always great to be together in one place. **We'll meet in the Parish Hall on March 1, via Zoom on March 15, and then decide the format for March 22 by popular demand!**

Dinner and a Movie: *Lars and the Real Girl*

Wednesday, March 1
at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

In this 2007 comedy, Lars Lindstrom is an awkwardly shy young man in a small northern town who finally brings home the girl of his dreams to his brother and sister-in-law's home. The only problem is that she's not real – she's a sex doll Lars ordered off the Internet. But sex is not what Lars has in mind, but rather a deep, meaningful relationship. His sister-in-law is worried for him, his brother thinks he's nuts, but eventually the entire town goes along with his delusion in support of this sweet natured boy that they've always loved.

(PG-13, 106 minutes, Comedy, *shown as part of the 2013 Lenten Series*)

Watch from Home: *The Cakemaker*

Wednesday, March 15
at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Thomas, a young and talented German baker, is having an affair with Oren, an Israeli married man who dies in a car crash. Thomas travels to Jerusalem seeking answers. Keeping his secret to himself, he starts working for Anat, his lover's widow, who owns a small café. Although not fully kosher and despised by the religious, his delicious cakes turn the place into a city attraction. Finding himself involved in Anat's life in a way far beyond his anticipation, Thomas will stretch his lie to a point of no return.

(Not rated, 113 minutes, Drama, *originally scheduled for the 2020 Lenten Series but canceled due to COVID*)

Stay Tuned for More Details: *The Fisher King*

Wednesday, March 22
Time/Location TBD

The Fisher King story is an old one, connected to Arthurian myths and the search for the Holy Grail. The Inklings, the group of authors that included C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien, were drawn to the story. The central element is the wound that will not heal and what healing might involve. In this retelling, two characters are “wounded”, in ways that (spoiler alert) turn out to be connected. The healing involves an object that might or might not be the Grail. Starring Jeff Bridges and Robin Williams.

(R, 137 minutes, Drama, *shown as part of the 2015 Lenten Series*)

Zoom Link for March 15:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83223494295?pwd=NUtwdlVlejdmT3lHVlVUcVRQM09ndz09>

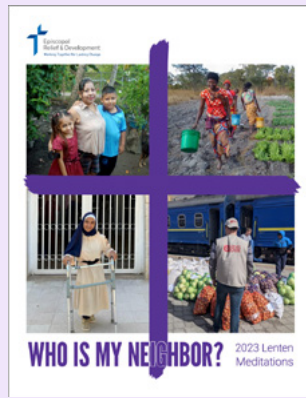
QUESTIONS? Contact Norm Richert at nrichert@comcast.net

Lenten Meditations

This Lent, join Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) for daily Lenten Meditations on the theme of 'Who is my neighbor?'

A [free PDF](#) of the meditation booklet for 2023 is available from ERD.

To learn more or subscribe to their daily meditation, please visit episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent.



Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday

The First Sunday in Lent: February 26

Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD; formerly "The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief") is an international relief and development agency and a compassionate response to human suffering on behalf of The Episcopal Church of the United States. The work of ERD, to heal a hurting world, is guided by the principles of compassion, dignity and generosity.

As supporters of ERD, we take our mandate from the words of Jesus, found in Matthew 25:37-40, that call us to feed the hungry, care for the sick and welcome the stranger.

Donation envelopes for ERD will be available in the Narthex and on the Welcome Table beginning on February 26, and you may also donate online. For more information about Episcopal Relief and Development: <http://www.er-d.org/AboutUs>. ✕

A Service of Remembrance and Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 29 at 7:30 pm in the Church

Please join the Social Justice Ministry for a special service as we prepare to enter Holy Week: we will gather to remember those Black Lives lost to police violence, to grieve the persistence of systemic racism in our society, to repent, and to pray for ways of reconciliation in the future. There will be readings, prayers, time for reflection, music, and the tolling of the bell for those lives lost. It will also be an expression of hope and love for each other as we strive to build a beloved community. ✕



Church School

Ash Wednesday Activities

Ash Wednesday is February 22. There will be a children's service at 4:30 pm with the imposition of ashes on foreheads. It is good for children to experience this and to know that the ashes are made from last year's palms from Palm Sunday.

On Sunday, February 26, we will bury the Alleluia Scroll after the 10:00 service. All the children will process out and go to the undercroft. The Alleluia Scroll was made by the children on January 29 while the adults were attending the annual meeting. During Lent, we do not say "Alleluia", this is why we will be burying the Alleluia Scroll until Easter.

In the Classrooms: February and March

During February and March, the Preschool Class will be focusing on parables and other stories about Jesus. The Primary Class will be talking about being a good neighbor, welcoming everyone, the Eucharist, and the Book of Common Prayer before Passover/Last Supper and Jesus' arrest leading us to Easter, April 9. The Intermediate Class will also continue the parables followed by a study of the Book of Common Prayer, the liturgy of Sunday mornings and the Eucharist.

