



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

## Good News

### From the Rector

Friends, we stand together in the midst of extraordinary challenge. The Covid Delta Variant has surged through the neighborhood, leaving Lake County, much of the country, and the entire world again at high risk of contagion. Here at home where vaccinations are readily available, our neighbors claim the personal choice not to mask or be vaccinated while the vulnerable among us, especially the immune compromised and young children (who cannot be vaccinated), get sick. In other parts of the world, people beg for access to the COVID vaccine, for hospital beds when they cannot breathe, for ventilators and life-giving oxygen, for hope of a future at all. We join in their prayers. Meanwhile, buildings fall, earthquakes devastate, hurricanes and fires rage all around us, and protracted wars end without resolution. Where do we turn in the face of such pain, fear, and uncertainty? We turn to each other for comfort and strength, but first we turn to God.

### **Lift Up Those Who Have Fallen**

**Holy One, you are our comfort and strength  
in times of sudden disaster, crisis, or chaos.  
Surround us now with your grace and peace  
through storm or earthquake, pandemic, fire or flood.**

**By your Spirit, lift up those who have fallen,  
sustain those who work to rescue or rebuild,  
and fill us with the hope of your new creation;  
through You, our rock and redeemer.  
Amen.**

## Masking for Indoor Worship

As concerns grow over the resurgence of coronavirus and the Delta strain, the Vestry discussed the issue at their August meeting. While the Diocese of Ohio has not mandated any protocols for now, they have made recommendations as to how to keep parishioners safe.

Considering those recommendations and the data provided by the Lake County General Health District and the Ohio Department of Health, the Vestry is strongly encouraging folks to mask for in-door worship. While many of us are vaccinated, we must consider the potential presence of young children (who cannot receive the vaccine) and unvaccinated people at services.

The choir will sing from a distance, and people can sing hymns while wearing a mask. Additionally, Lisa will wear a mask to serve communion to the congregation, and will be unmasked, but social distanced, during the majority of the liturgy (will preach from the pulpit and proclaim the gospel from the steps to maintain distance).

The Vestry is not "mandating" but strongly encouraging. Please note that at least one parish member who is fully vaccinated has been re-infected with Covid in the last week, despite taking every precaution, including indoor masking. Thankfully, he is recovering well after flu symptoms and a temperature of 103. His family, who are also fully-vaccinated, have not contracted the illness thus far.

At outdoor worship, masks will be optional, but attendees are asked to better social distance to protect the vulnerable.

Rev. Lisa preached a wonderful sermon for a recent online service (it was sent via Flocknote to all). If you have not watched it, please do. You'll find it on the St. Andrew YouTube Channel at:  
<https://youtu.be/WYNcnR9BfVM>



*The St. Andrew Vestry: (left to right) Conrad Galayda, Michele Miller, Ed Bridge, Betsy Lee, Janna Penkowski, Doug Sundstrom, Sandy Mazelis and Mary Ellen Fecser. Not pictured: Tony Wesley.*



## Planning for Fun!

Plans are underway to hold the annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 30th. Due to Covid concerns, the event will be slightly different this year. The festival will be picnic-like with a bonfire. Grilled hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided and those attending are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. Volunteers are needed to help coordinate the event. If you are interested in helping, please contact Rev. Lisa.

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## **A Prayer of Relief for the World**

**Loving and gracious God,  
All love and mercy compels us to the side of our global brothers and sisters.  
In our charity, and in our compassion, help us stand with them.  
In our solidarity and in our sharing, help us stand with them.  
In our advocacy, and in our prayer, help us stand with them.  
And as we turn to them in their peril, we ask your grace go with us:  
To feed the hungry:  
-give us your grace.  
To give drink to the thirsty:  
-give us your grace.  
To clothe the naked:  
-give us your grace.  
To shelter the homeless:  
-give us your grace.  
To care for the sick:  
-give us your grace.  
To reach the trapped and the stranded:  
-give us your grace.  
To mourn the dead:  
-give us your grace.  
And in reaching out, may we find you in them.  
And may they find you in us. Amen.**

*- Adopted from a prayer of Catholic Relief Services following Typhoon Haiyan, November 2013*

## *You're Invited*

A dedication and blessing of the memorial walkway, cross and plaque will take place on Sunday, October 10th right after the 10:30 AM church service (the contemporary service will be suspended that day).

The beautiful and much needed improvements to the St. Francis Chapel were given in memory of Nadia Bishara Dorenkott, daughter of longtime parishioners Samia and Jeries Bishara.

Following the dedication, a small reception will be held in the Narthex.



# Contemporary Service Resumes

Starting on Sunday, September 12th the St. Andrew Contemporary Service returns at Noon. The intimate worship service features the St. Andrew's Fire praise band and is held in the Narthex.

If you are longing for a smaller, less traditional worship experience, come and participate. All are welcome to attend. No one is out of place as we celebrate the Holy Eucharist, sharing our love of God and neighbor.

## Mobile Vaccination Clinic comes to St. Andrew

The Lake County General Health District (LCGHD) Mobile Vaccination Clinic will operate at St. Andrew on two Tuesday Pantry Days from 1-4 pm (September 14 and October 12). If you have not been vaccinated, this is a great time to get your shot and protect yourself and others.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) "COVID-19 vaccines protect people from getting infected and severely ill, and significantly reduce the likelihood of hospitalization and death."

This service is open to any Lake County resident. The vaccine is free and you may make an appointment through [lcghd.org](http://lcghd.org), or simply walk in. Please bring a photo ID and an insurance card (if available).

The best way to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to prevent infection by Delta or other variants is to get vaccinated.



## September Celebrations

### **Birthdays**

Kevin Koehler 02  
Shirley Poitras 04  
Judy Cudnik 05  
Samia Bishara 05  
Meg Nemeth 07  
Frank Fecser 08  
Jackson Frantisak 16  
Dorothy Hickey 20  
Heather Catlett 21  
Richard Ezzo 23  
Michael Bailey 23  
Candace McCready 26  
Debra Perse 27

### **Anniversaries**

Brian & Micki Rotz 09  
Tom & Joan Lally 27

*Don't see your Birthday or Anniversary?  
Contact the Office at  
440-255-8842 and let us know!*

# The Perfect Gift

Is there such a thing? When we are shopping at Christmas or for a loved one's Birthday, it certainly seems as if there is no perfect gift.

September is traditionally the time when we think about stewardship - giving our time, talent and treasure to advance the gospel. The book of James says "Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above..."(James 1:17)

Often we think that what we have to give is not enough. Doubt and pride keep us from being generous givers. *My gifts are not good enough. My gifts are not perfect.* But it is in the act of giving that both gift and giver are transformed. True, *what we have is not perfect, but God makes it so* - just like a butterfly turns from an ugly caterpillar to a delicate colorful creature - we are transformed. Our gifts, insignificant as we may think, become perfect in God's eyes.

Our money becomes a way to feed the poor or spread the gospel. Our little bit of time grows community, connects us to others and provides a path to God. Our talents, though imperfect, become glorified when used for the Kingdom.

In September and October we will be hearing more about our gifts from the congregation, in our liturgy, and in our life together. We encourage you to think about the *perfect* time, talent and treasure you have to give and imagine how God will transform the gift, the giver and St. Andrew.



## Acolyte/Server Training

Acolyte is defined in the Episcopal dictionary as "a general term which covers not only servers, torchbearers, and lighters of candles but also crucifers, thurifers, and banner-bearers." In plain language, they assist the priest during the liturgy!

Acolytes or servers can be any age. It is an important and meaningful way to serve the church. An Acolyte training will be held in September. If you are interested in serving or learning about what's involved, talk to Rev. Lisa.



### Dates to Remember - September

- 5 - Pantry Distribution, 1 - 3 PM
- 6 - St. James Lunch Service, 10:30 AM
- 11 - Zoom Adult Formation, 11 AM
- 12 - Sunday School, Age 3-8, 10:25 AM
- 12 - Contemporary Service, 12 PM
- 14 - Pantry Distribution, 1 - 3 PM
- 14 - Mobile Vaccination Clinic, 1-4 PM
- 15 - Vestry Meeting, 6:30 PM



**Save the Date!**

## **Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 3 at Noon**

Come to the Contemporary Service on Sunday, October 3rd and bring your dog, cat, bird, turtle or other pet for a blessing.

We plan to be outside in the St. Francis chapel, so please bring a lawn chair or blanket. The Blessing of the Animals always takes place on or near the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi which falls on Monday October 4th. Francis is remembered for his generosity to the poor, his ministry to the lepers, and for his love for animals and nature.

So come and celebrate St. Francis and the great gift God gives us in the form of pets by having them blessed - for they truly are a blessing to us!



### **St. Andrew Wish List**

From time to time there is maintenance or items needed at the church which our stretched budget will not cover. We'll provide a list each month. if you'd like to make a donation toward a project, please do!

Soft washing our slate roof over the nave and parish hall:

Nave: \$550.00

Parish Hall: \$250.00



## *Fall Worship Schedule*

### *Sundays:*

#### **Traditional Holy Eucharist at 10:30 AM.**

*The first and third Sundays will be held in the church. The second and fourth Sundays will be held outside in the St. Francis Chapel (through October).*

#### **Online**

*On the second and fourth Sundays we will also offer an online service on Facebook (10:30 AM) and YouTube (10:45 AM).*

#### **Contemporary Holy Eucharist at Noon Weekly starting Sept. 12th.**

*Most services held in the Narthex. The October 3rd service will be held in the St. Francis Chapel. There will be no Contemporary Service on October 10th.*

