

Vision Statement

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

LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE JANUARY 7, 2018

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

9:00am Service- Greeters: TBD; **Ushers:** Linda Kay-Einerson & Burke Smith; **Lay Readers:** Sharon Kryger & Jenny Else; **Acolytes:** Anna Kay Sitzman; **Healing Prayer Team:** TBD

10:30am Service- Greeters: TBD; **Ushers:** Dave and Anne Gambal & Lee Hammond; **Lay Readers:** Benji Pettiford & Bert Van Blerk; **Acolytes:** James Henry; **Healing Prayer Team:** Janice Nelson

ALTAR GUILD: Terrie Saunders, Susie Trupp, Aileen Henry

COFFEE HOUR: Altar Guild & Outreach

LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE JANUARY 14, 2017

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

9:00am Service- Greeters: Barb Jackson; **Ushers:** Stephen Haakinson, Andy Hawekotte, & Dan Counce; **Lay Readers:** Don Peeler & Melissa Peeler; **Acolytes:** Connor Smith; **Healing Prayer Team:** TBD

10:30am Service- Greeters: Anne Gambal; **Ushers:** James Schreiber, Dave Gambal, Scott Nelson; **Lay Readers:** Kaitlan Pettiford & Lee Hammond; **Acolytes:** Ron Dunic; **Healing Prayer Team:** Janice Nelson

ALTAR GUILD: Polly Goecke, Terrie Saunders, Aileen Henry

COFFEE HOUR: Vestry & Finance

*Please wear your name tags, as we have a lot of 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 **Wednesday, January 24.**

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Kelly and Liz Bourne in memory of Liz's parents, Ren and March Guest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS JANUARY 7, 2017

THIS WEEK

Erin will not be in the office this week, so please send any Announcements to Tony and Electronic Newsletter requests to Fr. John.

PLEASE CHECK THE DIRECTORY

The Directory has been posted in the Church Foyer, so please check your information and update anything that is incorrect before we print new ones for 2018. If you know that your information has changed or that will do not have it, you may e-mail it to erin@standrewsomaha.org Thank you.



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING JANUARY 21

Now that January is here, it means it is time for our Annual Parish Meeting on January 21.

Ministry Leaders, your annual reports are due Tuesday, January 16. 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 will be released soon. Please join us for this important time of business, celebration, and fellowship.

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 to study the parables of Jesus. For January 9, please read pages 46-48

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Any ladies interested in pursuing the Daughters of the King, (DOK) we are starting our study group on Monday, January, 8 at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in participating, you can call Melissa Peeler at [402 212-3827](tel:4022123827).

SERVICE SATURDAY

On **January 20th** we will be having a “Service Saturday” here at the church. Come join us from **9 -12** on Saturday morning! There will be plenty to do for parishioners of all ages, so parents bring the kids! We will be preparing casseroles to take to the Cathedral for their Downtown Episcopal Outreach Wednesday lunch program, and we will be making “manna bags” to handout to those in need. (A manna bag is a small lunch bag that includes items such as a bottle of water, granola bar or other non-perishable food items, a prayer card, and pamphlet listing the various agencies in the metro area that can provide people with assistance). These manna bags will then be made available to parishioners to carry with them in their cars to hand out to those in need that many of us encounter daily standing on the street asking for assistance.

IF you have any questions or would like to help organizing Service Saturday, please contact Fr. Tony, tony@standrewsomaha.org, or Don Peeler, dpeeler@cox.net.

CHILDREN’S ORGAN TRANSPLANT ASSOCIATION

Luke O’Shea, son of Tara and DJ, had a life-saving Liver Transplant March 14, 2017. The family has partnered with COTA (Children’s Organ Transplant Association) to raise funds to help with the existing and ongoing costs. The Chipotle at 2717 S 177 St will donate 50% of the proceeds for those who come in support of Luke on **January 14th 4-8 pm**. Just tell them that you are there to support COTA or bring a copy of the flyer that can be found at the back of the church and chapel.

WEEKLY PLEDGE ENVELOPES

If you would like a set of weekly pledge envelopes for 2018, there are some located at the back of the chapel and in the Church foyer.

EPIPHANY ADULT FORUM

"...an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you...'" (Matthew 2:13)

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.

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

DINNER CHURCH IS NEXT WEEK!

Starting on January 14th we will be offering a new Sunday evening service called Dinner Church. Beginning at 5:00 each week will 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.

Dinner Church is an opportunity for a different type of Church experience. Just as our Saturday evening and Sunday morning services are all unique and appeal to different tastes and needs, we hope that Dinner Church will also appeal to those in our community with different tastes and needs. One of the reasons for the more casual atmosphere and less formal structure of Dinner Church is our goal of reaching “seekers,” or those who may be entirely new to Christianity. Someone who’s never darkened the door of a Church sanctuary, or who has had a negative experience of “traditional” church in the past might feel more inclined to participate in Dinner Church.

In addition to the more relaxed atmosphere, Dinner Church also provides... Dinner! We all know that sharing a meal with someone, if done with intentionality, can provide an excellent opportunity for fellowship and deep, meaningful conversation. We hope that sharing a meal together, especially in the context of the Eucharist, will provide opportunities for us to become closer to Jesus and to one another. And, since another one of the groups we hope to reach out to with Dinner Church is college students, a free meal can’t hurt!

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.

POINSETTIAS

Thank you to everyone that sponsored poinsettias for Christmas. They are now looking for a home. If you would like one, please take one. We just ask that you leave the ones in the Sanctuary until after the 10:30 service.

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 7, 2017

Sunday, January 7, 2018

Holy Eucharist Rite I 7:45am
Contemporary Holy Eucharist..... 9:00am
Sunday School 10:15am
Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30am

Monday, January 8, 2018

Morning Prayer..... 8:30am

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

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

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Morning Prayer..... 8:30am
Holy Eucharist 9:30am
Bell Choir..... 6:00pm

Thursday, January 11, 2018

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

Friday, January 12, 2018

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

Saturday, January 13, 2018

Men’s Fellowship 8:00am
Holy Eucharist Rite II 5:00pm

Sunday, January 14, 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
First 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, Janet Cosgrove, Kathy Farrell, Bob, Chris, Gay, Dan James and family, Ben Steiner, Martha

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: Amy Anderson, NatalieJean Ahrens, Karen Conrad, Lisa Moritz

Anniversaries: Steve and Darlene Gottschalk, Dan and Becky Spencer

Additional Thanksgivings: James Matthew Aguilar being baptized at the 9am service

Travelers: Ron and Carole Dunic, Erin and Shane Rhian

Deceased: Trisha Barner

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

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW BY DAN SITZMAN

We are baptized with water, just as we hear this weekend of the baptism of Jesus.

Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson tells that if it were possible for all water on the earth to be placed into cups, the number of molecules of water in one cup would exceed the number of cups holding all of the water. His sense of wonder is tickled to think that the mathematics exists that a molecule of water in the cup of water he just drank was previously consumed by others, whether a dinosaur or a historical figure.

When one considers the amount of water in an ocean or that caused flooding this past year, the idea that a tiny molecule of water has a connection with many others seems incomprehensible. Baptism, like this “thought experiment,” symbolizes the connection that each of us has with each other.

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The Rev. Dr. John Schaefer-----Rector
The Rev. Diane M. Pike-----Associate Rector
The Rev. Steve Karcher-----Assisting Priest
The Rev. Tony Anderson-----Bishop’s Society Curate