

## ***Vision Statement***

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

### **LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE JULY 8, 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:** Sharon Kryger & Fred Gottschalk; **Acolytes:** Braxton Rife; **Healing Prayer Team:** Lance Baker & Nancy Ponec

**10:30am Service- Greeters:** Janice Nelson; **Ushers:** James Schreiber, Dave Gambal, & Scott Nelson; **Lay Readers:** Tara O'Shea & Ken West; **Acolytes:** Josh Conrad; **Healing Prayer Team:** Janice Nelson

**ALTAR GUILD:** Polly Goecke, Terrie Saunders, Ellie Sutton/  
Mina Witherspoon

**COFFEE HOUR:** Caring Community & Daughters of the King

### **LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE JULY 15, 2018**

**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:** Shaun Rife & Susan Menter; **Lay Readers:** Taryn Smith & Dan Sitzman; **Acolytes:** Lauren Sitzman & Grace Spence; **Healing Prayer Team:** Andy Hawekotte/Jamie Baker

**10:30am Service- Greeters:** Lisa Hammond; **Ushers:** Lee Hammond, D.J. O'Shea, & Dave Gambal; **Lay Readers:** Andy Ketterson & Ron Dunic; **Acolytes:** Timmy Anderson; **Healing Prayer Team:** Janice Nelson

**ALTAR GUILD:** Jane Hoover, Gretchen Gottschalk, Christina Harter

**COFFEE HOUR:** Sr. Choir & Hand bells

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

**THE GREETER:** The **blue July** calendar is out as well as the **JUNE/JULY** issue of The Greeter. Please pick up a copy at the back of the Sanctuary or Chapel.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today's altar flowers are given by John and Margaret Schaefer in thanksgiving for their children and other blessings.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS JULY 8, 2017**

#### **FINANCIALS**

Erin, our Executive Assistant, is taking over some of the financial duties. Please send all Financial inquiries and receipts to Erin at [erin@standrewsomaha.org](mailto:erin@standrewsomaha.org) and please be patient as we work through this transition.

**If your pledge payment or contribution is meant to be split between multiple funds or line items, please let us know.**

Thanks.

#### **BAKE SALE**

The 2019 DR Family Mission Team will be hosting a bake sale **THIS Sunday July 8th**. All proceeds will be used to offset the cost of this important and continuing ministry. Your support will determine the success of this mission. Should you have questions regarding how you can help support this mission, please contact, Ashley Crosman, Anna Sitzman, Margo Trofholz or Melissa Peeler.

#### **WOMEN'S AUGUST BOOK CLUB**

Looking for something to read this summer? Diane+ is buying a bulk number of "*Jesus Freak*." In this autobiographical work "Sara Miles offers a fresh, fully embodied faith that sweeps away the anxious formulas of religion to reveal the scandalous power of eating with sinners, embracing the unclean, and loving the wrong people. *Jesus Freak: Feeding Healing Raising the Dead* is her inspiring book for undomesticated Christians who still believe, as she writes, "that Jesus has given us the power to be Jesus." It's a fast and compelling read.

The books have begun to arrive. **They are \$13 each.** Please write a check to St. Andrew's with August book club in the memo line or bring cash to receive a book from Erin in the Office on Tues-Thurs 9am-3pm or from a priest on Sunday morning. We

will meet on a Monday or Wednesday evening in August to discuss the work. Appropriate adult refreshments and soft drinks will be offered, along with coordinated nibbles.

### **EVENING MEN'S GROUP JULY 11**

We are starting a *second* Men's group at St. Andrew's! This is **not** intended to replace the Saturday morning men's group, but is being offered in addition to that group in order to accommodate men who, for whatever reason, are not able to meet on Saturday mornings. This group is open to all men of the parish (21 years and older) who seek spiritual growth, fellowship and fun! This is also a great way to introduce others to our parish, so feel free to invite a friend to join us!

We will be meeting over the summer, once a month, on the second Wednesday at 7pm. The beginning of each meeting will start with socializing and fellowship and conclude with spiritual growth centered toward men and some of the challenges we all face in life. Food and beverages will be provided, as well as a copy of the book we will be studying for the summer - *Slaying Your Goliaths* by The Rev. John Ohmer. Our first meetings are scheduled for June 13, **July 11** and August 8 **at 7pm**. If you missed the June meeting, you are still welcome to join us for July and August, just let Fr. Tony know, so that he can order you a book.

