



Good News

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

From the Rector

The community of St. Andrew gathered for our first fellowship event in a very long time on Shrove Tuesday, March 1 when we shared a pancake supper together on the eve of Lent. While I thought I'd gotten more than enough groceries to feed those I expected to show up (including sausage, and bacon, and topping with 2% *real maple syrup(!)*), it turned out that Janna had to make a run to Heinen's for more pancake mix! What a delightful miscalculation I'd made. What a wonderful surprise it was to see so many friends in our beloved parish hall. How good it was to be together!

The Shrove Tuesday event reminded us of how church works. We come together because we want to connect with others who are seeking God. When we come together in love, even when the moment is not Hallmark channel perfect, we find that God is with us, and Jesus stands among us, teaching, preaching, and healing through us, with us, for us.

While Lent is surely a time for individual reflection and spiritual contemplation, it is also a time to gather together, as Christ taught us, for Holy Communion.

There is a spiritual synergy that happens when we share communion (be it one kind or two). We need each other to thrive. If you are reading these words, then know that we need your presence and your seeking heart among us to be our best selves for Christ, for one another, and for the world we serve. We simply do better together. Join us at church!

Remember, we've got summer bocce to plan, and gardens to plant, and food to distribute, and songs to sing, and prayers to raise, and hearts to touch, and new friends to make at church. Bring a neighbor (or a stranger) with you when you come. We all need a little Jesus, and a little community too. You show them the way. Then we'll follow the way of Jesus together, through Lent and Holy Week, all the way to Easter when the promise of eternal life was/is made real by Christ's resurrection from the dead - a resurrection fulfilled again in us, Christ's body, together.

Spring Flower Sale



Get ready for spring planting by ordering flowers from the St. Andrew Spring Flower Sale. Locally grown annuals, vegetables, and beautiful hanging baskets are available to purchase. This year we will be using online ordering!

Instructions on how to order are available in the Narthex or links to the online order form are available at www.standrew-mentor.com.

Place orders between March 6th and April 6th and plants will be delivered just in time for Memorial Day planting. You must preorder.

Not only are these flowers beautiful, they are a great deal! Please share with you family, friends and neighbors! Pick up your flowers on Friday, May 20th between 1 and 6 PM.

Proceeds from our flower sale support St. Andrew ministries.



Sunset photo by Tim Herczog



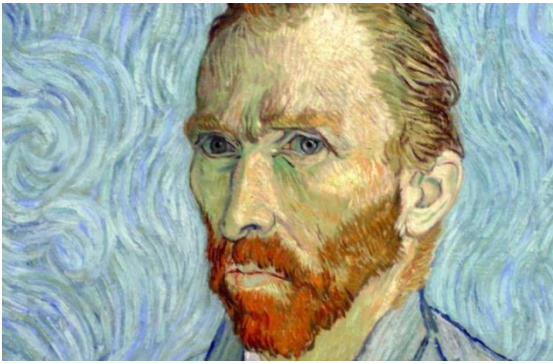
Steeple Cross Safely Down

Who do you call when your 150 pound cross perched high atop the church steeple takes a tumble? The Fire Department, of course.

Newly elected Junior Warden Joe Papaleo started his term facing that big problem, and luckily after consultation with the Kirtland Hills Fire Department, it was determined they had the correct equipment and were available to hire for the sky high job.

After 60 years of wind and weather the hardware securing the cross to the steeple simply wore out. For now the cross is safely on the ground as Joe begins his next task - finding someone to repair and reattached the cross.





Vincent Van Gogh

and the Beauty of Lent

There is still time to join the Lenten Devotional. Join us for a pairing of scripture with the artistry of Vincent Van Gogh.

The devotional begins on Ash Wednesday and provides lessons for each Sunday in Lent and the days of Holy Week, but you can join any time.

All you will need is a bible and an internet connection to view artwork - a digital devotional booklet was just sent via email complete with links to lead you through the combined beauty of Van Gogh and Scripture. Contact the office (440-255-8842) if you would like a hard-copy booklet or did not receive the devotion via e-mail.



March Celebrations

Birthdays

Connie Schultz 10
Pat Grisdale 13
Dennis Corbett 15
Colleen Garlock 16
Ryan Symonds 16
Nancy Benes 20
Jill Sankal 22
Grant Provins 28
Stephanie Clements 29

Anniversaries

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

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

Keep up to date on Vestry happenings. A new bulletin board is being installed between the Church Office and the Rector's Office that will display Vestry meeting minutes, project information and other interesting information.

Coffee Hour on Wednesday? YES Please!

A new group is forming that will meet once a month at Panera Bread (9587 Mentor Avenue - near Kohl's) to talk, drink coffee and get better acquainted. All are welcome to join for fellowship and conversation. The group will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 9 AM. Join us on March 9th!

Questions? Talk to Conrad Galayda after the 10:30 AM Sunday service.



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Easter Chocolates

Easter is just around the corner. Instead of buying mass-produced chocolates, treat your family to some delicious hand-crafted, small batch confections made by Laura. The monies donated for the chocolate helps sustain her family as they await their U-visa. Pick up an order form in the Narthex. The chocolates are very reasonably priced and delicious!

Deadline to place an order is March 27th and chocolates will be delivered for pick up on Palm Sunday (April 10th).



Coming Soon...

- Spring Garden Meeting - It's almost time to prepare and plant the Jubilee Garden! Watch your email for a Flocknote with the details!
- Summer Bocce - It's fun fellowship and raises money to support our Food Pantry. It's gonna happen this year - all we need in YOU! Start gathering a team and if you'd like to help organize the fun, talk to Rev. Lisa.



ST. ANDREW LENTEN MOVIE NIGHT AND SOUP SUPPER

Coming April 1



Join us for Movie Night Friday April 1!

6:30pm soup supper

7 pm movie start in the Narthex

At Eternity's Gate

A 2018 film starring
Academy Award winner Willem DeFoe.
*The movie explores the art, life,
and spirituality of Vincent Van Gogh.*



Dates to Remember: March

- 6 – Holy Eucharist, Lent I at 10:30am or noon.
- 6 - Food Pantry Distribution, 1-3 PM
- 6 - Spring Flower Sale begins
- 8 - Food Pantry Distribution, 1-3 PM
- 16 - Vestry Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 27 - Last day to order Easter Chocolates