



Good News

MARCH 2026

FROM THE RECTOR

***“Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ***

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God’s grace.”

-From: Philippians 1

Paul’s letter to the Philippians was written when the apostle Paul was suffering at the hands of the Roman Empire, likely under house arrest, detained for preaching the gospel, disturbing the *Pax Romana* (the Roman peace) and causing the people to hope for a better future beyond the control of prevailing earthy powers of the day.

Although Paul was imprisoned when he wrote this letter and facing death if he continued to follow his call to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, Paul writes to the church community in Phillipi about his joy – how God’s grace, and the fruits of sacrificial love manifest in the world when faith communities, like the one in Phillipi follow the way of Christ.

How can we, as Christ’s disciples in our time experience the joy that Paul speaks about in his letter and gain a share of his hope and confidence in the future? How can we become Christ’s true disciples in today’s troubled world, come what may?

Join with your community of faith, our shared ministry of St. Andrew and Epiphany for our 2026 Lenten fellowship meals and study on Paul’s Letter to the Philippians. The study is called

FROM THE RECTOR (CONT.)

Discipleship Explored. Consult the schedule below to find out where we'll meet each week, then come as you are and enter the joy and challenge of Christian discipleship explored. Bring a dish is you can or just show up. Study materials are provided. We hope to see you there!

Discipleship Explored 6pm to 7:30pm

- February 26- Epiphany (Guild Room)
- March 5 -St. Andrew (Narthex)
- March 12- Epiphany (Guild Room)
- March 15- St. Andrew (Narthex)
- March 26- Epiphany (Guild Room)

ALL-CLEAN

All parishioners, men and women, are invited to help at the pre-Easter All-Clean on Saturday March 28th at 9:30. Refreshments will be served.



June Webb



Important Dates in March

- 01 Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am
Food Pantry 1 - 3 pm
- 02 Food Pantry Delivery 10:30
- 04 Adventures in Spirituality 10:30
- 05 Food Pantry Delivery 10:30
Choir 1 pm
Lenten Study 6 pm
- 08 Morning Prayer 10:30 am
- 09 Food Pantry Delivery 10:30
Men's Club 7 pm
- 10 Food Pantry 1 - 3 pm
- 11 Adventures in Spirituality 10:30
Finance Committee 6:30 pm
- 12 Choir 1 pm
Lenten Study 6 pm @ Epiphany
- 15 Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am
- 19 Choir 1 pm
Lenten Study 6 pm
- 19 Adventures in Spirituality 10:30
Vestry 6:30 pm
- 22 Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am
- 23 Men's Club 7 pm
- 25 Adventures in Spirituality 10:30
Vestry 6:30 pm
- 26 Choir 1 pm
Lenten Study 6 pm @ Epiphany
- 28 Altar Guild All-Clean 9 am
- 29 Palm Sunday
Sunday Eucharist 10 am
@ Epiphany

VESTRY NEWS

Annual Meeting last week went very well. It was very productive. We nominated new members, Alec for a 3-year term and Andy for a 1-year term to fill Chris W. Term. Barb and Ted confirmed to a 2nd term each. Don't forget on Thursdays we have out Lenten program with soup, salad and bread at 6:00pm. All welcome at Vestry meetings to keep up with happenings at St. Andrews.

Marsy Berlan, Senior Warden



St. Andrew Episcopal Church

HOLY WEEK PREVIEW

You are invited you to join us for Holy Week services at our church. Experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through song, prayer, and reflection.