Rite 13 uses the Rite 13 curriculum while addressing the current concerns of the students and having some fun along the way. J2A continues to build community working together to raise money for their Pilgrimage (making Anglican prayer beads which will soon be for sale) and to plan their Pilgrimage. Each week they study the gospel, using the J2A curriculum as appropriate for their questions and interests.

We thank all the adults who are supporting the Church School, especially those helping in the classrooms. We couldn't do it without you! And thanks to parents for bringing your children. We are still rebuilding our attendance "post" Covid and appreciate your diligence.

Family Service Coffee Hour

We are now offering coffee in the lounge beginning at 8:30 am on Sunday mornings. We hope the parents will stick around for coffee and socializing while their children attend Church School. A sign-up sheet to bring goodies will be available (one unhealthy and one healthy).

*In faith, hope and love, LINDA HASTINGS
Interim Director of Children's Ministries*

Thanks for Your Generosity!

Fall Fund Drive for Food Gatherers: Your kind support of Food Gatherers is exceptionally generous. Parishioners continued to donate to the St. Andrew's donation drive for FoodGatherers for several weeks after the original collection and we ultimately contributed a total of \$6,297, including the match from a very generous couple in our congregation. Happily, we also did our drive at the same time as a community drive for Food Gatherers with donors who matched all donations, which meant that **our \$6,297 became a \$12,594 donation.** As a result, your generosity provides 37,782 meals for those less fortunate in our community.

GINGER KINNEY

Ann Arbor Community Center Adopt-A-Family: Our very generous parishioners contributed a total of 60 gifts for grade school and preschool children and 63 \$50 gift cards for the clients of the Ann Arbor Community Center. In addition, we received \$4,800 in donations totaling almost \$11,000 in gifts for Christmas, which has been forwarded to the Community Center. Thank you so much.

SCOTT GERSTENBERGER

Winter Wear for the Breakfast at St. Andrew's: Thank you to everyone who donated hats, gloves, socks, and scarves for our Breakfast guests. The guests were very appreciative, and the items will go a long way in keeping them warm this winter. Thank you for your generosity.

SHANNON FLOYD

The Christmas Pageant, *Good News of Great Joy*, was presented at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service, directed by Catherine Carver. It was a wonderful production, with a congregation size reminiscent of “the old days”. There was a large cast (48 cast and crew members at last count) and it was exciting to see so many new faces involved in theater at St Andrew's. We took the number of people involved as a hopeful indicator of the church bouncing back from COVID and moving forward.

The production profited from the new theater lighting system. You may remember the scaffolding that “mysteriously” appeared in the sanctuary one Sunday in November. The new lighting was the punchline of that exercise; thanks for your patience and understanding.

Spring Show: *Narnia*

First Meeting: Saturday, March 4 at 10:00 am in the Rainbow Room

Performances: Saturday, May 20 & Sunday, May 21

In May we will be staging *Narnia* a musical play by Lules Tasca, Thomas Tierney, and Ted Drachman. The play is based on C.S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. In 2012 the play was presented in the church sanctuary, but I am leaning towards using the Nancy Heusel Theater in the Parish Hall, to take advantage of the wonderful new lighting and sound provided through the generosity of the anonymous donor. It is a wonderful story. There are many parts to cast!

We will be advertising and promoting the production using various channels, including a master email list of all those who have been involved in theater in the last few years. Send your email to me at nrichert@comcast.net if you would like to be involved and think you might not be on that list. There are ways to contribute to the production, both on and off stage, that could be right up your alley.

As I mentioned above, new theater lighting, both in the Nancy Heusel Theater and in the church sanctuary, has been installed. It is a wonderful system, allowing for a lot of lighting creativity in both locations that was not possible in the past. Although it seems to be out of the memory of anyone, the old lighting in the Parish Hall might have been as old as the building itself (1948). Needless to say, technology has changed. The new LED lighting uses far less electricity and generates less heat, a boon to those on stage. It was fascinating to see the inside of the huge electrical box back stage. The dimmers (which hadn't worked in years) looked like props for a Frankenstein movie. ✘

Faithfully,

NORM RICHERT

Co-Director of Theatre Ministries



Sponsor Sunday Altar Flowers!

Looking for a new way to honor a loved one who has passed? Want to celebrate an upcoming milestone? Have someone special you'd like to give thanksgiving for?

Sponsor Sunday Altar Flowers!

The Sunday altar flowers can be sponsored for \$85 which includes a listing in the Sunday bulletin. Our flowers come from Lily's Garden in Kerrytown so you'll also be supporting a local small business!

To reserve a date for altar flowers, contact Kate at communications@standrewsaa.org.

