



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

Good News



From the Rector

Summer is finally here (*fingers crossed*), part of that long green season known as “ordinary time” in the liturgical calendar. For the church community, clergy and lay-folk alike, summer/ordinary time invites us to reflect on what we’ve accomplished together as church over the past program year, dream about future worship and ministry adventures, and begin to manifest our dreams through planning and action. This summer is no exception for us here at St. Andrew.

First, a bit of reflection. For me as your rector, the last program year (roughly September through May) has been a holy whirlwind, beginning with our celebration of new ministry together, which brought the whole community and guests together with Bishop Arthur Williams, in October. Community milestones such as this require enormous cooperative planning by the parish, along with a healthy dose of God’s grace. Through it all St. Andrew equipped itself beautifully, welcoming the bishop and our guests into a sacred space that was filled with the Holy Spirit. Fall also brought with it the opportunity to learn together, with the community of St. Hubert’s, about the life and ministry of Martin Luther - this in recognition of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. In the midst of this learning, we brought Laura and her young sons Joshua, and Jose, into sanctuary at St. Andrew.

We took this bold step in faith to prevent Laura from being separated from her young sons though deportation. By this ongoing saving work, members of the St. Andrew community have widened our circle of love to include diverse people from Mentor and all over Northeast Ohio, who volunteer their time, along with our members, to preserve and maintain this family in sanctuary. During this time the monthly Sanctuary Concert Series was established to fund our sanctuary family. This effort has created still another community to surround our sanctuary family, and our parish, in love.

In the meantime, despite the new challenges of sanctuary, the people of St. Andrew have continued, along with Advent Lutheran, to offer our 4X monthly choice food pantry through which we share groceries to thousands of our neighbors each year. All manner of life-saving communities thrive within our faith community. It’s a theme!

Late Winter/Spring found us administering ashes and prayers on the street through Ashes2Go, our Ash Wednesday outreach to the greater Mentor community. At church we observed Ash Wednesday through a traditional liturgy at 9:30 am and 7 pm. With Lent came our Lenten learning circle about the life and ministry of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, culminating in a showing of the Bonhoeffer film *Agent of Grace*.

Our spirit-filled Holy Week included a Maundy Thursday agape meal and liturgy, Stations of the Cross in our Nave at noon on Good Friday, and a Good Friday liturgy at 7 pm, all held at St. Andrew. Some participated in an inspiring Easter Vigil with our mission area at Epiphany, Euclid on Holy Saturday. On Easter we celebrated Holy Eucharist at 8 am, 10:30 am, and noon, and offered a festive egg hunt for the kids. The Lord is Risen and the Easter Season was upon us!

As is always the case, Spring was a harbinger of new life at St. Andrew. On May 20 we welcomed Bishop Persell for an Episcopal Visit. At our celebratory Eucharist, which occurred on the Feast of Pentecost, Bishop Persell initiated Lily Margaret Sitkowski into the household of God by baptism, and received her parents Vincent and Alissa into the Episcopal Church, along with Ed Bridge, and Vicara Svehar. Kevin Penkowski, Tim Herczog, Ben Herczog, and long-time member Judy Cudnik were confirmed at our Pentecost celebration.

By this remembrance of our work together this last program year, I hope you are encouraged, as I am encouraged, by the health and vitality of St. Andrew Parish, and the love we share. We are alive and well in the Spirit, thanks be to God! The question is, what's next?

What's next is largely up to you. Bocce season is around the corner, starting in early July. In addition to being a wonderful fellowship and outreach to the larger Mentor community, it is a means to raise funds for the church-and this year bocce income needs to be strong since we are behind the curve on pledges. Have you established or joined a team? Have you shared the news of this fun activity with your friends and neighbors? Have you hit up your local business contacts to sponsor a team? We need you; your time, talent, and treasure to make this project a continuing success. Don't play? Come by the grill, bring a lawn chair, and visit with your friends during the game. Call the church office for more information on how to get involved. Join us!

Adult acolytes (because we cannot always lean on our children), lectors, and servers are needed to fill the ranks at the altar for the next program year. We need another Sunday school teacher to share the load with our 2 dedicated (but overextended) volunteer Sunday school staff. New choir members of any skill level will be welcomed with open arms by Eunice! She will teach you what you need to know! Our Celebration Band always welcomes new members. We need worker bees to staff current projects and visionaries to dream of the new work we will share in love to build the Kingdom of God in this time and place. We need you. You need us. Don't forget-we're all in it together and every soul is a blessing to the whole. I invite you to renew your baptismal covenant by entering more fully into the Body of Christ that is St. Andrew. Pray on it, then get in touch.