Sunday - March 29

10 am Palm Sunday Service at Church of the Epiphany in Euclid

Thursday - April 2

6:30 pm - Agape Meal and Liturgy
8:00 pm to 8:00 am March 29 - Prayer Vigil in person or at home

Good Friday - April 3

Good Friday Liturgy at Church of the Epiphany in Euclid

Saturday - April 4

7 pm - Easter Vigil
Messiah Lutheran Church
5200 Mayfield Rd., Lyndhurst

Easter Sunday - April 5

11 am - Easter Service
Egg Hunt and refreshments directly following

March Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

04 Jaxyon Riddell
11 Kathy Steffens
16 Ryan Symonds
21 Victoria Leitch
22 Jill Sankal
30 Marsia Berlan

ANNIVERSARIES

11 Richard Berlan & Andrew Caruso
17 Brian & Sheree Sandacz
23 Todd & Janna Penkowski

EASTER FLOWERS

The Flower Guild is collecting donations for Easter Flowers. Forms are available in the Narthex as well as at the end of the newsletter. You can place the form in the collection basket or mail it to church.

Please note that we will not have Palms this year as Palm Sunday

Good News: March 2026

Eucharist will be at Church of the Epiphany in Euclid.

I am frequently asked how much one should donate for special collections. The answer is the amount you wish to give. Individual potted plants cost about \$7.50 and the entire order comes to around \$475.

Additional volunteers are needed on Saturday, April 4 at 1:00 pm to decorate for Easter. We are looking at changing and simplifying some of the flower arrangements this year. Hope you enjoy the outcome!

Janna Penkowski, Flower Guild

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

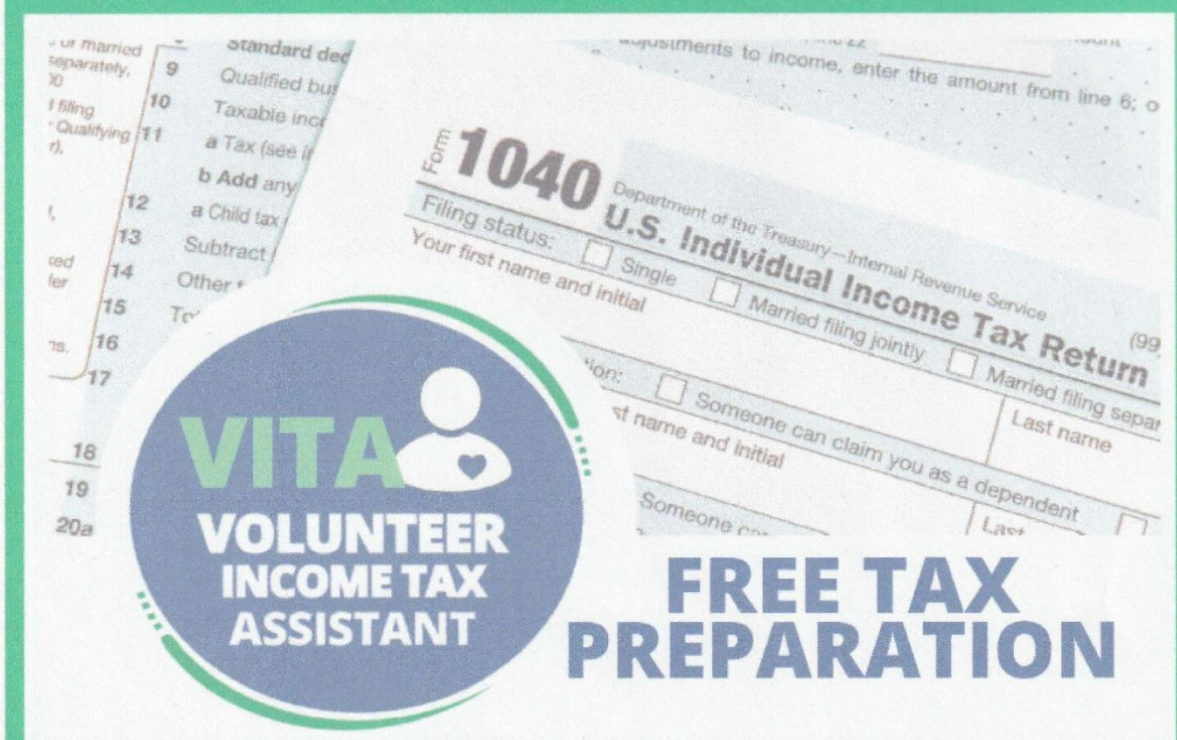
The Fundraising Committee met to decide on events for this year. We will be having bake sales on election days, the ever-popular Candy Apple Craft Fair, a summer picnic plus entertainment, and the annual Jingle Bell Jam. Additional events may be added if a need is identified.

