

Vision Statement

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

LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE APRIL 22, 2018

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

9:00am Service- Greeters: Camille Culp; **Ushers:** Kim
Johansen, Liz Orrick, & Karen Quintana; **Lay Readers:** Taryn
Smith & Fred Gottschalk; **Acolytes:** Paige Rife; **Healing Prayer
Team:** Karen Ekholm/Nancy Ponec

10:30am Service- Greeters: Lisa Hammond; **Ushers:** Charley
and Nancy Pugsley & Dave and Anne Gambal; **Lay Readers:**
Bert Van Blerk & Andy Ketterson; **Acolytes:** Nate Gottschalk &
Liam O'Shea; **Healing Prayer Team:** Janice Nelson

ALTAR GUILD: Carolyn Curtis/Jane Hoover, Terrie Saunders,
Aileen Henry/Betty White

COFFEE HOUR: Vestry & Finance

LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE APRIL 29, 2018

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

9:00am Service- Greeters: Lisa Aguilar; **Ushers:** Shaun Rife &
Susan Menter; **Lay Readers:** Beth Summers & Anna Kay
Sitzman; **Acolytes:** Anna Kay Sitzman; **Healing Prayer Team:**
Jamie Baker/Andy Hawekotte

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

ALTAR GUILD: Sue Hillman, Susie Trupp, Jan Buhr

COFFEE HOUR: Stewardship & Nearly New Shop

*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 and April edition of the Greeter are out. Please pick up a copy at the back of the Sanctuary or Chapel. Articles for the May Greeter are due **This Tuesday, April 24.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Mae Ahrendsen in loving memory of her Dad, Clayton Witherspoon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS APRIL 22, 2017

ECW CRAFT WORKSHOP—CALLING ALL WOMEN!

Sunday, **April 29 – Next Week!** 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! Our next meeting is **Monday, April 30 6:30-8:30pm.** We invite anyone to stop by and learn about how the St. Andrew's women are working together to serve the diverse needs of women and children today. We would especially like to see as many women as possible at this meeting as the ECW redefines itself for the future.

YES CLOTHING DRIVE

The Outreach Committee is 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 helping our homeless youth become self-sufficient.

FUN CLUB TRIVIA NIGHT SATURDAY APRIL 27

The Trivia Night on April 27 will be conducted by our own trivia wizard Jim Conrad who has the equipment and knows how to run a really fun night. We will start at 7:00 p.m., snacks are provided, but participants are asked to bring their own beverages. We will divide into teams before we begin, but people are welcome to come with their own team. This is an **adult** Fun Club event for those interested in working their minds to retrieve important and no-so-important facts. We will probably end around 9, or when those assembled agree to go home. Join us!

THANK YOU

Our final Antique Show has come and gone. Many thanks to everyone who contributed their time, talent, and/or treasures to make it one of the best shows in the reign. Our community, dealers, and church family have benefitted in so many ways—new friends, St. Andrew's Outreach programs supported, and the joy of being together. Thank you everyone and best wishes to all of the new outreach leaders and their new projects. ~Your Antique Show Team. Thank you also to everyone that donated delicious desserts. ~Aileen Henry

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

On May 6, a choral piece that was commissioned by the Friends of the Choir to honor Roger MacNeill will have its premiere at the 10:30am service. The noteworthy composer, Kirke Mechem will be in attendance, and many former choir members and colleagues of the MacNeills have been invited to rehearse and perform with the choir this day. Kirke was chosen because his music was part of Roger's doctoral dissertation and was his favorite of the four composers he studied.

Kirke Mechem is a prolific composer with a catalogue of over 250 works. He enjoys an international presence, as ASCAP recently registered concert performances of his music in 42 countries. Born and raised in Kansas and educated at Stanford and Harvard Universities, Mechem conducted and taught at Stanford, and served as composer-in-residence for several years at the University of San Francisco. Mechem also lived in Europe, spending three years in Vienna where he came to the attention of Josef Krips, who later championed the composer's symphonies as conductor of the San Francisco Symphony. He was guest of honor at the 1990 Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow and was invited back for an all-Mechem symphonic concert by the USSR Radio-Television Orchestra in 1991.

