

Vision Statement

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

LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE JANUARY 21, 2018

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

9:00am Service- Greeters: Camille Culp; **Ushers:** Don Peeler & Barb Jackson; **Lay Readers:** Taryn Smith & Dan Sitzman; **Acolytes:** Lauren Sitzman; **Healing Prayer Team:** Andy Hawekotte/Jamie Baker

10:30am Service- Greeters: Lisa Hammond; **Ushers:** Dave and Anne Gambal & Lee Hammond; **Lay Readers:** Andy Ketterson & Kelly Bourne; **Acolytes:** Nate Gottschalk & Liam O'Shea; **Healing Prayer Team:** Janice Nelson

ALTAR GUILD: Terrie Saunders, Susie Trupp, Mina Witherspoon/Mary Schreiber

COFFEE HOUR: Stewardship & Nearly New Shop

LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE JANUARY 28, 2017

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

9:00am Service- Greeters: Dana Coonce; **Ushers:** Kim Johansen, Liz Orrick, & Karen Quintana; **Lay Readers:** Ben Bryan & Anna Kay Sitzman; **Acolytes:** Anna Kay Sitzman; **Healing Prayer Team:** Lance Baker/Nancy Ponec

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

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

COFFEE HOUR: Caring Community & Daughters of the King

*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 January Greeter and **WHITE** calendar are out. Please pick up a copy at the back of the Sanctuary or Chapel or look for it online. Articles for the February Edition are due **THIS Tuesday, January 23.**

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by the Hansen family in loving memory of Robert and Elinor Hansen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS JANUARY 21, 2017

PLEASE CHECK THE DIRECTORY--LAST DAY!

The Directory has been posted in the Church Foyer and the back of the chapel, so please check your information and update anything that is incorrect before we print new ones for 2018.



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TODAY 12PM

Now that January is here, it means it is time for our Annual Parish Meeting TODAY, January 21. The meeting begins at 12pm with a potluck meal followed by reports, elections, and a review of the budget for the coming year. **We ask that you bring items for the potluck based on the first letter of your last name, A-G desserts and/or rolls, H-M entrees, N-T side dishes, U-Z salads.** The church members running for Vestry are: Burke Smith, Elizabeth Nelson, Elizabeth Hudson, and Mike Spence. Bios are included in the service bulletins. Please join us for this important time of business, celebration, and fellowship.

EPIPHANY ADULT FORUM

During the Season of Epiphany our Adult Forum (following the 9:00 service) will use a program developed by Episcopal Migration Ministries. It is a six-week program focused on refugees and our response to welcoming the stranger. Grab a cup of coffee and join us downstairs for thought-provoking discussion of Jesus' call to us to welcome those who seek refuge in our midst.

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 to study the parables of Jesus. For January 23, please read pages 49-51.

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 7-8:30 in the Parish Hall downstairs, 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

MAGDELENE OMAHA VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

January 22, this coming Monday, 7:00 p.m. in the Undercroft

Interested in becoming a volunteer in the Magdalene residential program or at Thistle Lights? Come find out more at the January Volunteer Orientation. Our ECW is hosting this area training. If you are interested, either as an individual or as part of the ECW/St. Monica's guild, please come to learn.

All volunteers need to go through an orientation. There, we will update you on program details and our progress to date. This also is a time to help each of you identify the unique ways that you can get more involved in this community!

If you can attend, please email Teresa Miller at teresa@magdaleneomaha.org to RSVP -- we need to know how many people to expect to give an accurate count to our hosts and bring sufficient materials. Do not worry if you cannot attend this one -- we will continue to offer orientations on a recurring basis. For more info call Camille Culp [402-697-9387](tel:402-697-9387).

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DRIVER NEEDED

Habitat for Humanity Omaha is looking for volunteers to drive a truck at least one day a month. They will be transporting recycle materials from several sites to various recyclers. People will be available to load and unload at each site. Call Blake Jonson at [402-884-7199](tel:402-884-7199) or 402-515-1415 or call Phil Pierce [402-253-2860](tel:402-253-2860) for more information.

NEW QUILTING MINISTRY

Can you sew and/or cut a straight line? Do you like fellowship, fun and laughter? Is God calling you to do something creative?

This group is for you!

Our new QUILT MINISTRY (we need to decide on a snappy, catchy name for our group!) is forming. We will meet on **Saturday, January 27th, at 9:00 am** (or whenever you can join us). A light lunch will be served for those who can stay the day.

Our first goal is to make quilts for the residents of the newly-opened *Magdalene Omaha*, a two-year residential program of recovery for women who have been victims of sex-trafficking. The second goal is to make quilts for the Seddiqi family (the family from Afghanistan we are assisting in their relocation to the US) – all nine of them (eight quilts in all!).

Never quilted? No problem! There are lots of tasks for everyone. Bring a sewing machine, if you can. If you have fabric and you want to “destash” your stash, donations are welcome. Come and see what this is about, bring your ideas and have some fun!

Questions? Contact Nancy Ponec (Ponec3@cox.net), Noreen Witty (nwitty@cox.net) or Diane+ (402-391-1950).

FLOWER FESTIVAL

All are invited to the Viewing and Prevue Party of the Cathedral Arts Project (CAP) in this special year of the Flower Festival which celebrates the work of Thomas Rogers Kimball, Nebraska's noted architect. It also honors especially the AIA - American Institute of Architects for its contributions to culture. For those who might be interested in both the Cathedral architecture and Kimball, as well as an evening with two musical programs, a wonderful reception by Brandeis, and an opportunity to see the Flower displays in a leisurely way without the crowds, the Viewing party is a wonderful evening! Marie Rubis Bauer will be playing in the Cathedral on the Pasi starting at 7pm. Please RSVP with a phone call into the CAP office to pay or to reserve space at this event: 402-827-3847.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VALENTINE'S PARTY

Children are invited to stay after the service on Sunday, February 11 to make cards and decorate cookies beginning around 11am.

DINNER CHURCH IS HERE!

Starting January 14th we began offering a new Sunday evening service called Dinner Church. Beginning at 5:00 each week, we gather for prayers, music (either acapella or with guitar or piano accompaniment) and scripture readings, culminating in the Eucharistic Prayer. Once we have shared the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist we will share a meal and discussion together (no sermons!). All of this will take place around tables in the parish hall rather than in the Nave of the church, so that we will move seamlessly from the Liturgy of the Word, to the Liturgy of the Table, to table fellowship and discussion together.

Everyone is welcome at Dinner Church, and we need *your* help to get it started!

Just like any worship service, Dinner Church will need lay leadership. We will need readers and greeters, and people to help lead music, as well as help setting up, preparing meals, and cleaning up afterwards.

You can also help by getting the word out. We will be putting up flyers at the college campuses and elsewhere around town, and we will be promoting it on our web site, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. But you can also tell that friend or neighbor you know – the one who might go to church if it wasn't so "churchy," or the one who you know could just really use a meal and some fellowship. The worst thing they can do is tell you "no!"

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, suggestions, or if you want to be a part of helping get this exciting new ministry off the ground, please contact The Rev. Diane diane@standrewsomaha.org, or Fr. Tony tony@standrewsomaha.org.

ALTAR GUILD THANK YOU

Thanks to Altar Guild members for their time and effort during 2017 and especially during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Special thanks to "Friends of the Altar Guild" Eric Manley and Jim Saunders for their help with wreaths and icicle lighting. Decorating the church for Christmas--and then removing those decorations--would be impossible without Altar Guild members and "Friends of the Altar Guild" who work together diligently to make St. Andrew's a true reflection of the Christmas season.

WEEKLY FOOD PANTRY NEED

Please keep those who are less fortunate in mind when doing your holiday shopping this season; and, thank God for the bounty He gives us to share. Food Pantry Needs for this month are **mac and cheese, crackers, snack cracker packs, and granola bars**. Thanks always to those who remember those we serve and add to the shopping cart each week.

2018 COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

The 2018 Coffee hour schedule is posted in Engle Hall's kitchen. Please look to see when your ministry group is scheduled.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK- JANUARY 14, 2017

Sunday, January 21, 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
Annual Meeting and Pot Luck.....	12:00pm
Dinner Church	5:00pm

Monday, January 22, 2018

Morning Prayer	8:30am
Magdalene Training	7:00pm

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Morning Prayer	8:30am
Bible Study: Parables	10:00am

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

Morning Prayer	8:30am
St. Monica's Guild to fill Welcome Bags.....	9:00am
Holy Eucharist	9:30am
Bell Choir.....	6:30pm

Thursday, January 25, 2018

Morning Prayer	8:30am
Painting/Craft Group	9:30am
Nearly New Shop	10am-4pm
Choir.....	7:00pm

Friday, January 26, 2018

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

Saturday, January 27, 2018

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

Sunday, January 28, 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: Gail Koch, Kathy Farrell, Bob, Chris, Gay, Ben Steiner, Martha, Loraine

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: Joseph Hill, Debbie Daisley, Janice Nelson, Wayne Culp, Russ Krieger, Abby Wiseman, Audrey Wiseman, Karen Ekholm

Anniversaries:

Additional Thanksgivings:

Travelers:

Deceased: Rex Adams, Russell Adams

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

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW BY DAN SITZMAN

I have never fully enjoyed or had the patience for fishing. When Fred has taken our family to his favorite fishing spots, I'm the one who is roaming the shore, hiking into the woods, reading a book and taking photographs.

Last weekend, I co-led a group of fifteen 9th and 10th grade students on a 3-day "science research immersion" to a state park to support the students in developing and furthering their science research skills. After a long day of using our brains, we "took advantage" of the cold weather and the "Winter Fest" activities at the state park and I accompanied several students so they could try ice fishing. The Nebraska Game and Parks staff provided the students with a fishing pole, wax worms, and personalized instructions on how to ice fish. Soon, two 9th graders, who had never fished in any kind of weather, were so mesmerized by the rhythm of jiggling the line in the small hole in the ice, that they persisted until the staff packed up their shelter and other poles as the sun went down.

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James and John to join him to be "fishers of men." I think of Bishop Scott Barker's comments at the DIONE150 kickoff two weeks ago about being people who welcome and accept diversity. Jesus did not sort people into those worth catching and those who seem less valuable because of fewer resources. The students who enjoyed ice fishing welcomed a new opportunity, asked questions, refined their technique, and successfully caught a fish. Had I had my way and restricted them to another activity, or had I made them stay inside, unable to accept a chance to try something new beyond the walls, our lives would have not been as rich and vivid, an experience that they excitedly shared with their peers when we returned to the whole group.

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