

# The Network

The newsletter for Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

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Above: The final dress rehearsal of the 2023 Christmas Pageant • L. Richert

Dear friends,

Like a lot of people my age, I grew up watching *Star Trek* with my dad, going to see *Star Wars* with my sisters, and later reading and watching Carl Sagan's *Cosmos*. The idea of deep space exploration and the possibility of life beyond our planet remains fascinating to me, and I'm enjoying astrophysicist Adam Frank's new *The Little Book of Aliens*.

Frank recounts wanting to be an astronomer from a very young age, fascinated by his father's collection of science fiction magazines with cover illustrations of astronauts encountering aliens on far-off planets. When he was in graduate school in the 1980's, SETI, the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, was really on the margins of the field, without much funding or respect. Now, that has changed. He writes:

As you read these words, the human species is poised at the edge of its greatest and most important journey. Over the past three decades, the scientific search for life in the universe--a field called *astrobiology*--has exploded. We've discovered planets everywhere in the galaxy, and we've figured out how and where to look for signs of alien life in the atmospheres of these new worlds. We've also looked deep into Earth's almost four-billion-year history as an inhabited world. From this view we've gained new and powerful insights into how planets and life evolve together.

I still find the possibility of life beyond our planet fascinating, and Frank's book has prompted me to wonder about its theological implications. How would we, as Christians, describe our path to the God of creation to a form of alien life that hasn't experienced the life, ministry, and death of Jesus? What pathways to the divine do other forms of life follow? Are wonder, awe, gratitude, curiosity, and compassion universal spiritual practices?

In an interview in the *Rochester Review*, Frank is asked "Does studying the possibilities of life in the universe make you more or less appreciative of what exists here on Earth? He responds:

Look, the world is a mess. We can be so horrible to each other! That's why I want people to understand how amazing we are and how amazing the world is. If we just had more appreciation for how extraordinary this world and this universe is, maybe we'd spend less time yelling at each other and more time just having a sense of awe. Science is a(n)...antidote to the endless anger and recrimination that happens with human beings.

In awe of the miracle of the creation of each of you.

Peace, Paul



## Ash Wednesday February 14, 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)

# Parish Briefs

## Year End Finance Presentation

In-Person: *March 3 at 11:30 am*  
 On Zoom: *March 5 at 6:30 pm*

The 2023 Financial Statements and 2024 Budget will be presented to the congregation during an in-person forum on Sunday, March 3 after the 10 am service in the Chapel, and a Zoom forum on Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30 pm.

## SJM Community Reads

**Production: *A Raisin in the Sun***  
*Sunday, March 3, 2-5:00 pm*

There's an old saying that you can't know a person well until you've walked a mile in their shoes. This is the rationale behind the Social Justice Ministry's sponsoring an unrehearsed reading of Lorraine Hansberry's play "A Raisin in the Sun" on Sunday, March 3 from 2 – 5:00 pm in the Chapel.

This play portrays a Black family in mid-twentieth century America trying to move from a crowded apartment to a home in a white neighborhood. By inviting people of any complexion to read the parts, one can step into the shoes of a different ethnic identity and experience how that person feels and acts, thus gaining empathy with a different person's perspective.

Please register by Wednesday, February 28 so that the director can cast parts. To register, contact Barbara Mackey King online ([barmackey@comcast.net](mailto:barmackey@comcast.net)) or by telephone (734-222-9609.) Please include: your name, e-mail or street address, telephone, the gender you would like to read, your approximate age, and any roles you would like to be considered

for. In case of multiple requests, roles will be shared. Roles you may wish to play include: Lena Younger – the matriarch of the family; Walther Lee Younger – her son, 35 years old; Ruth Younger – his wife; Travis Younger – his son, 10 years old; Beneatha Younger – his younger sister, a college student; Joseph Asagai – a college friend of Beneatha's, from Nigeria; George Murchison – college friend of Beneatha's; Mrs. Johnson – a neighbor; Karl Lindner – a man from the white neighborhood; Bobo – a friend of Walter's.

This absorbing and explosive play has become a classic not only of Black theatre, but of all American drama. Please join us in the reading. A \$10 suggested donation will be collected at the door in to pay for the duplication of scripts.

## Free CPR Class

*Wednesday, April 17, 2-5:30 pm*

This is your opportunity to receive training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) as well as learn how to use an automatic defibrillator (AED). Open to the entire parish, an AED/CPR class will be offered on Wednesday, April 17, 2-5:30 pm, in the Chapel. We will receive instruction, practice with manikins, and learn to locate and use the AED machine. There is NO CHARGE and ALL are welcome: both to learn specific skills and also to learn how to help in an emergency. For more information, please contact Ann Garvin ([agarvin224@aol.com](mailto:agarvin224@aol.com)).