Our next meeting will be held April 21st at 6:30 pm in the Worman Room.



The graphic features a pink-to-orange gradient background with sunburst patterns in the top-left and bottom-right corners. The title '2026 Fundraising EVENTS' is prominently displayed at the top. Below the title is a table listing five events with their dates and times.

Date	Event Name	Time
05/05	ELECTION DAY BAKESALE	7 AM - 4 PM
06/27	PICNIC AND FUN	TIME TBD
10/10	CANDY APPLE CRAFT FAIR	10 AM - 3 PM
11/03	ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE	7 AM - 4 PM
12/05	JINGLE BELL JAM	TIME TBD



Form 1040 Department of the Treasury—Internal Revenue Service
U.S. Individual Income Tax Return (99)

Filing status: Single Married filing jointly Married filing separately

Your first name and initial Last name

Someone can claim you as a dependent Last name

VITA
VOLUNTEER
INCOME TAX
ASSISTANT

FREE TAX PREPARATION

Lifeline partners with the IRS to provide free tax preparation through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA).

? Free tax preparation for Lake or Geauga County Residents who meet income qualifications.

📅 Tax clinics are offered weekly Monday - Thursday & Saturdays. Daytime and late afternoon appointments are available.

📍 Clinics will be held in Chagrin Falls, Chardon, Mentor, Painesville, Perry, and Wickliffe.

BEGINS TAX SEASON 2026
CALL 2-1-1 (LAKE) OR 440.639.4420 (LAKE & GEAUGA) FOR INFORMATION & SCREENING

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UNITED WAY Lake County

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standrewmentor@gmail.com - 440.255.8842

PRAYER CALENDAR

Let's Pray for Each Other!

Introducing the Prayer Calendar, which will come to you each month in your newsletter. You'll note that there is a parish member designated for each day of the month on the calendar. Please take a moment to pray for that person on the day indicated, whether you know them or not! Prayer blesses the one who prays and the one who receives prayer, so incorporating this prayer calendar into your daily devotions is a win/win situation!

“Prayer is standing in the presence of God with the mind in the heart; that is, at that point of our being where there are no divisions or distinctions and where we are totally one. There God's Spirit dwells and there the great encounter takes place. There heart speaks to heart, because there we stand before the face of the Lord, all-seeing, with us.”

— Henri J.M. Nouwen, *The Way of the Heart: The Spirituality of the Desert Fathers and Mothers*

March 2026 Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Mika Lock	2 Myrna Luskin	3 Genny Maistros	4 Eunice May <i>Jaxyon Riddell(B)</i>	5 Sandra Mazelis	6 Candace McCready	7 Michele Miller
8 Sherrie Miller	9 William & Meg Nemeth	10 Jenna & David Neuman	11 Rev. Lisa O'Rear <i>Kathy Steffens(B)</i> <i>Richard Berlan &</i> <i>Andrew Caruso(A)</i>	12 Joe Papaleo	13 Randy & Carol Pengov	14 Todd & Janna Penkowski (Kevin)
15 Chris & Sarah Peshek (Evelyn, Marcus, Rosa, & Judith Rae)	16 Marybeth Primeau <i>Ryan Symonds(B)</i>	17 Mary Provins <i>Brian & Sheree</i> <i>Sandacz(A)</i>	18 Debbie Pulman	19 Brian & Micki Rotz (Brianna, Chase)	20 Jarrod & Elizabeth Riddell (Jaxyn)	21 Ann Russell <i>Victoria</i> <i>Leitch(B)</i>
22 Kenneth Rutske' <i>Jill Sankal(B)</i>	23 Brian & Sheree Sandacz <i>Todd & Janna</i> <i>Penkowski(A)</i>	24 Bernadette Sandacz	25 John(Spark) & Jill Sankal	26 Margaret Sinclair	27 Vince & Alissa Sitkowski (Lily, Piper, Emery)	28 Barbara Sopko & Dona Currutt
29 Andrew & Amy Spiesman	30 John Spiesman <i>Marsy Berlan(B)</i>	31 Scott & Kathleen Steffens				

