

Vision Statement

**We are a Christ-centered community,
joyfully making a difference by....
Worshipping, Loving, Welcoming, Including, Supporting**

LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 25, 2017

7:45am Service- Greeter: Laraine Crane; **Usher:** John Mabry;
Lay Reader: Ron Dunic; **Healing Prayer Team:** Lois Westfall

9:00am Service- Greeters: Barb Jackson; **Ushers:** Stephen Haakinson, Andy Hawekotte, & Dan Coonce; **Lay Readers:** Kim Hawekotte & Karen Conrad; **Acolytes:** Aaleya Matthews;
Healing Prayer Team: Jamie Baker/Karen Ekholm

10:30am Service- Greeters: Anne Gambal; **Ushers:** Charley and Nancy Pugsley & Dave and Anne Gambal; **Lay Readers:** Kelly Bourne & Ken West; **Acolytes:** TBD; **Healing Prayer Team:** Janice Nelson

ALTAR GUILD: Carolyn Curtis/Jane Hoover, Gretchen Gottschalk, Jan Buhr

COFFEE HOUR: Altar Guild & Outreach

LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE MARCH 4, 2018

7:45am Service- Greeter: John Mabry; **Usher:** John Mabry; **Lay Reader:** Jordan Hankins; **Healing Prayer Team:** Lois Westfall

9:00am Service- Greeters: Camille Culp; **Ushers:** Don Peeler & Barb Jackson; **Lay Readers:** Camille Culp & Don Peeler;
Acolytes: TBD; **Healing Prayer Team:** Karen Ekholm/Andy Hawekotte

10:30am Service- Greeters: Lisa Hammond; **Ushers:** Lee Hammond, D.J. O'Shea, & Ron Dunic; **Lay Readers:** Tara O'Shea & Ron Dunic; **Acolytes:** TBD; **Healing Prayer Team:** Janice Nelson

ALTAR GUILD: Polly Goecke, Liz Bourne, Aileen Henry/Betty White

COFFEE HOUR: Vestry & Finance

*Please wear your name tags, as we have new people and visitors. Please let erin@standrewsomaha.org (402-391-1950) know if you need one.

THE GREETER: The February Greeter and **lavender** calendar are out. Please pick up a copy at the back of the Sanctuary or Chapel or look for it online. Copies of the new **Directory** are also available at the back of the church and chapel. Articles for the March edition are **due this Tuesday, February 27.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FEBRUARY 25, 2017

LENTEN DINNERS AND ADULT DISCUSSION

A Lenten Adult Formation class will be held Wednesday evenings for five weeks. We meet for dinner at 6pm with the discussion following. Please see the electronic newsletter, Greeter, or Good Book Club flyers for more information. **Join us in the chapel at 5:30pm for Stations of the Cross.**

MINISTRY OF MOMS

Being a mom is tough- you are the glue that holds your family together. Do you ever wonder how to navigate popular culture, incorporate faith into your family's daily lives and still find a bit of "me" time? **Join us on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm in the Blue Room, January 31 through March 21.**

The group will meet for eight weeks for fellowship, discussion, laughter and support. The lessons, *The Six Truths of Motherhood*, by Karen Stubbs, are relevant for all moms...expecting moms, moms of toddlers, preschoolers, school-age and even middle and high schoolers. Feel free to invite a friend, sister or neighbor!

If you have questions, please contact Erin Zogleman at [402-885-0344](tel:402-885-0344) or erin.zogleman@gmail.com

UTO BOXES

We will be celebrating the **United Thank Offering** ingathering on Sunday, March 25th. Take a blue box home today and begin practicing the spiritual discipline of thanksgiving. Every time you recognize something that causes gratitude in your life, contribute coins or dollars to your blue box as a prayer of thanksgiving. On March 25th, we will celebrate God's gifts, bringing everyone's contributions together. Every cent is contributed to vital mission and ministry throughout the world. Please pick up a box at the back of the chapel or from the UTO display in Engle Hall.

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 to study the parables of Jesus. Please read pages 75-79.

MORE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SAFETY TRAINING

Did you miss the safety training on the 17th? You have another opportunity next month. Training includes ladder, scaffolding, and electrical cord safety. This session occurs Saturday, March 17 9:00am-2:00pm at the Habitat Office (1701 N 24 St.) Lunch provided. If interested contact Joe Mirfield, Safety Manager at jmirfield@habitatomaha.org or 402-884-1567.

EASTER LILIES

It is time to turn in your Easter Lily dedications in memory of or in thanksgiving for you loved ones. We are asking for \$15 per Lily again this year. Please fill out the green order form in this week's bulletins and attach payment by March 18.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Community Begins Here with St. Andrews Outreach—Join us!!! We are called as Christians to serve Jesus Christ through sharing His love with others. St. Andrew's Outreach Ministry does just that!!!

We passionately fulfill this responsibility throughout our community and around the world. This ministry is committed to serving those in need of assistance.

Can you make a difference in the life of another? Of course, you can!!!

Join us March 10th at 11:00 am and see how you can make a difference in your life...and in the lives of others. Please contact Don Peeler at dpeeler@cox.net or Stu Dornan at stu@dtlawyers.com for more information.