**To Register:** contact the Church Office by Wednesday, March 27 (663-0518). Enrollment is limited (*minimum/maximum numbers*).

# Finance

## Operating Revenue and Expense

January 1 to December 31, 2023

Income	Actual Year-to-Date	Budget Year-to-Date	Over/Under +/-) YTD Actual vs. YTS Budget
Plate Offerings	121,328	42,000	79,261
Pledge Payments	736,684	755,000	-18,316
Other Income	37,860	39,000	-1,140
Designated Funds Transfer	60,000	60,000	0
Deficit Reduction Withdrawal	100,000	132,743	-32,743
Prior Year Surplus	0	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,055,871</b>	<b>1,028,743</b>	<b>27,062</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Salaries and Benefits	664,977	703,813	-38,836
Maintenance & Overhead	178,131	146,421	31,710
Office Expense	50,334	40,650	9,684
Stewardship & Miscellaneous	5,138	4,854	-1,708
Church Programs	27,331	33,150	-5,819
Diocesan Pledge	99,855	99,855	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,025,766</b>	<b>1,028,743</b>	<b>-4,970</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>30,105</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32,032</b>



# Lent + Holy Week Events

## Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday

*The First Sunday in Lent: February 18*

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 18, and you may also donate online. For more information about Episcopal Relief and Development: <http://www.er-d.org/AboutUs>.

## The Book of Jonah

*Thursdays: February 29, March 7, March 14  
6:00 pm in the Lounge*

Join me in the Lounge for light refreshments and a discussion of the book of Jonah on Thursday, February 29, March 7, and March 14 at 6:00 pm (we'll end by 7:10 so folks can make it upstairs to choir rehearsal). Jonah explores some fascinating questions: What does it mean to say no (or yes) to God's call? What is the nature of prophecy? What is God's sense of justice and fairness? And, it is filled with humor and magical realism that seem to try and undermine its seriousness.

Please let me know if you have questions. I understand life happens, so I'll do my best to catch people up if you need to miss a session I'd love to have a sense of about how many people might attend, so if you would RSVP to me if you think of it: [pfrolick@standrewsaa.org](mailto:pfrolick@standrewsaa.org) (but come anyway if you forget to RSVP).

Peace, *Paul*

**UPCOMING BAPTISM**  
*(Easter Vigil)*

**Saturday, March 30 at 7:30 pm**  
**Registration Deadline:**  
Sunday, March 17

To register visit [standrewsaa.org](http://standrewsaa.org) or contact [Fr. Paul](#).

## 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, March 28, and from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm on Friday, March 29.

## Music during Holy Week:

### A Service of Tenebrae

*Wednesday, March 27 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, March 29 at 12:00 pm*

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

### Easter Day

*Sunday, March 31*

*Festival Prelude: 7:30/10 am*

*Eucharist: 8/10:30 am*

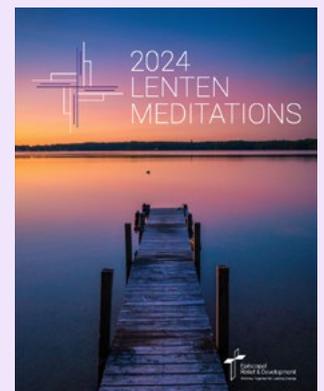
The St. Andrew’s Adult Choir and the University of Michigan Student Chamber Orchestra combine for our Easter services, featuring W. A. Mozart’s *Missa Brevis in D, K194*.

## Lenten Meditations

This Lent, join Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) for daily Lenten Meditations on the theme of ‘Create in me a clean heart’.

A [free PDF](#) of the meditation booklet for 2024 is available from ERD.

To learn more or subscribe to their daily meditation, please visit [episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent](http://episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent).