LECTOR AND VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

March Volunteer Calendar 2026

Date	Altar Guild	Chalice Bearers	Lectors	Acolytes /Cross Bearer	Ushers /Greeters	Counters
March 1-26 2 nd Sunday of Lent	Mary Provins, Sarah Peshek	Mary Provins	Randy Pengov, Barb Sopko, Dona Currutt, Brian Sandacz,	C-Dona Currutt	Andy Spiesman/ June Webb/ Russ B	Andy Spiesman, Kim Herczog
March 8-26 3 rd Sunday of Lent	Randy & Carol Pengov,	MP-Andy S.	June Webb, Ed Bridge, Micki Rotz, Marsy B	C-Dona Currutt	Andy Spiesman/ June Webb/ Russ B	Brian Sandacz, Andy Spiesman
March 15-26 4 th Sunday of Lent	June, Marsy, Margaret	Marsy Berlan-	Eunice May, Donna Currutt, Barb Sopko, Carol Pengov	C-Dona Currutt	Andy Spiesman/ June Webb/ Russ B	Kim Herczog, Andy Spiesman
March 22-26 5 th Sunday of Lent	Mary Provins, Sarah Peshek	Mary Provins	Marsy, June, Mary	C-Dona Currutt	Andy Spiesman/ June Webb/ Russ B	
March 1-29 Palm Sunday	June, Marsy, Margaret, Mary Provins, Sarah Peshek, June Webb, Marsy Berlan	MP-June Webb	Chris W Chris P. Alec L. Marsy B. June Webb, Barb Sopko, Donna Currutt, Andy S. Kim H, Micki R, Greg V.	C-Dona Currutt	Andy Spiesman/ June Webb/ Russ B	June Webb, Brian Sandacz,
April 2-26 Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm			?	C-Dona Currutt	Andy Spiesman/ June Webb/ Russ B	
April 3-26 Good Friday @ 6:30			?	C-Dona Currutt	Andy Spiesman/ June Webb/ Russ B	
April 5-26 Easter Sunday			?	C-Dona Currutt	Andy Spiesman/ June Webb/ Russ B	Andy Spiesman, Kim Herczog

READINGS



March 1

The Second Sunday in Lent

READINGS FOR THE DAY

- [Genesis 12:1-4a](#)
- [Romans 4:1-5, 13-17](#)
- [John 3:1-17](#)
- [Psalm 121](#)

March 8

The Third Sunday in Lent

- [Exodus 17:1-7](#)
- [Romans 5:1-11](#)
- [John 4:5-42](#)
- [Psalm 95](#)

March 15

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

- [1 Samuel 16:1-13](#)
- [Ephesians 5:8-14](#)
- [John 9:1-41](#)
- [Psalm 23](#)

March 22

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

- [Ezekiel 37:1-14](#)
- [Romans 8:6-11](#)
- [John 11:1-45](#)
- [Psalm 130](#)

March 29

The Sunday of the Passion
Palm Sunday

The Liturgy of the Palms

- [Matthew 21:1-11](#)
- [Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29](#)

The Liturgy of the Word

- [Isaiah 50:4-9a](#)
- [Philippians 2:5-11](#)
- [Matthew 26:14- 27:66](#)
- *or* [Matthew 27:11-54](#)
- [Psalm 31:9-16](#)

