



## Good News

*Together, we seek to know Christ and make him known.*

### From the Rector

The Lord is Risen Indeed! Thank you so much for your faithful engagement in Lent, Holy week, and Easter. Together, we manifested the presence of our Lord in this time and place and shared the Good News with those we met along the way-mission accomplished. Now, on to new challenges and opportunities to act together as the Body of Christ. It's true that the work never ends, but neither does the promise given to us by our Lord Jesus, that, whenever we gather together he will be with us. This promise has sustained us as church for close to 2,000 years, and to this day it gives us the eyes, hearts, and imaginations to see the world as it is, to envision it as it could be, and to make it so through acts of love and praise. Are you ready to shine your unique spiritual light within your spheres of influence at home, work, school, and community? All it takes is a willingness to open your heart (knowing this is a process), to stay awake, and to engage. Watch in the weeks ahead for information from St. Andrew on how you might deepen your spiritual practice and enhance your engagement in faith through prayer, learning circles, retreats, community-building, outreach, and yes, fun, now that spring is finally upon us. Speaking of fun, don't forget that bocce is just around the corner!

Here's an example of things to come. Looking for a means to start your day in the love of Jesus? Consider Centering Prayer. On Wednesday April 11, at 9 am, St. Andrew will offer 30 minutes of centering prayer before our 9:30am healing service. Centering prayer is not new to St. Andrew, but we hope its reintroduction at this time will pique interest among folks with open morning schedules. Centering Prayer is a largely silent, interiorly focused practice which has its roots in ancient contemplative prayer. No experience or materials are needed to participate. Just show up in the nave and join the group. For more information about centering prayer visit <http://www.centeringprayer.com> or contact Rev. Lisa. Peace+



**Do you have a green thumb?** Volunteer to help take care of the St. Andrew grounds. If you like to garden, please consider "adopting" one of our flower beds to tend during growing season. If you're interested in helping, talk to Reggi Kucera or Rev. Lisa. If gardening is not your forte, please consider volunteering to mow the grass a few times over the summer. A mowing sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

## *Pancakes for Panes*

Sunday, April 29th following the  
8 AM, 10:30 AM & Noon  
Holy Eucharist.

A delicious Pancake Breakfast will take place after each church service to raise money to begin our St. Andrew window replacement project. The first windows to be replaced will be in the rear assembly room (Choir Room). We lose hundreds of dollars in heating costs every year due to windows that are not very energy efficient. In fact, some of the windows do not latch and sometimes blow open to let in the cold and snow!! Each window will cost approximately \$600 to replace. This is an ongoing project. We hope to replace a few windows each year to help make our building more energy efficient.

Please come to Pancake for Panes breakfast and generously donate to the free will offering to help take care of our beautiful church.

During the breakfast you can also learn about new recycling efforts and our compost station, as we work to become greener and protect the environment.



Thanks to all our volunteers who helped the Easter Bunny with the St. Andrew Egg Hunt! Our littlest members had a great time celebrating Resurrection Sunday!



### **April Birthday's**

Chris Sweet 05  
Dalton Koehler 05  
Jim Brown 07  
Dustin Hance 10  
Jeane Beardsley 11  
Donna Davis 18  
Karla Brandenburg 23  
Debra Van Horn 24  
Sandy Sandacz 25  
Nick Brandenburg 29

### **Anniversaries**

Rich & Sally Schreiner 19  
Kit & Karla Brandenburg 23  
Ted & Kim Herczog 26  
Ken & Tracy King 30



## Sanctuary Update

*In case you missed it, this update was distributed a few weeks ago with the Sunday bulletin. Such good news for our Sanctuary family!*

Laura, Jose and Joshua have made some great strides in their efforts to obtain legal residency in the United States and I want to share these developments with you. Laura and her family are potentially eligible for legal residency through the operation of a U-Visa.

U-Visas are granted to undocumented people who have been victims of crime and who have cooperated with the legal authority in prosecuting the crime. Laura has been a victim of crime and she did cooperate with the legal authority, in this case the Painesville Police Department, in investigating and prosecuting the crime committed against her.

In March, the police "certified" in writing that she assisted them in prosecuting the crime of which she was a victim. In mid-March, with the assistance of her legal team from Case Western Reserve Law School and the support of Hola, Laura began completing her application for the U-Visa. At this juncture the application is almost complete. The police certification was a prerequisite to her U-Visa application.