2018 Odds and Ends Sale Needs You!!!

For many years, our annual Odds and Ends Sale has provided much needed funding to support many worthwhile programs and endeavors. Each year, St. Andrew's Outreach Committee gives \$3000 to Habitat For Humanity to help provide affordable housing to a family who otherwise would be unable to own a home. This funding, and funding for other worthwhile programs, comes directly from the proceeds raised by the Odds and Ends Sale.

Leadership Committees are currently being formed to assure the 2018 Odds and Ends Sale will be a success. We are blessed to have folks who are very experienced in all aspects of administration, collecting, pricing, marketing and distribution who are willing to help and share their experience with those who will become our future leaders.

If you have questions or are interested in becoming involved with a most important ministry fundraising effort, please contact Bebe Miller, Joyce Rickard, or Don Peeler.

CELEBRATION FOR LUKE O'SHEA

Wednesday, March 14 is the anniversary of Luke's successful liver transplant. To celebrate, join us at St. Andrew's 5pm-7:30pm for a spaghetti dinner and silent auction. Cost is \$10 per adult, \$5 per kid, with a \$25 maximum per family. All proceeds will benefit Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA). Gluten free and vegetarian options will be available.

WEEKLY FOOD PANTRY NEED

MAC AND CHEESE, MAC AND CHEESE, AND MORE MAC AND CHEESE. CRACKERS, CRACKERS AND MORE CRACKERS SNACKS, GRANOLA BARS, and more SNACKS TOO

The food pantry has been having trouble getting these types of items and we would appreciate your help.

Any non-perishable food items are always welcome, but the items above are the ones we need the most.

If your Lenten discipline has eliminated a food item from your day, please think about using the money saved to help provide some of these. Thank you for your help with this ministry.

Dinner Church - Feeling Hospitable?

If you are interested in supporting our new service, Dinner Church, on Sunday evenings, but usually attend another one of our services, we have a way you can help!

Because we serve dinner, we need chefs! We invite you to make an "extra" pot of soup or chili, an extra lasagna or mac & cheese, or beloved casserole. Bring it to church and put it in the freezer. Please mark on it what it is, the date and any heating/baking instructions. We will feed about 24 people, sometimes more. But feel free to contribute what you wish.

We welcome your participation in this way as we initiate this service on Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. This is a very family friendly service! Thank you for your help! See Fr. Tony or Rev. Diane for questions.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK- FEBRUARY 25, 2017

Sunday, February 25, 2018

Holy Eucharist Rite I 7:45am
Contemporary Holy Eucharist 9:00am
Children's Choir 9:45am
Sunday School 10:15am
Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30am
Dinner Church 5:00pm

Monday, February 26, 2018

Morning Prayer 8:30am
ECW Board 7:00pm

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Morning Prayer 8:30am
Bible Study: Parables 10:00am
Finance Committee 6:00pm
Vestry 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Morning Prayer 8:30am
Holy Eucharist 9:30am
Stations of the Cross 5:30pm
Dinner and Adult Discussion 6:00pm
Bell Choir 6:30pm
Ministry of Moms 7:00pm

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Morning Prayer 8:30am
Craft Group 9:30am
Nearly New Shop 10am-4pm
Choir 7:00pm
Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00pm

Friday, March 2, 2018

Nearly New Shop..... 10am-4pm
Office Closes at 12pm

Saturday March 3, 2018

Men’s Fellowship 8:00am
Nearly New Shop..... 10am-1pm
Holy Eucharist Rite II 5:00pm

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Holy Eucharist Rite I 7:45am
Contemporary Holy Eucharist..... 9:00am
Children’s Choir 9:45am
Sunday School 10:15am
Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30am
Dinner Church 5:00pm

Stay in contact with St. Andrew’s during the week with our electronic newsletter. To sign up, email erin@standrewsomaha.org.

The Daughters of the King will pray daily for the people on our prayer list.

Prayer Requests: Ginger, Welland, Peggy, Louise, Hillary Pierce, Adrienne Witty

Special Intentions: For those in transition and unemployed. For those deployed in the military and all of those who serve our country. For those afflicted with depression, alcoholism, and other forms of mental illness or addiction.

Birthdays: Madison Markoff, Theresa Huss, Brenden Adcock, Burke Smith, Vicky McHugh, Grant Wiseman

Anniversaries: John and Carolyn Curtis

Additional Thanksgivings:

Travelers:

Deceased:

Our long-term prayer list: Virginia James, Nancy Kirk, Rosie Evenson, John, Isabella Artman, Gail Koch

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW BY DAN SITZMAN

One of the most dramatic transformations in life is when one becomes a parent. When God spoke to Abraham and Sarah, promising a fruitful future with an everlasting covenant, there is hope for the future generations.

My work in education and as a parent has provided me with many examples of youth who rise above circumstances, imagine possibilities, and who inspire hope. And for those of us watching on TV, the past week offered examples of teens who want to make a difference, whether they are running for governor of Kansas, striving for an Olympic medal, or transforming into active citizens to confront issues that affect all of us.

When I hear our St. Andrew's youth bonding over their work in the Dominican Republic, see the enthusiasm of a new acolyte ready to serve our church, or witness the insights and questions posed by 4-year olds in Sunday School, I see a fruitful future. What can we do to support and encourage people of all ages?

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