



The **Network**
The newsletter for Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

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Above: Fr. Paul gives a homily during the Ash Wednesday Family Service on March 5, 2025 · Liz Halgren

Dear friends,

At our Annual Meeting in January, we asked people to discuss two questions at their tables: What do you value most about St. Andrew's? and What are your dreams for St. Andrew's? We received a lot of diverse responses (the complete responses can be [found here](#)), but some clear themes emerged.

What do you value most about St. Andrew's?

- **Community & Belonging** People value the strong sense of fellowship and the opportunities to connect through programs like Coventry suppers, choirs, and other church events.
- **Worship & Music** We value our worship, especially music, and our historic sanctuary.
- **Service & Outreach** Many people mentioned our Breakfast Program, and also our broader outreach and social justice efforts.
- **Inclusivity & Openness** We are a congregation that welcomes all people, embraces diversity, and works to create a safe, accepting place.
- **Spiritual Growth & Learning** We value our sermons, Sunday School, adult formation, and opportunities to gain new perspectives on faith.

What are your dreams for St. Andrew's?

- **Breakfast Program & Outreach** How can we expand the impact of the Breakfast Program, provide more support for the unhoused, AND address the root causes of homelessness and hunger?
- **Financial Stability & Endowment** How can we ensure St. Andrew's long-term financial security, balance the budget, and create sustainable funding sources?

- **Hiring an Assistant Rector** How can we address the need for additional clergy leadership?
- **Growth & Engagement** How can we welcome new people of all ages and deepen intergenerational connections?
- **Community & Social Justice** How can we strengthen St. Andrew's role in social justice and responding to the needs of our community and the world?
- **Improved Infrastructure & Accessibility** How can we address building accessibility (e.g. Page Hall), parking issues, and facility maintenance?

The wardens, vestry, staff, and I will be reflecting on all of this feedback in the coming weeks as we work on crafting a new mission and vision statement for St. Andrew's (our current mission statement can be [found here](#)). Our goal is to development statements that clearly reflect who we are and where we sense God calling us. We're aiming for statements that are short and memorable, that express who we are to the community, and clarify our priorities as a congregation.

We need your help! Look at the responses and tell us what we've missed, what resonates for you (and what doesn't), and what you think the priority should be. If you're a person drawn to this sort of work, please let us know. If you're a wordsmithing sort, send us your ideas, phrases, etc.

Grateful for each of you!

Paul

We'd like to formally recognize and welcome new members to St. Andrew's during worship on Sunday, May 18!

We are sending out invitations to people who are new here in the last six months or so, but we know our records are not complete. If you are new here (and would like to be formally recognized), please reach out to Fr. Paul at pfrolick@standrewsaa.org or 585-241-9317.





2025 HOLY WEEK & EASTER

We invite you
to join us for
the journey
of Holy Week,
in person
and online



**Can't be with us in person
during Holy Week & Easter?**
Scan the QR code to watch select (*)
services live on our YouTube channel

Palm Sunday, April 13

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 am Family Eucharist (CHAPEL)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist *

Wednesday, April 16

- 7:00 am Holy Eucharist (CHAPEL)
- 7:00 pm Tenebrae *

Maundy Thursday, April 17

- 7:00 pm Liturgy & Holy Eucharist *
- 8:30-10 pm Watch at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday, April 18

- 8:00 am Watch Resumes
- 12:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy *
- 2:30 pm Stations of the Cross (SELF-GUIDED)

Holy Saturday, April 19

- 7:00 pm Great Vigil *

Easter Sunday, April 20

- 7:40 am Musical Prelude
- 8:00 am Festival Choral Eucharist
- 9:15 am Family Eucharist (CHAPEL)
- 10:05 am Musical Prelude *
- 10:30 am Festival Choral Eucharist *



Will You Watch with Me?