Peace. *Lisa*

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream...

What fun we had on our first Ice Cream Sunday in June. Nothing is better on a hot day than a refreshing ice cream treat. Join us again on the first Sunday of July, August and September, following our 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the outdoor chapel. We'll celebrate summer with ice cream treats. Here's what's planned:
July 1 - Cone Sunday
August 5 - Sundae Sunday
September 2 - Sandwich Sunday



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Team Up for Bocce

You know summer has truly arrived at St. Andrew when we battle on the front lawn for the title of Bocce Champions. Now is the time to register for the fun. Gather a team of four, pick a team name and get ready to play! Cost per Team is \$150 or \$40 per individual. Proceeds support the ministries at St. Andrew. Games are scheduled for Tuesdays July 10, 17, 24 & 31st. The Super Bocce Bowl will be Tuesday, August 7th (rain date August 14). And there's more! The popular Bocce Grill will be fired up and back in business, offering delicious dinner options sure to tempt your taste buds. Even if you're not playing, stop by for dinner and cheer on the teams. The Grill opens at 6 PM and games start at 6:30 PM. For information contact Erin Garlock at 440-263-3561 or Chris Peshek at 440-773-2700. Pick up a registration form in the Narthex!

St. Andrew is a Geauga Family Farms CSA pick up location. Join the CSA by purchasing a share and pick up fresh produce at the church every Tuesday and Saturday, June through October.

You can sign up anytime during the 20 week season - but why wait? The first pick up date is June 12th. To find out more, or sign up, go to: geaugafamilyfarms.org



June Birthdays

Louise Hassink 02; Jess Horvath 04; Madelyn Sankal 06; Dona Currutt 06; Chris Barnes 07; Isaac King 08; Marybeth Primeau 12; Elaine Abrams 13; June Webb 14; Kelley Gudel 19; The Rev. Dawson Moorer 21; Katie Garlock 23; Rich Schreiner 24; Sherrie Sweet 24; Susan Swain 26; Melissa Connel 30

Anniversaries

Erin & Colleen Garlock 07, Jeries & Samia Bishara 19

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

It's an evening of fun at the Lake County Captains game on Friday, June 29th at 7:00 PM. Join the St. Andrew family as we gather at the ballpark to root for the home team. Tickets are just \$9, and you can purchase a discount Food Voucher for an additional \$7. It's baseball, hot dogs, fellowship and fun! Details and a sign-up sheet are available in the Narthex.

The game is followed by an awesome fireworks display!

Music Lesson Notes -from Sam Hooper

June 2018



I have been teaching the weekly free music lessons funded by a Ministry and Growth Grant from the diocese, since September, 2014.

The program has been successful in many ways over the past year. We've grown from three to eight regular students coming on Thursday evenings. Part of the growth can be attributed to the excitement generated by the FREE Songwriting/Art Camp for Middle - High School Youth, "AWAKE" that was held at St. Andrew last summer. Students of all ages were creatively inspired to continue learning about music through the lessons. I've taught guitar, voice and beginning piano. It's been beautiful to see the students' blossom musically and as people through their studies. That growth has been especially evident watching several of them prepare for the three, Spring/Fall recitals we've had over the past year. These joint recitals with pianist, Maurice Stanley's students, were held at the Bop Stop in Cleveland and gave everyone the opportunity to perform on a professional stage.

With renewed funding, we look forward to continuing to connect the church and the Mentor community through music this fall.

Postscript from Rev. Lisa--

Interested in supporting this music outreach effort? Please consider contributing to the St. Andrew music lesson program. Due to funding constraints we have had to unexpectedly suspend lessons this summer-- your donation to this ministry would help. We hope to re-fund the ministry in the fall. Questions? Ask Lisa+



Sam Hooper and some of the music students whose lessons are funded by our Ministry and Growth Grant

Don't Forget! **Sanctuary Concert VI** **This Sunday, June 17** **5 - 7 PM**

Music Note: **Kevin Richards**, one of this month's performers, is the Executive Director of Roots of American Music. For more information about the life-giving work of this Cleveland-based non-profit, serving kids visit: www.rootsofamericanmusic.org . **Anita Keys**, a well-known Northeastern Ohio musician is the sister of our own Ted Herczog! Never attended a Sanctuary Concert? This one is a not-to-miss event!



We had a wonderful Pentecost celebration and visitation by Bishop Persell. God Bless our confirmation/reception group and baby Lily who was baptized. We are grateful for the work of the Holy Spirit at St. Andrew!