Heroic Memory:

Works by and dedicated to Jehan Alain
Sunday, February 5 at 7:00 pm

Our fourth concert in the Opus 25 Inaugural Concert Series features Deborah Friauff, Organ with Amy Porter, Flute. French composer Jehan Alain (1911-1940) was amongst the most brilliant young composers to emerge in pre-WWII France. He could easily have had a career to equal that of his contemporary, Olivier Messiaen, had he not been tragically struck down in an act of heroic sacrifice as a soldier in WWII. This recital features not only works composed by Jehan Alain, including his magnum opus *Trois Danses*, but also those that were composed to honor his heroic memory, written both shortly after his death in 1940 as well as those that honored the 50th anniversary of his death. The concert is free and open to the public and will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

Nicole Keller

Sunday, March 5 at 7:00 pm

Our fifth concert in the Opus 25 Inaugural Concert Series features Dr. Nicole Keller, organist and professor of organ at the University of Michigan. The concert is free and open to the public and will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

Music during Holy Week

A Service of Tenebrae *Wednesday, April 5 at 7:30 pm*

The St. Andrew's Adult Choir chants this ancient monastic service that captures the descent into the shadows of death and the mystery of the sacrificial Lamb of God. Psalms and chanted readings from the Lamentations of Jeremiah will alternate with choral responses composed by Healey Willan.

Good Friday Service *Friday, April 7 at 12:00 pm*

The St. Andrew's Compline Singers and Choir Scholars will chant the Passion according to St. John, punctuated with choral responses written by Tomás Luis da Victoria, and offer beautiful choral motets for Passiontide.

Easter Day *Sunday, April 9*

Festival Prelude: 7:30/10 am Eucharist: 8/10:30 am

The St. Andrew's Adult Choir and the University of Michigan Student Chamber Orchestra combine for our Easter services, featuring Franz Josef Haydn's *Missa Brevis Hob. XXII:7 "Kleine Orgelmess"*. ✕



Thank you to John Burhenn, Addy Peterson, Becky Peterson, Derek Peterson, and Kevin Ross for greening the church for Christmas!

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Calendar of Events

Above: The Prophecy is performed at the 2022 4pm Christmas Eve service · S. Murchison

Weekly Events

Get Involved!

Sundays

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (C)
- 9:15 am Family Eucharist (Cpl)
- 9:45 am Church School
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (C / YouTube)

Wednesdays

- 7:00 am Holy Eucharist (1st Wed.) / Morning Prayer (Cpl)
- 4:30 pm Cherub Choir (CL)
- 4:30 pm Junior Handbell Choir (C)
- 5:15 pm Junior Choir (CL)
- 6:15 pm Evensong (Cpl)
- 6:30 pm Handbell Choir (C)

Thursdays

- 10:00 am Bible Study (Zoom)
- 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist + Healing (C) (2nd Thurs. only)
- 7:15 pm Adult Choir (CL)

Fridays

- 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist (Cpl)

ROOM LEGEND	(C) Church	(L) Lounge
	(CL) Choir Loft	(Lib) Library
	(Cpl) Chapel	(PH) Parish Hall

Upcoming Events

- Palm Sunday, Organ Recital** April 2
- Tenebrae** April 5
- Maundy Thursday** April 6
- Good Friday** April 7
- Easter Vigil** April 8
- Easter Day** April 9
- Breakfast Benefit** May 13
- Narnia** May 20+21

February 2023

Sunday, February 5

- 7:00 pm "Heroic Memory"
Organ Recital (C)
- 8:00 pm Compline (C)

Thursday, February 9

- 5:30 pm Healing Service (C)

Saturday, February 11

- 6:00 pm Coventry Supper (L/PH)

Sunday, February 12

Blood Pressure Screenings

Monday, February 13

- 4:00 pm History/Memorials

PRESIDENT'S DAY

Monday, February 20

Church Office Closed

Ash Wednesday, February 22

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

- 7:00 am • 12:15 pm
- 4:30 pm • 7:30 pm

Sunday, February 26

Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday

- 11:30 am New Member Orientation (L)
- 3:00 pm Millennial+Z Social:
Hands On Museum

Monday, February 27

- 9:00 am Lenten Retreat for Women

Tuesday, February 28

- 6:30 pm Vestry (L)

March 2023

Wednesday, March 1

- 6:30 pm Lenten Series Movie (PH)

Saturday, March 4

- 10:00 am *Narnia* 1st Meeting (RR)

Sunday, March 5

- 9:00 am Episcopal Health Ministry (L)
- 11:30 am New Member Orientation (L)
- 7:00 pm Nicole Keller
Organ Recital (C)
- 8:00 pm Compline (C)

Thursday, March 9

- 5:30 pm Healing Service (C)

Sunday, March 12

Blood Pressure Screenings

- 11:30 am New Member Orientation (L)

Monday, March 13

- 4:00 pm History/Memorials (Lib)

Wednesday, March 15

- 7:00 pm Lenten Series Movie (Z)

Sunday, March 19

- 11:30 am New Member Orientation (L)

Tuesday, March 21

- 6:00 pm Finance (Zoom)

Wednesday, March 22

- TBA Lenten Series Movie (TBD)

Sunday, March 26

- 11:30 am New Member Orientation (L)

Tuesday, March 28

- 6:30 pm Vestry (L)

Wednesday, March 29

- 7:30 pm Service of Remembrance and Reconciliation (C)