# 2024 HOLY WEEK & EASTER

## **Palm Sunday, March 24** *No Church School*

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

## **Wednesday, March 27**

- 7:00 am Holy Eucharist (*Chapel*)
- 7:30 pm Tenebrae \*

## **Maundy Thursday, March 28**

- 7:30 pm Liturgy & Holy Eucharist \*
- 9-10 pm Watch at the Altar of Repose

## **Good Friday, March 29**

- 8:00 am Watch Resumes
- 12:00 pm Liturgy of the Day \*  
Rite of Reconciliation
- 2:30 pm Stations of the Cross

## **Holy Saturday, March 30**

- 7:30 pm Great Vigil

## **Easter Sunday, March 31**

*No Church School*

- 7:30 am Musical Prelude
- 8:00 am Festival Choral Eucharist
- 9:15 am Family Eucharist (*Chapel*)
- 10:00 am Musical Prelude \*
- 10:30 am Festival Choral Eucharist \*

\* Available as a livestream on YouTube



# Church School Happenings

February and March. Can there be any two worse months in Michigan? Easter comes early this year, so let's hope Spring does too.

In the elementary grades we are currently learning stories from the New Testament. Rite 13 is still focusing on becoming young adults. And J2A is planning their Pilgrimage for the first week that school is out.

Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day, February 14, this year. How unfortunate.

Daylight Savings time returns March 10.

First day of Spring March 19 (ya, right).

Palm Sunday is March 24. No Church School this day. AAPS break March 25-29.

Easter Sunday is March 31. No Church School this day. Yes, Easter Egg Hunt.

It's so appropriate that Lent comes at this time of year, isn't it? Please come and we'll lead up to a joyous Easter!

But before Lent, we will bring back the Carnivale. Instead of on Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday), it will be Sunday, February 11, after church. Games for kids. Chicory coffee and beignets for adults. Come to the parish hall for all the fun!

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

**Carnivale**  
*A Parish Event Hosted by the Church School*

**LIVE MUSIC**  
**GAMES**  
**CAKE WALK**  
**MASK DECORATING**

**SPECIAL GUESTS:**  
**COMMUNITY HIGH JAZZ BAND**

ENJOY A TASTE OF NEW ORLEANS:  
CAFÉ DU MONDE  
CHICORY COFFEE  
AND BEIGNETS

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11**  
*Fun for All Ages!*  
**11:30 AM**  
**PARISH HALL**



## Director's Chair

### Spring Supper Theater: *Oliver*

**First Reading:** Saturday, March 9, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Rainbow Room (*Potluck Brunch!*)

**Second Reading:** Saturday, March 16, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Rainbow Room

**Performances:** Saturday, May 18 & Sunday, May 19

Please email Norm at [nrichert@comcast.net](mailto:nrichert@comcast.net) if you would like to be involved and are not already on the theater email list. There are ways to contribute to the production, both on and off stage, that could be right up your alley!

**NORM RICHERT**  
*Theatre Ministries*

**CHORAL CONCERT**

**A Celebration of African American Music**

*featuring*  
The St. Andrew's Choirs

*performing works by*  
Dawson, Burleigh, Dillworth, Hailstork, Moore, Thomas, Halloran, and Dett  
with Organist Mi Zhou performing a solo work by Florence Price

**February 11, 2024**  
**4:00 pm**

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
306 N Division St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
*This performance is free and open to the public.*  
[standrewsaa.org](http://standrewsaa.org)

# Breakfast Updates

We had a wonderful holiday season in the dining room here at St. Andrew's. On Thanksgiving, we served quite a feast. In addition to our regular breakfast menu, we served Thanksgiving dinner (at 7:30 a.m.!) complete with ham, macaroni and cheese, stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce and pumpkin muffins. Some of our guests packed the dinner to go for later in the day, but most of them sat here in the dining room and enjoyed the holiday meal and conversation.

The festivities continued throughout December. Our sexton, Matt Marsh, brought the Christmas tree out of storage and our volunteers donated ornaments to decorate it. A special thank you to Kathleen Fitzgerald and her husband Martin for "fluffing" the greens and putting the lights on our tree. We hosted a Christmas party later in the month and were able to give our guests warm turtlenecks, thermal underwear, socks, scarves, hats and gloves. Thank you to the nurse anesthetists at Mott Hospital and to all of the St. Andrew's parishioners for making this possible with generous donations of warm clothing.

On Christmas morning, more than 15 dedicated volunteers showed up to prepare and serve a holiday meal including ham, sweet and sour meatballs, mashed potatoes and warm vegetables. (We are so very grateful to Food Gatherers whose food donations enabled us to provide these holiday meals while staying well within our budget.) Fr. Paul played beautiful Christmas music on the piano in the dining room, and we all enjoyed a special holiday morning together.

I recently had an opportunity to sit down with Lucy Ann Lance to talk about the Breakfast Program. The interview aired several times during the week before Christmas on the four Cumulus radio stations. I am planning to update the Breakfast Program website and Facebook page in the next couple of weeks and will post the interview link there. In the meantime, I have attached the link for those of you who may be interested in listening to it:



<https://www.lucyannlance.com/audio/122523/nishi.mp3>

As we move into the new year, we are looking forward to welcoming new volunteers to our team and trying new menu items. I continue to be grateful for the opportunity to spend each morning with our guests and the amazing volunteers who show up every day to serve. This is truly a team effort, and we are blessed to have the support of so many as we work to offer food and friendship to those who are struggling.

**SUE NISHI**

*Director, Breakfast at St. Andrew's*  
[breakfast@standrewsaa.org](mailto:breakfast@standrewsaa.org)



Photos courtesy of Sue Nishi



WINTER 2023/24

# Parish Life Highlights

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Lucy Richert, Kate Riedel

Send your photos of parish life at St. Andrew's to [communications@standrewsaa.org](mailto:communications@standrewsaa.org)!





# Calendar of Events

Above: Children gather to rehearse the 2023 Christmas Pageant · L. Richert

## 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)
- 8:00 pm Compline (1st/3rd Sundays)

### 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)
- 6:00 pm Evensong (Cpl)
- 6:30 pm Handbell Choir (C)

### Thursdays

- 10:00 am Bible Study (Zoom)
- 7:15 pm Adult Choir (CL)

### Fridays

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

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

## Election Results

*Vestry/Convention Delegate elections were held at the Annual Meeting on January 28, 2024.*

### New Members of the Vestry:

Pelham Barron, Sarah Inwood, Lisa Osbeck, Kevin Vander Tuig

### New Convention Delegate:

Lorraine Field

**Senior Warden:** Kay Wade

**Junior Warden:** John Burhenn

**Treasurer:** Norm Richert

**Asst. Treasurer:** John Floyd

**Secretary:** Carmela Brown

## February 2024

### Sunday, February 4

11:30 am Millennial+Z Social (Offsite)

7:00 pm Organ Recital:  
Deborah Friauff(C)

8:00 pm Compline (C)

### Tuesday, February 6

3:00 pm Glacier Hills Service

### Sunday, February 11

11:30 am Carnivale (PH)

4:00 pm Celebration of African  
American Music (C)

### Monday, February 12

2:00 pm History/Memorials (AC)

### Ash Wednesday, February 14

*Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes*

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

### Sunday, February 18

*Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday*

2:00 pm PFLAG (L)

8:00 pm Compline (C)

### PRESIDENT'S DAY

### Monday, February 19

*Church Office Closed*

### Tuesday, February 20

6:00 pm Finance (L/Zoom)

### Tuesday, February 27

6:30 pm Vestry (L)

### Thursday, February 29

6:00 pm The Book of Jonah (L)

## March 2024

### Saturday, March 2

7:30 pm Academy of Early Music (C)

### Sunday, March 3

11:30 am Year End Finance  
Presentation (Cpl)

2:00 pm "A Raisin in the Sun" (Cpl)

7:00 pm Organ Recital: Mi Zhou (C)

8:00 pm Compline (C)

### Tuesday, March 5

3:00 pm Glacier Hills Service

6:30 pm Year End Finance  
Presentation (Z)

### Thursday, March 7

6:00 pm The Book of Jonah (L)

### Saturday, March 9

10:00 am First Reading: *Oliver* (RR)

### Monday, March 11

2:00 pm History/Memorials (AC)

### Thursday, March 14

6:00 pm The Book of Jonah (L)

### Sunday, March 17

2:00 pm PFLAG (L)

8:00 pm Compline (C)

### Tuesday, March 19

6:00 pm Finance (L/Zoom)

### Palm Sunday, March 24

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (C)

9:15 am Family Eucharist (Cpl)

10:00 am Holy Eucharist (C)

### March 25 + 26

5:30 pm Holy Eucharist (Cpl)

### Wednesday, March 27

7:30 pm Tenebrae (C)

### Thursday, March 28

7:30 pm Liturgy & Holy Eucharist (C)

9:00 pm Watch at the  
Altar of Repose (Cpl)

### Good Friday, March 29

8:00 am Watch at the  
Altar of Repose (Cpl)

12:00 pm Liturgy (C)

2:30 pm Stations of the Cross (C)

### Saturday, March 30

7:00 pm Easter Vigil (C)

### Easter Sunday, March 31

7:30 am Musical Prelude (C)

8:00 am Festival Choral Eucharist (C)

9:15 am Family Eucharist (Cpl)

10:00 am Musical Prelude (C)

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