### **AUGUST GARAGE SALE**

The Garage Sale will take place August 10 and 11. This will replace the "Odds and Ends" sale. We are now excepting items in the parish hall. Unfortunately, the church is no longer able to pick up larger items. Please make your own arrangements should you wish to donate any item you cannot bring down yourself.

### **THANK YOU VBS VOLUNTEERS**

Thank you to everyone that helped make our Vacation Bible School a success. We thank, Tony, Amy and Timmy Anderson, Jamie Baker, Sarah Black, Liz Bourne, Ashley Crosman, Camille Culp, Stu Dornan, Carole Dunic, Gretchen Gottschalk, Lisa and Lee Hammond, Steve and Dana Karcher, Henry and Sheila Karpf, Missy Kozak-Freed, Loree MacNeill, Eric Manley, Janice Nelson, Liz Orrick, Tara O'Shea, Lisa and Tommy Nathan, Melissa Peeler, Benji and Kaitlan Pettiford, Nancy and Bill Ponec, Niki Rodawig,

John and Margaret Schaefer, Shelly and Connor Smith, Aaleya Matthews, Beth Summers, Margo Trofholz, Leslie VanderVeen, Blake and Erin Zogelman, Father Ben Varnum, Chris Mattson and Family, Kate Kielion, and Angie Gallegos. We hope we didn't leave anyone out and apologize if we did.

### **DRINK TABS FOR RONALD MACDONALD HOUSE**

As you imbibe on cooling beverages this summer, please pull the tabs and bring them in to support Ronald McDonald House. They are adding on to their facility. Every tab helps provide support to families with sick children.

### **SAINT MONICA'S GUILD**

The Ladies of St. Monica's Guild will be filling the next round of Welcome Bags for the St. Monica's Home in Lincoln on Wednesday, July 11th. We will meet downstairs and start about 9:30 AM for anyone that would like to help out. If you are wanting to donate items, we are looking for full size products, Suave or store brand is fine. Items needed are new bath-size towels and washcloths, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, body lotion, razors, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, journals, and feminine products. Items can be placed in the St. Monica's bin at church or brought with you on the 11th if you are coming to fill bags with us. Thank you once again for your support of our ministry.

### **JUNE 2019 "FAMILY" MISSION TO THE DR**

There is great interest and response to our June 2019 Family Mission to the Dominican Republic. Only a few spots remain before our "Family" mission team is filled.

We are all invested in the continuing success of this most special ministry.

Members of the Mission Travelling Team will each give one week of their time and a minimum of \$500 to live and work in the community of San Francisco de Macoras.

Others have asked how they can help as a member of our Mission Home Team.

There are two important ways our Mission Home team can help at this time. The first is becoming our Mission Prayer Partners. These prayers are so very important, and especially to first-time Travelling Team members.

The second important way is through financial support. The true success of this ministry always rises from a completed project. We can only do this with our Home Team support.

The estimated cost of materials to paint and repair Jesus Nazareno Church is \$3000 US.

We have also been asked to provide playground equipment for the pre-school operated by the church. Missionary Charlie estimates the cost of this playground equipment will be \$300 US. Our team will put this equipment together for the children.

The true success of this mission will lie in the heart of our Mission Home Team. As you are able, and if you hear the call to help, please make your checks payable to St. Andrew's and indicate 2019 Family DR Mission on the memo line and give them to Don or Melissa Peeler (or place them in the Offering Plate).

## **MEAL TRAIN**

Do you know a church member who just had baby, surgery, death in the family, or you simply need assistance for a personal situation? St. Andrew's is here for you. We are also starting a rotation of Meal Train Volunteers. If you would like to be a part of this ministry or be a recipient of this ministry please contact Niki Rodawig at [niki@rodawig.com](mailto:niki@rodawig.com) or 402-415-3635

## **COFFEE MUGS**

If you haven't stopped by coffee hour you have missed our new St. Andrew's Coffee Mugs. The 12oz mugs have a black exterior with a red interior. Our name and location is printed in white on the exterior.

We purchased a sufficient quantity to use in our updated St. Andrew's Welcome Bags, as well as making them available for you to purchase. We are suggesting a \$10 contribution which gives you a mug to take home and pays for one mug to be used at church. If you write a check, just put MUG in the memo line. We hope everyone enjoys refreshment in our new mugs!

## **DEAN FRICKE FOOD PANTRY**

The items most needed right now are mac and cheese, jelly IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS, and **7 1/2 oz. (smaller cans)** individual meals, like ravioli, spaghetti, or beanie weenies.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAY

St. Andrew's Habitat for Humanity work day is September 15. More details will follow at a later date. In the meantime, contact Phil Pierce with any questions. The build will begin on August 4.

