

Vision Statement

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LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE APRIL 1, 2018

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

9:00am Service- Greeters: Laraine Crane; **Ushers:** Linda Kay-Einerson & Burke Smith; **Lay Readers:** AnnaKay Sltzman & Beth Summers; **Acolytes:** Connor Smith; **Healing Prayer Team:** Andy Hawekotte/Jamie Baker

10:30am Service- Greeters: Lisa Hammond; **Ushers:** Dave and Anne Gambal & Lee Hammond; **Lay Readers:** Lee Hammond & Tara O'Shea; **Acolytes:** James Henry; **Healing Prayer Team:** Janice Nelson

ALTAR GUILD: Jan Buhr, Sue Hillman, Liz and Kelly Bourne; Terrie Saunders; Aileen Henry, Betty White, & Mina Witherspoon

COFFEE HOUR: Lay Readers & Liturgy Team

LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE APRIL 8, 2018

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

9:00am Service- Greeters: Anne Gambal; **Ushers:** Steven Haakinson, Andy Hawekotte, & Dan Coonce; **Lay Readers:** Karen Conrad & Jenny Else; **Acolytes:** Connor Smith & Theo Puls; **Healing Prayer Team:** Karen Ekholm/Lance Baker

10:30am Service- Greeters: Janice Nelson; **Ushers:** James Schreiber, Dave Gambal, & Scott Nelson; **Lay Readers:** Ken West & Benji Pettiford; **Acolytes:** James Henry; **Healing Prayer Team:** Janice Nelson

ALTAR GUILD: Jane Hoover, Gretchen Gottschalk, Christina Harter

COFFEE HOUR: Ushers & ECW Board

*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 **peach** April calendar is out. Please pick up a copy at the back of the Sanctuary or Chapel. The April edition of The Greeter will be finished mid-week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS APRIL 1, 2017

NO DINNER CHURCH TONIGHT

We will **NOT** have Dinner Church tonight, April 1. Dinner Church will start back up again Sunday, April 8 at 5pm.

56TH ANTIQUE SHOW AND SALE NEXT WEEK APRIL 6-7

Our last Antique show after 56 years! Help make it great by joining in the fun one more time. Sign up for a shift in Engle Hall, donate funds to offset show costs (flowers, groceries, etc.), or donate pies, bars, or cookies. Be sure to join us for lunch or dinner. We'll see you April 6 and 7. Your Antique Show Team thanks you for your support. If you have any questions, please call Laraine at 402-333-6030 or 402-208-2757.

ALTAR GUILD

We will meet Wednesday, April 4 in the chapel at 9:30am and stay there for our meeting after the service.

CUT AND CHOP

Get your knives, cutting boards & measuring cups handy! The Antique Show Cut & Chop day is fast approaching! We will be prepping for the items offered in our Antique Show kitchen on Wednesday, **April 4th** from 9AM until we are done. The more helping hands we get, the sooner we will be finished. If you can't get there right at 9:00, we will still be happy to have you join us!

A reminder that the Cut & Chop takes the place of the St. Monica's meeting for April, so we hope to see as many St. Monica's ladies as possible. However, we are most definitely not an exclusive club! We encourage anyone who is willing & able to come slice & dice with us! This event is a wonderful fellowship opportunity to catch up with old friends or meet some new ones here at the church. Just bring a cutting board & knife, and glass or metal measuring cups if possible, and we hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please call Amy Urban at [402-319-8676](tel:402-319-8676) or Karen Conrad at [402-339-2265](tel:402-339-2265).

MORNING PRAYER NOW AT 9:00 AM

Morning Prayer will be available in person or on Facebook live Monday-Thursday at 9:00 am going forward instead of 8:30 am. **We will not be having Morning Prayer on Monday, April 2.**



Let's Keep our Service Heart Beating!!!

For decades, our annual Odds and Ends Sale has provided the essential funding to support the worthwhile programs and endeavors of the St.

Andrew's Outreach Committee. The proceeds of the Odds and Ends Sale supplement the \$4500 the church provides each year to support the work of our committee and permits us to do many great things in our community and the world.

