

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

[For readings see: www.lectionarypage.net]

Worship Schedule

Sunday	Mon.	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
9:30 am Eucharist (in-person & livestreamed) Coffee hour (following the service)		10:00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom		10:00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom		
11:00 am – noon – Sunday School on the 1 st & 3 rd Sundays of each month at Redeemer Lutheran Church (on vacation until September)		12:30 – 2 pm – Body & Soul: The Tuesday Book Group on Zoom				

Church YouTube Live Stream link for Sunday services:

<https://www.youtube.com/@standrewsepiscopalchurch-n6936>

Church ZOOM link: <https://zoom.us/j/570270415>



A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS...

The Rev. Allison Moore

“This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance” (Exodus 12:14). We’ll hear this Sunday about the institution of the Jewish holiday of Passover.

“I received a tradition from the Lord, which I also handed on to you: that on the night before he died . . .” (1 Corinthians 11:23) writes Paul in one of the earliest descriptions of Eucharist.

Why do we do the same thing every Sunday in church: a pattern of Scripture, song, prayer, and Eucharist? It’s a particular sacramental type of liturgy that draws some people into the mystery of God and bores others almost to death. If I’m honest, some Sundays I find myself “going through the motions” without much thought.

And yet, those rituals shape us, in some ways whether we are paying attention or not. We hear Scripture—sometimes one word is all we need to send us down a fruitful path of reflection. Or we come to the altar worried about something or because it’s time and then find some sense of peace or presence.

Every religion has rituals, meant to shape the lives of believers towards holiness, goodness, freedom, forgiveness, and countless other blessings. Humans seem to need some repetition of word and deed (even the most free form worship service!) to center ourselves and become more open to the Divine in and around us. Thank the ancestors who first received and then passed on the traditions which sustain us. (Some other time, maybe on Sunday, we can talk about traditions that have been not so healthy!!)

SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR SUNDAY (September 6)

LEM:	Valerie McAllister
Lector:	Kappa Waugh
Usher:	Martin Bend
Altar Guild:	Susan Piowaty
Music:	Janet Frommer
Coffee Hour:	Lisa McCourt
Live Stream Tech:	Charlie Burgner

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SAVE THE DATE!

Friends & Family Celebration

Sunday, September 27, 2026

***Annual St. Andrew's Fundraiser &
Gathering of old friends and new***

***Speak with Brenda Hush about how you can help –
See the sign-up sheet at the back of the church***

***We now have a grill & cover
thanks to all who donated!***

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SAVE THESE DATES TOO!

September 20	Sunday School Begins (at Redeemer Lutheran Church at 11:00)
September 20	Family Service
September 27	Friends & Family
October 3	Lamentations (at Redeemer)
October 4	Blessing of the Animals

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FAMILY SERVICES AT ST. ANDREW'S

Third Sunday of each month beginning September 20th.

UNCAGED TOY PIANO

2026 FESTIVAL FOR TOY PIANOS AND KEYBOARDS

*Festival led by our church next-door neighbor,
Phyllis Chen*

October 15, 7:30pm, Denizen Theatre, New Paltz

October 17, 1:00 – 3:00, The Living Room, Gardiner

October 13, 7:30pm, The Falcon, Marlboro

See more information at <http://uncagedtoyiano.org>



New York Lamentations

**A dialogue between “residents”
of the St. James’ Hyde Park
cemetery about slavery and its
legacy in the Hudson Valley**

**Sat., Oct. 3, 2026 6pm
Redeemer Lutheran Church
90 S. Rte 32, New Paltz**

Free Will Offering

Talk back with the writer and producer

**Episcopal Diocese of NY
Reparations Commission
and Margaret Wade Lewis Center
contact standrewsrev@gmail.com**

For more info
about the play,



New York Lamentations

Allison says: Please help me share news of an amazing play, New York Lamentations, coming to Redeemer Lutheran Church, a partnership of the Diocesan Reparations Commission, Episcopal Campus Ministry, and the Margaret Wade-Lewis Center for Black History and Culture. It was written by the former rector of St. James Episcopal Church in Hyde Park, about some of the folks buried in their cemetery. The writer and producer will lead a talk-back session after the show. It would be fun for some of us to go together. The play is 90 minutes long.

COFFEE HOUR

Sign up to do coffee hour on sign up sheet in the parish hall. Information on how easy it is to participate in this ministry is on the sheet and in the kitchen.

FOOD COLLECTION

There is a basket at the entryway to the church where we ask that you place **non-perishable food items** for distribution to those who come by for Free Fresh Food as well as to Family of New Paltz.



BUILDING RENOVATION NEWS

The architect, Allen Ross, is working with the Building Renovation committee who will be speaking with us soon about bids and final costs.

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ACTION CORNER

Steps you can take to work on justice. Ideas welcome!!

Actions for this week

Prayer is an action too!

Sign up for [Episcopal Church Public Policy Network's weekly prayers](#) for various people at risk. You can hear them on Zoom every Monday at 11:45, or read them at your leisure. [The Episcopal Public Policy Network](#) suggests actions for concerns agreed to at triennial General Conventions; now they are adding prayers as well.

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THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week Valerie, Julie, Annette, Janet, Luba, Brenda and Charlie. Thank you to those who help with the free fresh food project, those who tend to the grounds of the church and vicarage, and those who are helping with the live streaming of the Sunday service.

Church Office Hours
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
9:30 am – 2:30 pm

If you need to reach someone when the office is closed, contact The Rev. Allison Moore at 845-633-8272 or by email to standrewsrev@gmail.com; Julie Mazur, Senior Warden at 845-853-3708; or David Slingerland, Junior Warden at 845-702-2552.



ON-GOING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

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| FREE FRESH FOOD! | Free Fresh Food 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. 1st Sundays: Reformed Church of New Paltz; 2nd Sundays: Redeemer Lutheran Church; 3rd Sundays: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church ; 4th Sundays: Methodist Church; 5th Sundays: New Paltz Friends Meeting, 8 N. Manheim |
| Andy's Peeps | Online forum for St. Andrew's community
https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/ |
| Sunday School | First & third Sundays, 11:00 a.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church |

St. Andrew's Website (www.standrewnp.org)

Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnp/>)

Our Parish Prayer List:

We continue to pray for especially ***Charles, Edna, Sheila, Lisa, Mary, Gabriel, Joan, Gwenn, Nancy, Patricia, Ola, Joe, Janet, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, James, Linda, Christine, Jen, Jacob, Gisela, Miles, Rodger, Jennifer, Ann, Laura, Renee, Terrell, Davette.***