### CALENDAR THIS WEEK- JULY 8, 2018

#### **Sunday, July 8, 2018**

Holy Eucharist Rite I ..... 7:45am  
Contemporary Holy Eucharist..... 9:00am  
**Dominican Republic Family Mission Bake Sale**  
Holy Eucharist Rite II ..... 10:30am

#### **Monday, July 9, 2018**

Morning Prayer ..... 9:00am

#### **Tuesday, July 10, 2018**

Morning Prayer ..... 9:00am  
Bible Study ..... 10:00am

#### **Wednesday, July 11, 2018**

Morning Prayer ..... 9:00am  
Holy Eucharist ..... 9:30am  
Men's Book Group ..... 7:00pm

#### **Thursday, July 12, 2018**

Morning Prayer (at COR\* and on Facebook) 9:00am  
Craft Group..... 9:30am  
Nearly New Shop ..... 10:00am-3:00pm  
\*COR = Church of the Resurrection

#### **Friday, July 13, 2018**

Nearly New Shop..... 10:00am-3:00pm  
Office Closes at 12:00pm

#### **Saturday July 14, 2018**

Nearly New Shop..... 10:00am-1:00pm  
Holy Eucharist ..... 5:00pm

#### **Sunday, July 15, 2018**

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

**Stay in contact with St. Andrew's during the week with our electronic newsletter. To sign up, email [erin@standrewsomaha.org](mailto:erin@standrewsomaha.org).**

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

**Prayer Requests:** Gay, Judy, Diane Taylor, Emerson, Richard Gray, Rinda Ashley, Blake Zogleman, Katie Doble, Joyce, Grace Jordon, Bernadette LeClair

**Special Intentions:** Juleen Olson. 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.

**Parish Cycle of Prayers:** Ashley Crossman, Wayne, Cody, Michael, & Elizabeth Nelson; Wayne and Camille Culp; John and Carolyn Curtis; Debbie Daisley

**Birthdays:** Kaiti Hill, Ella Haakinson, Karen LeClair, Bebe Miller, Lois Westfall, Jan Buhr, Keith Ross, Kelsey Wagner, Kathy Fischer

**Anniversaries:** Brian Smith and Valerie St. Pierre Smith, Thomas and Sheryl Hill, Blake and Erin Zogleman

**Additional Thanksgivings:**

**Travelers:** Rev. Diane, Jordan and Kathy Hankins

**Deceased:** John O'Hara, Robert Heathcote

**Our long-term prayer list:** Virginia James, John, Isabella Artman, Gail Koch, Hillary Pierce, Clarine Black, Penelope Galdeano, Mark Peterson, Nancy Kirk

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

## **REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW BY DAN SITZMAN**

A few years before I married Anna, I was invited to hang out with some friends for a few days at their parents' house before another set of friends' wedding in the same small town. We planned a variety of activities: bicycle riding, golfing, running, and painting their parents' house before we got fancy for the wedding. I packed my suit and clothes for all of the activities into a hang bag and suitcase, tossed the shoes into the back seat, loaded up my bike and golf clubs, and drove to Minnesota. Not far from my destination, I realized that even though I had 5 pairs of shoes and a carload of sporting equipment, the hang bag and suitcase with all of my clothes still remained inside my house. Thanks to borrowing some clothes and a trip to the mall, I managed to complete all of the activities in different clothes than I had expected to wear. But, news travels fast in a small town. At the wedding reception, an elderly woman approached me and asked, with a twinkle in her eye and a giggle, asking me "Are you the young man without any underwear?"

The apostles were instructed by Jesus, as we hear in this Sunday's Gospel from Mark, to bring "nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics." Forgetting one's luggage on a journey is an inconvenience. A credit card and a trip to the mall easily can replenish what is not there. When I sit on my back porch with cars parked in the garage, a closet full of clothes, a pantry and freezer full of food, and a bank account that should be able to cover our expenses this month, I have plenty to boast about. As Fr. John noted in his sermon last weekend, Jesus demonstrates his acceptance and love for all people, no matter if they are an outcast or the daughter of a prominent citizen. Can I be like Paul, who in spreading the teachings of Jesus in his second letter to the Corinthians refrains from boasting and states "whenever I am weak, then I am strong"? In a culture where material wealth and bragging about one's possessions are how some define "success," am I willing to journey with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ?