

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun., Apr. 26	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist: Rite I (Nave)
	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Narthex)
	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Conference Room)
	9:50 a.m.	Childcare (Nursery & Room 2)
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist: Rite II (Nave)
	11:30 a.m.	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	11:30 a.m.	Anne Alexis Farewell Celebration (Parish Hall)
Mon., Apr. 27		Clergy Spring Retreat (Shrine Mont)
Tue., Apr. 28		Clergy Spring Retreat (Shrine Mont)
	9:30 a.m.	ESOL (MPR)
	7:00 p.m.	Troop 11 Meeting (Parish Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting (MPR)
Wed., Apr. 29		Clergy Spring Retreat (Shrine Mont)
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist: Rite II / Morning Prayer (Chapel)
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study (Conference Room)
Thu., Apr. 30	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
Fri., May 1	1:00 p.m.	Peace Islamic Center (Parish Hall)
	8:00 p.m.	AA Meeting (Conference Room)
Sat., May 2	3:15 p.m.	FACETS Hot Meals (Kitchen)
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer (Chapel)
Sun., May 3	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist: Rite I (Nave)
	9:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Narthex)
	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Conference Room)
	9:00 a.m.	Youth Car Wash (Outside)
	9:50 a.m.	Childcare (Nursery & Room 2)
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist: Rite II (Nave)
	11:30 a.m.	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	11:30 a.m.	Adult Forum: Land Use Update (Parish Hall)

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ON SUNDAY

Farewell Celebration

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Join us in the Parish Hall after the 10:00 a.m. service as we celebrate our wonderful seminarian Anne Alexis, and wish her Godspeed as she continues her journey to becoming a priest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Andrew's VBS Registration

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Vacation Bible School is one of our favorite weeks of the year, bringing friends of all ages together to have fun singing, playing, listening and sharing. This year we'll be exploring the nature of God in "Rainforest Falls." Come join us!



VBS (**July 27th-31st**) is for kids ages 3.5 to 9 (fully potty-trained preschoolers to rising 4th graders). Older kids and teens (ages 10-17) are also invited to serve as Junior Counselors, and adults (18+) as Volunteers. All can register at the link below.

Cost is \$55 per child; \$140 family maximum; one t-shirt and daily snacks are included for each registrant at no additional cost (note there will be no cost for youth and adult volunteers).

Registration is open until June 1st. Register: <http://tiny.cc/rainforest26>. Note: All adult volunteers (ages 18+) will be required to complete Safe Church online training, and will receive this information after registering.

Interested in Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation?

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If you are interested in baptism for you and/or your child(ren), please do not hesitate to be in touch. While we are in the midst of classes, we are scheduling Fall classes based on need. Please let us (Fr. Will & Mtr. Maria) know if you are interested in getting confirmed, received, or reaffirmed this year.



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Donation/Prayer Request Cards

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In your pew, you will see a new double-side card. On one side, there is a place where you may add a prayer request. These are given to the clergy and we will offer to pray for you in our personal prayers, with the prayer guild, and/or on the public prayer list.

On the other side is the option to donate. Many of us donate online, mail in checks, or donate in larger sums at one time. Feel free to place this card in the offering plate as a representation of your donation. There is also a web address and QR code if you are looking to donate online today. Thank you for your many gifts of stewardship!

St. Andrew's Name Tags

Scott Hellier | welcome@standrews.net

How often have you recognized a face but couldn't quite remember the name? You're not alone—we've all been there. To make it easier for everyone to connect, we're happy to offer free name tags with either a magnetic or pin backing.

Getting yours is simple: just email your preferred first and last name, along with your choice of backing (magnet or pin—pin backings are recommended for those with pacemakers), to welcome@standrews.net.

Once we've collected a few requests, we'll place a bulk order. Your name tag should arrive within a couple of weeks, and we'll let you know when it's ready for pickup from the table under the TV in the Narthex. Thank you for helping us create a welcoming and connected community!

Listening Assist Devices

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For those with programmable listening assist devices, St. Andrew's broadcasts services on the following frequency: 72.700 MHz.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3, 2026 – Presentation to the Parish

The Rev. Will Packard | will@standrews.net

The Vestry voted to retain our land and not entertain options of selling a portion at this time. We will host a presentation on **Sunday, May 3rd**, at 11:30 a.m., to speak to the offer which was presented.

Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church! You are welcome no matter who you are or where you are in your life. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. If you have a pastoral emergency after hours, please call (571) 449-7438.

May 3, 2026 – Youth Car Wash

Gloria Spaans | cyf@standrews.net

Our Youth Car Wash is scheduled for **Sunday, May 3rd** during the 10:00 a.m. service. We will start a little after 9:00 a.m. so there isn't a rush right before the service. All donations will go towards Youth Activities, including Youth Workcamp.

May 8, 2026 – Men's Fellowship: Coffee to Stay or Go!

Darren Williams | mensfellowship@standrews.net

Please stop by the West Springfield Panera (Rolling Rd and Old Keene Mill Rd) for some fellowship on **Friday, May 8th**, between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m.!

Stop by on your way to work, or stay and have coffee and a bagel. Be it 5 minutes or an hour, we'd love to see you!

May 12, 2026 – Faith 250

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We continue our interfaith discussions with Faith250, studying and discussing our nation's "Scriptures" with at least 13 other communities of faith. The format includes gathering at tables with a smaller group (pre-selected) with whom you will have guided discussion.

There is no preparation necessary for our next to last gathering on **Tuesday, May 12th**, between 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church (6304 Lee Chapel Rd). Sign up will be available soon.

May 16, 2026 – Spring Parish Clean Up

Gail Bouton | jrwarden@standrews.net

Our next Parish Clean-up is scheduled for **Saturday, May 16th** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will be working inside and outside, so bring gloves and rakes if you are planning to be outside.

May 17, 2026 – Annual Parish Picnic

Karen Spencer | fellowship@standrews.net

The Parish Picnic will be held on **Sunday, May 17th**, after the 10 a.m. service. Come enjoy a barbecue lunch, live band, bounce house, face painting, and more! Registration is now open: <http://tiny.cc/burgers26>.



Tickets are \$15 for ages 13 and up, \$7 for ages 5–12, and free for children 4 and under, with a family cap of \$40. Admission is free for newcomers who began attending St. Andrew's after last year's picnic (June 8, 2025).

Everyone is asked to register online to help us get an accurate headcount, though you may pay in person on the day of the event if you prefer.

Please also indicate if you would like the vegetarian option when registering.