Our Lord Jesus asked his disciples to watch with him as he prayed in the garden of Gethsemane. At the end of the Maundy Thursday Eucharist the Blessed Sacrament will be taken in procession to the chapel and placed on the Altar of Repose. Please, sign up by the chapel to keep watch until 10:00 pm on Thursday, April 17, and from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm on Friday, April 18.

Music during Holy Week:

A Service of Tenebrae

Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00 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 18 at 12:00 pm

The St. Andrew's Compline Choir will sing the Passion according to St. John and choral motets for Passiontide.

Easter Day

Sunday, April 20

Festival Prelude: 7:40 / 10:05 am

Eucharist: 8 / 10:30 am

The St. Andrew's Adult Choir and Chamber Orchestra combine for our Easter services, featuring F. J. Haydn's *Missa Brevis in F, Hob. XXII:1*.

Caregivers Luncheon

Tuesday, April 8 + May 13

at 12:00 pm in the Lounge

An open invitation is extended to parishioners who may be giving care to a loved one. We'll meet for an hour in the Lounge for lunch, reflection, and mutual encouragement. For more information, or to make a reservation for lunch, please contact Fr. Paul at 585-241-9317 or pfrolick@standrewsaa.org.

April 16 is National Healthcare Decisions Day!

National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD) exists to inspire, educate and empower the public and providers about the importance of advance care planning. NHDD is an initiative to encourage patients to express their wishes regarding healthcare and for providers and facilities to respect those wishes, whatever they may be.

Our Episcopal Health Ministries @ St. Andrew's has developed and continues to update a resource page on Medical Decision-Making and advance care planning. Here's the link: https://standrewsaa.org/uploads/File/EHM_Resources2024.pdf

Outreach & Social Justice Small Groups

As people of faith, we are called to make the world a better place and to work for justice. This work is grounded in prayer, scripture, and community. To that end, Outreach and Social Justice is offering the opportunity to gather in facilitated small groups this spring. Each group will meet three times for about an hour, a couple of weeks apart. We'll begin with some silent centering prayer and sharing briefly the concerns of our hearts. We will study a bible passage, listening for what stands out to us and how it is speaking to us today. In groups of two or three, we'll share where we hear God calling us to action as individuals. We'll reflect briefly on our time together, and close with prayer.

If you would like to be part of one of these small groups, please reach out to Fr. Paul. One group will meet on Sundays following the 10:00 am service, dates to be determined; the other will meet on Saturdays at 1:00 pm in the Lounge on April 12, April 26, and May 10. We will keep the groups to eight or ten; if we have more people interested than we can accommodate, we'll add additional groups.

Please reach out to Paul with any questions or concerns, or to sign-up to be part of a small group.

-- Fr. Paul Frolick, pfrolick@standrewsaa.org

Chris Dunkel Schetter, facilitator

Jim Wortley, facilitator

UPCOMING BAPTISM Saturday, April 19 at 7:00 pm
(Easter Vigil) **Registration Deadline:** Sunday, April 13



Ministry Updates

Acolytes Wanted!

St. Andrew's has a long tradition of having both adults and youth serve as acolytes, assisting the clergy and performing other duties at our worship services. At the 8:00 service, we typically have one acolyte, while at 10:00 we have three or four. Duties include lighting and extinguishing candles, carrying torches in processions, and assisting the celebrant in preparing the communion. Typically, acolytes serve about once a month, but the schedule is completely flexible.

We have acolytes who have served for a number of years, finding the duties enjoyable, educational and rewarding. It's a great way for children, generally about 5th grade and older, to learn about aspects of our worship services they might not normally see.

We are currently in need of additional acolytes. If you or someone in your family might be interested, please speak with Scott Gerstenberger, our acolyte coordinator or with Fr. Paul.

-- Scott Gerstenberger,
Acolyte Coordinator
wsg@umich.edu

Fr. Paul Frolick,
pfrolick@standrewsaa.org

New Flower Ministry

As you know, each Sunday we have an arrangement of beautiful fresh flowers in front of the altar, enhancing our worship and encouraging us to remember our loved ones. I'd like to start a ministry that extends the use of those flowers by breaking down those arrangements and delivering small bouquets to our members who can't get to church. This can be a great ministry of connection and care.

I'm grateful to Nancy Becker Johnson for agreeing to coordinate this ministry. We're looking for volunteers with an eye for creating small floral arrangements to come in early in the week and create the bouquets and also volunteers to deliver them. Please contact Nancy at n.becker.johnson@gmail.com or 313-701-7809 if you would be willing to help with this ministry.

-- Fr. Paul

Outreach and Social Justice Updates

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 6 at 11:15 am in the Chapel

We have changed our name back to Outreach and Social Justice, from Social Justice Ministry. Please visit our webpage to keep current. Our next meeting is Sunday, April 6, after the 10:00 am service in the Chapel. Please join us! Our community needs you.

This year we've been working closely with Sue Nishi, Breakfast Program Coordinator, to improve a few of the services for guests. The Life After Incarceration: Transition and Re-entry Program (LAITR) has been offering bi-weekly Life Skills Discussions after breakfast on Tuesdays. For each meeting we need a couple of people to help to help welcome guests and clean-up afterwards. We are also looking for a volunteer to help improve our book lending library, and someone to organize our clothing donations. And finally, we are putting together a St. Andrew's/Breakfast Program team for the CROP Hunger Walk that takes place October 5. We need a team organizer! Is this you??? If you can help with any of these needs, please contact Merilynne Rush.

-- Merilynne Rush, Coordinator, Social Outreach
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**Many thanks to
Stephen Bates for
building a new set
of stairs for the
lower stage
platforms!**



Vestry Highlights

Highlights from the Vestry meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 2025

- Discussed our time last week with Jim Klote about a possible capital campaign in conjunction with our bicentennial year in 2027.
- Met with Felicity Thompson and endorsed her for ordination to the transitional diaconate.
- Approved minutes from the February 25th meeting.
- Reviewed and approved the February financial statements. Income is still over budget and expenses are under for a positive outlook at this point in the year.
- Approved a competitive bid from Green Meadows to make safety-related sidewalk repairs required by the city of Ann Arbor and repair a manhole catch basin on the Lawrence Street driveway.
- Approved committee membership for 2025. Thank you to Kevin VanderTuig, chair, John Burhenn, and Marty Gillen for agreeing to serve on Buildings & Grounds; Kay Wade, chair, Harry McLaughlin, Dave Skaff, and Susan VanWagenen for agreeing to serve on Personnel & Administration; Julie Case, chair, Michael Field, John Floyd, Scott Gerstenberger, Marty Gillen, Kurt Hagemester, Norm Richert, Bruce Robinson, and Leah Tremonti for agreeing to serve on Finance.
- Reviewed the feedback from the table talks at the Annual Meeting in January. The complete feedback can be found [here](#); an AI generated summary can be found [here](#).
- Discussed using the table talk feedback to begin to develop a new mission and vision statement for St. Andrew's.

Sunday School

Easter Cards: The first Sunday of April, all classes will make Easter cards to send to our shut-in members. We send cards two or three times a year and they are greatly appreciated.

Yes, there's still Sunday School on Easter! April 13 is Palm Sunday. And Easter is April 20. Sunday School will meet as they normally do on Palm Sunday, while on Easter Day we will have a combined grades class in the first floor classroom.

Coins for Emmanuella: During Lent the children are saving coins in their boxes for Emmanuella, our foster child in Haiti. Please turn in your boxes the Sunday after Easter, April 27! There will be a basket at the 9:15 and 10:00 am services.

Looking Ahead: We had a lot of fun at Carnivale and the next big event for the Sunday School is the Supper Theatre on May 10 and 11. The high school class puts on this dinner as a fundraiser for their pilgrimage. Reservations are required for both the play and the supper this year. Since the play is *Fiddler on the Roof*, the dinner Saturday night will be beef brisket, kugel (noodle pudding), Challah, and Vitamin Salad and *Fiddler on the Roof* cake. Sunday lunch will be cornbeef or pastrami sandwiches, Olivier Russian potato salad, and *Fiddler on the Roof* cake.

-- Linda Hastings, Sunday School Director





Spring Supper Theater: *Fiddler on the Roof*

Performances: Saturday, May 10 6:00 pm Supper / 7:00pm Show
Sunday, May 11 11:30 am Lunch / 12:30 pm Show

Rehearsals are underway for our spring Supper Theater production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. Last performed at St. Andrew's in 2015, the theme of a minority population being forced to leave Russia in 1905 because they are not thought to be sufficiently Russian seems especially apt to our times. It is a wonderful musical, with memorable songs and plenty of humor tempering the sadness. It has a special resonance for me because my German-speaking Mennonite ancestors left an area of what is now the Ukraine very close to the setting of the play, with their German language and pacifism viewed as unacceptable, even though Catherine the Great had originally invited them to come and to farm.

The play will be performed on Saturday, May 10, at 7:00 pm, following supper at 6:00 pm, and on Sunday, May 11, at 12:30 pm, following the 10:00 worship service and supper (aka lunch). We are thankful to the Youth leadership for taking on the role of serving supper. They did a

marvelous job for *Oliver!* last year. The tickets will again be available exclusively on the OnTheStage ticket platform. The site will be open for ticket purchase soon.

We are going to try something new this year on the platform. The proceeds of the play are a fundraiser for both the Theatre Ministry and for the Youth Program, with the bulk of the proceeds going to the Youth Program. In the past here are four levels of tickets---Child, Bronze, Silver, Gold---with the more "valuable" tickets associated with a higher contribution level. Because those preparing Supper would very much like to know how many to expect, there are four new ticket levels, each with a Supper Contribution added on to Child, Bronze, Silver, and Gold. We hope that you are generous in choosing your ticket levels. And we hope to have better information about your Supper intentions and to avoid having to deal with cash contributions at the events.

Summer Theatre

In the summer we will have another round of book reading on the lawn on Monday evenings. We will start a little later this year, in late June. Stay tuned for the date. I haven't decided on a book yet and am open to suggestions. It needs to have a lot of characters and be accessible to the youngest. If I don't get suggestions, we will probably read the third book in the *Series of Unfortunate Events* series that we have read the last two summers.

Your continued support for the Theatre Ministries is very much appreciated. Stories are at the heart of our faith and story-telling is an important vehicle for coming to a greater understanding of stories in general and our Christian stories in particular.

There is an email list for the St. Andrew's Players, is we are known. If you have any interest in participating---there are many ways to do so---let me know and I will add you to the list.

-- Norm Richert, Theater Ministries
nrichert@comcast.net





Breakfast Updates

Dear Friends,

Every week I hear from people who want to volunteer with the Breakfast Program. I am delighted to see so many people from the community coming together to help those among us who are struggling. And there are a variety of ways to help. We are continuing to hold regular cooking and food prep sessions to create delicious new dishes that we can heat and serve in the morning. (Some popular new menu additions include pumpkin cinnamon pancakes, scrambled egg casserole, baked pork tenderloin and homemade turkey soup.) We meet once a month to deep clean our commercial kitchen, and we have increased the number of morning volunteers so that some can spend time in the dining room getting to know our guests. Many of our guests are lonely and feeling invisible, and an empathetic ear can make all the difference.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, we have been blessed by the generosity of our many donors. Last year was a very successful fundraising year. In response to our December fundraising letter, we received over \$57,000! As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation without an endowment, we need to raise enough money every year to cover all of our annual budgeted expenses. To cover our expenses for 2025, we need to raise \$213,000. We are delighted to report that as of February 28, we have raised almost \$35,000 towards that goal! We are deeply grateful for our donors; we could not do this important work without your support.

P.S. We're now on Instagram [@thebreakfastprogram!](https://www.instagram.com/thebreakfastprogram/)

-- Sue Nishi, Breakfast Director
breakfast@standrewsaa.org



WINTER 2025

Parish Life Highlights

PHOTOS COURTESY OF: Ally Norris, Lucy Richert, Kate Riedel, Mary Wessel Walker

Send your photos of parish life at St. Andrew's to communications@standrewsaa.org!





Above: The cast of *Fiddler on the Roof* rehearses a scene on March 22, 2025 · Lucy Richert

Weekly Events

Get Involved!

Sundays

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

Wednesdays

- 7:00 am Holy Eucharist (Cpl)
- 4:30 pm Cherub Choir (CL)
- 4:30 pm Junior Handbell Choir (C)
- 5:15 pm Junior Choir (CL)
- 6:00 pm Evensong (Cpl)
- 6:30 pm Handbell Choir (C)

Thursdays

- 10:00 am Bible Study (Zoom)
- 12:15 pm Division Street Pipes (C)
- 7:15 pm Adult Choir (CL)

Fridays

- 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist (Cpl)
- 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (PH)

ROOM LEGEND	(AC) Acolyte Room	(Cpl) Chapel
	(C) Church	(L) Lounge
	(CL) Choir Loft	(PH) Parish Hall

April 2025

Tuesday, April 1

- 3:00 pm Glacier Hills Service

Sunday, April 6

- 11:15 am Outreach & Social Justice (Cpl)
- 7:00 pm *Music for Meditation:*
Minji Kim (C)
- 8:00 pm Compline (C)

Tuesday, April 8

- 12:00 pm Caregivers Luncheon (L)

Palm Sunday, April 13

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (C)
- 9:15 am Family Eucharist (Cpl)
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (C)

Tuesday, April 15

- 6:00 pm Finance (L/Zoom)

Wednesday, April 16

- 7:00 pm Tenebrae (C)

Thursday, April 17

- 7:00 pm Liturgy & Holy Eucharist (C)
- 8:30 pm Watch at the Altar of Repose (Cpl)

Church Office Closed April 18-21

Good Friday, April 18

- 8:00 am Watch at the Altar of Repose (Cpl)
- 12:00 pm Liturgy (C)
- 2:30 pm Stations of the Cross (C)

Saturday, April 19

- 7:00 pm Easter Vigil (C)

Easter Sunday, April 20

Combined Church School

- 7:40 am Musical Prelude (C)
- 8:00 am Festival Choral Eucharist (C)
- 9:15 am Family Eucharist (Cpl)
- 10:05 am Musical Prelude (C)
- 10:30 am Festival Choral Eucharist (C)

Tuesday, April 29

- 6:30 pm Vestry (L)

May 2025

Tuesday, May 6

- 3:00 pm Glacier Hills Service

Saturday, May 10

- 6:00 pm *Fiddler on the Roof* Supper (PH)
- 7:00 pm *Fiddler on the Roof* Performance (PH)

MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 11

- 11:30 am *Fiddler on the Roof* Lunch (PH)
- 12:30 pm *Fiddler on the Roof* Performance (PH)

Tuesday, May 13

- 12:00 pm Caregivers Luncheon (L)

Tuesday, May 20

- 6:00 pm Finance (L/Zoom)

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 26

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27

- 6:30 pm Vestry (L)



To make the church especially festive for the season, you are invited to contribute for Easter flowers in memory of or in thanksgiving for the special people in your life. These dedications will be included in the bulletin at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Day.

Please **print clearly** so that we are able to acknowledge your request correctly.

Your Name _____

In Memory of: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

Please place your contribution and this form in an envelope and:

PLACE it in the collection plate;

MAIL it to the church: 306 N. Division St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104;

EMAIL your information to communications@standrewsaa.org, or

USE THE QR CODE to give online via the *Easter Flowers* Fund



The **DEADLINE** for receiving names is: **Sunday, April 13, 2025**