The preliminary processing of Laura's application will take 2 to 3 months. It is anticipated that Laura and her boys will be able to safely leave sanctuary and live in the community without threat of deportation by June/July 2018.

Please keep Laura and her family in your hearts and in your prayers. Together we have made Christ known in this time and place to Laura, her boys and the Northeastern Ohio community we serve. We can do no less and call ourselves followers of Jesus. Peace and thanks to each of you in the name of our Lord who was, and is, and is to come.  
Lisa+

## Support Our Eagle

Don't forget to come to Boy Scout James Rodewald's Eagle Scout Ceremony on **Saturday, April 21st at 4 PM** here at St. Andrew. James donated countless hours and all materials to build our beautiful composting station. The ceremony will include a blessing of the compost station and a reception in the Parish Hall. Let's show him how much we appreciate his efforts! All are welcome to attend.



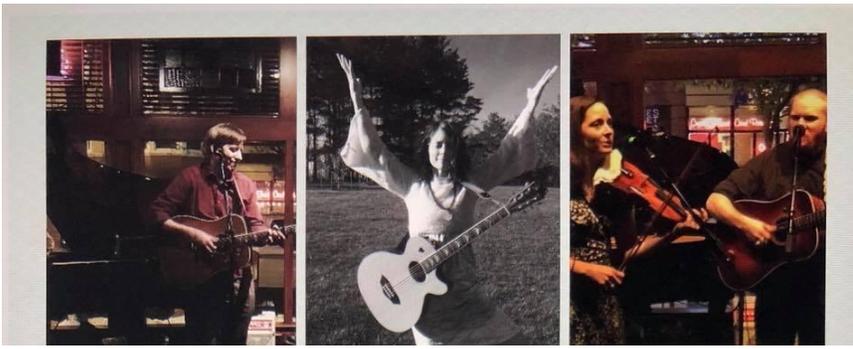
### *Food for Thought...*Resurrection

"Without equivocation or hesitation, I fully and completely admit that I deny the resurrection of Christ. This is something that anyone who knows me could tell you, and I am not afraid to say it publicly, no matter what some people may think...

I deny the resurrection of Christ every time I do not serve at the feet of the oppressed, each day that I turn my back on the poor; I deny the resurrection of Christ when I close my ears to the cries of the downtrodden and lend my support to an unjust and corrupt system.

However, there are moments when I affirm the resurrection, few and far between as they are. I affirm it when I stand up for those who are forced to live on their knees, when I speak for those who have had their tongues torn out, when I cry for those who have no more tears to shed."

-Peter Rollins  
Theologian and author of  
*How Not to Speak of God.*



## Sanctuary Concert IV Sunday, April 15 5 - 7 PM

Support St. Andrew's Sanctuary Project and enjoy a great evening of music! The April 15th concert features St. Andrew's own Ed Bridge, Rebecca Wohlever, and Red Brick Rhodes! Amazing original music from Northeastern Ohio's finest professional musicians. Authentic Mexican food. The creation of community. All proceeds benefit our sanctuary family Laura, Jose, and Joshua. Suggested donation is \$10 but all are welcome, regardless!



## Flower Sale extended until Sunday, April 15th

Order forms are available in the Narthex.

Flowers are supplied by Dean's Greenhouse in Westlake. Many of the annuals you see planted around the church come from this sale and they are always beautiful. Geraniums, marigolds, impatiens, begonias, petunias and more.

Vegetables and herbs too!

Make sure to get your order in by Sunday, April 15th. Proceeds from the sale benefit the St. Andrew Youth programs. Plants are delivered to the church on May 18th and may be picked up from 1 to 7 PM.

## Spring Clean-Up

*Saturday,  
April 28  
9 AM to 11 AM*

Join us as we get the Church grounds ready for spring! Let's make St. Andrew inviting and welcoming by raking up the dead leaves, gathering the multitude of gumballs and getting the beds ready for planting.

Please bring a rake if you have one! Come dressed for the weather and know that St. Andrew is a bit wet in the springtime so be prepared for a wee bit of mud! Garden gloves will also be helpful if you don't want to get your hands dirty!

A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. Please stop by and help, even if you can't stay for the whole time. Many hands make light work! Donuts, juice and coffee will be provided.



### *Easter Praise*

*He is risen! Alleluia!*

*Life triumphs over death  
Love triumphs over hatred  
Hope triumphs over despair  
Suffering is never the  
last word  
And nothing is impossible  
with God!*