In 2017, the Odds and Ends sale raised almost \$9000 to help make a difference in the education, housing, feeding and clothing of those in need. The Outreach Committee was able to triple its good work because of St. Andrew's coming together as a community to support our call to serve Jesus in our world. In thanksgiving to the Odds and Ends Sale, each year St. Andrew's Outreach Committee is able to give \$3000 to **Habitat For Humanity**, \$1000 to the **Omaha Street School** which is further matched by a benefactor, and \$1000 to **Youth Emergency Services**. In addition, we are able to provide further support to Dean Fricke Food Pantry, **Sienna Francis House**, the **Salvation Army**, the **Open Door Mission**, the **Dominican Development Group**, **Lutheran Family Services** to support an immigrant family, and **Thanksgiving Baskets** for neighboring families.

The Odds and Ends Sale is vital to our continuing these ministries. All Committees are currently being formed to assure the 2018 Odds and Ends Sale will be another success. **We are looking for Co-Chairs to oversee the work of Collection, Transportation of goods, Pricing, Marketing and Sales and Security.** A sign-up sheet will be available shortly for those interested.

If you have questions or are interested in becoming involved with a most important ministry fundraising effort, please contact Don Peeler at 402-578-5355 or at dpeeler@cox.net.

ECW CRAFT WORKSHOP—CALLING ALL WOMEN!

Sunday, **April 29** - All women! Craft workshop after worship to make items for the ECW craft fair in November! 10:00am - 3:00pm. Childcare, lunch and projects provided. You are also welcome to bring your own projects and ideas!

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RETREATS APRIL 13-15

The Diocese of Nebraska will be holding simultaneous retreats for both men and women April 13-15 at the St. Benedict Center in Schyler, NE. Please see the flyers or electronic newsletter for more information and how to register.

YES CLOTHING DRIVE

We are collecting clothing for Youth Emergency Services through April and May. Items most needed include: jeans, shorts, T-shirts, Shoes/sandals, underwear, lightweight jackets & baby/toddler clothing for the YES maternity home. Please bring the items and place them in the black bins in Engle Hall. Monetary donations will also be accepted; please make them out to St. Andrew's with YES in the memo line. Thank you for your consideration of helping our homeless youth become self-sufficient.

CURSILLO 2018 MAY 31-JUNE 3

Cursillo is a 3-day spiritual retreat for adults designed to equip both lay people and ordained ministers with tools for evangelism and greater leadership within the Church. During the weekend at the Immaculata Monastery in Norfolk, you will hear talks by laypersons and clergy, participate in small group discussions, have quiet time for meditation and reflection, form new friendships, have daily Eucharist, be served great food, sing a lot of music, and contemplate ways to live out your faith in your daily life. Learn more at nebraskaepiscopalcursillo.org Rev. Diane is planning to attend, so there will be an option to carpool.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK- APRIL 1, 2017

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

Holy Eucharist Rite I 7:45am
Contemporary Holy Eucharist 9:00am
Easter Egg Hunt 10:00am
Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30am
NO Dinner Church

Monday, April 2, 2018

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Morning Prayer 9:00am

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Morning Prayer 9:00am
St. Monica's Cut and Chop 9:00am-?
Holy Eucharist 9:30am
Altar Guild Meeting 10:00am
Bell Choir 6:30pm

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Morning Prayer 9:00am
Nearly New Shop 10:00am-4:00pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

Friday, April 6, 2018

Nearly New Shop 10:00am-4:00pm
56th Antique Show and Sale **10:00am-7:00pm**
Office Closes at 12pm

Saturday April 7, 2018

Nearly New Shop 10:00am-1:00pm
56th Antique Show and Sale **10:00am-4:00pm**
Holy Eucharist 5:00pm

Sunday, April 8, 2018

Holy Eucharist Rite I 7:45am
Contemporary Holy Eucharist 9:00am
Children's Choir 10:00am
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: Adrienne Witty, Gay, Judy, Kathy Hankins, Alyxandra, Clarine Black, Gene Felstehausen, Diane Taylor, Martha Brandon, Lily O'Shea, Deacon Ernie Gerhard, Abbie Urban, Tyler Frieling

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: Matt Aguilar, Beau Malnack, Nancy Stewart, Cindy Frieling, Ellie Brchan, Amanda Olson, Denise Telford, Samantha McHugh

Anniversaries: Jim and Rita Murphy, Rob and Mae Ahrendsen

Additional Thanksgivings:

Travelers:

Deceased:

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

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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

Although birds' eggs are generally a similar shape, there is a wide variation to which they are symmetrical, round, or bottom-heavy. For many years, scientists have sought to determine if life history, nesting habits, or some other advantage favors these characteristics for each bird species. Over the past decade, a group of researchers from Princeton, Harvard, Singapore, Australia, the United Kingdom, and Israel collaborated to look at nearly 50,000 eggs from more than 1400 species, considering morphological, biophysical, and evolutionary differences. Their results, published last summer in the journal, *Science*, suggest adaptations that assist a species' flying patterns are most likely to be responsible for the variations in egg shape. There are still many angles to investigate, but new insights have led to a better understanding of phenomena that at times we may find to be routine, common or insignificant to our current situation.

As we celebrate Easter, the symbolism of birds' eggs connecting to the idea of transformation are all around us: the emergence of new life from behind a shell; the promise of Northern Hemisphere spring after a long, cold winter; the enthusiasm of our church youth scouring the landscape for an unseen reward hidden in a plastic egg. No matter how many times we have celebrated this most significant of Christian holidays, no matter how routine or common this time of year may seem, there are still new insights we can gain, especially in collaboration with others, whether in the next pew or from around the world.

Jesus Christ has risen today! Alleluia!



Thank you to everyone that sponsored Easter Lilies this year.

Easter Lilies given by: Hank and Charlotte Austin in memory of Sam and Evelyn Austin & Budge and Betty Howard; Ray and Jan Buhr in memory of Jeffrey Buhr, Greg Benker, & Marvin and LaVonne Benker; the Dornan Family in memory of Charley Row, Suzanne Dornan, Harry

Dornan, & Virginia Dornan; Fred and Gretchen Gottschalk with thanksgiving for their family and extended family; Jordan and Kathy Hankins in memory of their parents, Ray and Helen Stasiak & Elzie and Myrtle Hankins; Rob and Kim Johansen in thanksgiving for their grandchildren, Evelyn & Charles; Bob Jones in memory of Carol, David, and others; Doug and Karen LeClair in memory of Frank LeClair and their grandparents; Dick Markoff in memory of Sande Markoff; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Miller in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barker Sr.; Scott and Janice Nelson in honor of their parents and children; D.J. and Tara O'Shea in thanksgiving for Luke O'Shea's liver transplant; Liz Orrick in memory of Bill and Ann Mackie, Tina Chen, & Al Orrick; The Rev. Diane Pike in honor of her family; Bill and Nancy Ponec in thanksgiving for their family and in memory of Jason Ponec; Karen T. Quintana in memory of Gail M. Smith & Neal C. Thomas; Betty Richardson, Craig, & Carol in memory of Rich, Steve, & Tom; Joyce Rickard in memory of her husband, Ray and son, Mark; Jim and Terrie Saunders in memory of Al and Ella Rachwitz & Ralph and Margaret Saunders; Fr. John and Margaret Schaefer in memory of John Schaefer Jr. & Anne and William Sutherland; Elsbeth Sutton in memory of Robert Sutton, Bill Kiepert, Irma Sambrooks, & Annemarie Dorge; Ken and Valerie West in memory of Roger Jernstrom & Henry and Elizabeth West; Lois Westfall and family in memory of Daniel Westfall; Betty White in memory of family and friends; Mae, Rob, Zach, CJ, and Mina Witherspoon in memory of Clayton Witherspoon; Brea and Sue Woodson in memory of Bill Woodson & Lois Roubal