PARISH CALENDAR

St. Andrew Episcopal Church March 2026 Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10:30a Eucharist w/ Music 1-3 Choice Pantry (Need help)	10a Food Pantry Delivery 6:00 3-Legged Beginners AA 7:15 12X12 Little Mountain AA	12:15 AA 7-8 Augustine Flwshp	8-5 Chris-W.R. 10:30-12:30Tai Chi 10:30-12:30 Adv. In Spirituality 7:30p McD AA	11a Food Pantry Delivery 8-5 Chris-W.R. 1p Choir 6p Lenten Supper and Study at St. Andrew	12:15p AA	Ping Pong 10:30-12:30Tai Chi 2-4 Truth & Love 7-8 Sat.Nite Live NA
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10: 30a Morning Prayer w/ Music Online Service Daylight Savings-Spring Forward!	10a Food Pantry Delivery 7 pm Men's Club 6:00 3-Legged Beginners AA 7:15 12X12 Little Mountain AA	12:15 AA 1-3 Choice Pantry (Need Help) 7-8 Augustine Flwshp	8-5 Chris-W.R. 10:30-12:30Tai Chi 10:30-12:30 Adv. In Spirituality 6:30 p Finance 7:30p McD AA	8-5 Chris-W.R. 1p Choir 6p Lenten Supper and Study at Epiphany	12:15p AA	Ping Pong 10:30-12:30Tai Chi 2-4 Truth & Love 7-8 Sat.Nite Live NA
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10:30a Eucharist w/ Music 9-11 Union Mtg	6:00 3-Legged Beginners AA 7:15 12X12 Little Mountain AA	12:15 AA 6p Scouts 7-8 Augustine Flwshp	8-5 Chris-W.R. 10:30-12:30Tai Chi 6-8 Choice Pantry 7:30p McD AA	8-5 Chris-W.R. 10:30a-Food Delivery 1p Choir 6p Lenten Supper and Study at St. Andrew	12:15p AA	Ping Pong 10:30-12:30Tai Chi 2-4 Truth & Love 7-8 Sat.Nite Live NA
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10: 30a Morning Prayer w/ Music Online service	7pm Men's Club 6:00 3-Legged Beginners AA 7:15 12X12 Little Mountain AA	12:15 AA 7-8 Augustine Flwshp	8:30 Fit4moms 10:30-12:30 Adv. In Spirituality 10:30-12:30Tai Chi 6:30 Vestry 7:30p McD AA	8-5 Chris-W.R 1p Choir 6p Lenten Supper and Study at Epiphany	12:15p AA	9:30 All Clean Ping Pong 10:30-12:30Tai Chi 2-4 Truth & Love 7-8 Sat.Nite Live NA
29	30	31	1 April	2 April	3 April	4 April
10:00a Eucharist w/ Music at Epiphany Palm Sunday	6:00 3-Legged Beginners AA 7:15 12X12 Little Mountain AA	12:15 AA 7-8 Augustine Flwshp	8:30 Fit4moms 10:30-12:30 Adv. In Spirituality 10:30-12:30Tai Chi 7:30p McD AA	2 April Maundy Thursday Liturgy & Meal @ 6:30 Prayer Vigil-8pm-8am Friday.	3 April 12noon Community stations of the cross @ Catholic Church in Euclid 12:15p AA 6:30 p Good Friday Service@ St. Andrew	4 April 7pm Easter Vigil @ Messiah Lutheran Church 5200 Mayfield Rd. Lyndhurst
5 April						
Easter Service @ 11am with Easter Egg Hunt afterwards						

Easter Flower Contributions



The Flower Guild is collecting for Easter flowers and candles during Lent. To donate, please fill out the below form and put in the collection basket or mail to the church office.

Please put "Easter Flowers" in the memo line of your check.

Given By _____

[] In Memory of _____

[] In Memory of Loved Ones

[] In Thanksgiving (optional for _____)

Amount _____