He has been honored and recognized for his contributions from the United Nations; the National Endowment for the Arts; the National Gallery; the American Choral Directors Association; the Music Educators National Conference, and was presented with a lifetime achievement award from the National Opera Association. In 2012 the University of Kansas awarded him the honorary degree of Doctor of Arts.

THREADS OF LOVE

Our quilting group, Threads of Love, meets this Saturday April 28 9a-3pm. Bring your sewing machine and projects. A light lunch will be served.

St. Andrews Outreach—Join our Growing Family!!!

We are called as Christians to serve Jesus Christ through sharing His love with others. St. Andrew's Outreach Ministry does just that!!! Can you make a difference in the life of another? Of course, you can!!! Become a part of our growing family!!!

Join us **May 12th** at 11:00 am and see how you can make a difference in the lives of others...and most importantly...in your life, too. Please contact Don Peeler at dpeeler@cox.net or Stu Dornan at stu@dtlawyers.com for more information.

OMAHA GIVES

Omaha's sixth annual 24-hour charitable giving challenge is set for **Wednesday, May 23**. St. Andrew's has been approved as a participant. If you give to St. Andrew's through this link:

<https://www.omahagives24.org/> click on Non-profits, and search for St. Andrew's on May 23, your donation (or payment of your pledge) will go further as additional funds will be added to every donation given this day. You can even schedule your gift to be given ahead of time to ensure you don't forget on May 23. You can also make donations to the other ministries that St. Andrew's supports such as The Dean Fricke Food Pantry.

ALTAR GUILD DATES

Next Meeting May 2

Special Thanks: Thank you to Altar Guild members for their work during the season of Lent and especially during Holy Week—from returning linens promptly, to helping strip the altar on Maundy Thursday, to preparing/decorating for Easter services, to taking altar duty during Lent with the complications of pottery. Everyone “pitched in” to make for a smooth transition to Easter. Special thanks also to “Friends of the Altar Guild” for their willingness to help and especially to Phil Pierce for draping the cross, first in purple and then re-draping it in white.

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.

ALTAR FLOWER SCHEDULE

The Altar flower schedule of those donating flowers for a specific date, has been posted on the bulletin board in Engle Hall. Please check your date for accuracy. If you need to change anything, please call Mina at [\(402\) 965-9795](tel:4029659795).

A few reminders:

- Our contract with Bakers Flowers allows them to use whatever flowers they have on hand, arranged and delivered each Saturday, for a set price.
- Ginny Winsor will send you a bill for \$45.00 sometime after the flowers have been displayed.
- You may take one of the arrangements after the 10:30 service if you contact the person on Altar Guild duty for that service. The white container should be returned to the Sacristy as soon as it is no longer being used.
- The flowers remaining after the services will be "repurposed" (rearranged) and taken to the sick, hospitals and nursing facilities as needed, or displayed in the columbarium and offices, prolonging their unique message of beauty and peace.
- There are a few vacant dates available, and others with only one space taken. Due to the bulletin space and the option to take one of the arrangements, we limit each Sunday to two participants.

The Altar Guild appreciates your participation in this beautiful tradition. Thank you. Mina Witherspoon

DEAN FRICKE FOOD PANTRY

Spring is officially here (but it doesn't feel like it sometimes) and our thoughts change to being outdoors and doing fun things. Always remember, though, those in need of food still require our help. The items most needed right now are **MAC AND CHEESE, JELLY IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS (VERY IMPORTANT) AND 7 1/2 OZ. INDIVIDUAL MEALS, LIKE CHEF BOY-AR-DEE RAVIOLI, SPAGHETTIOS OR KROGER BRAND BEANIE WEENIES.**

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 nebraskaepiscopalcurso.org Rev. Diane is planning to attend, so there will be an option to carpool.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK- APRIL 22, 2017

Sunday, April 22, 2018

Holy Eucharist Rite I	7:45am
Contemporary Holy Eucharist	9:00am
Children's Choir	10:00am
Sunday School * Bring a Friend to Church *	10:15am
Holy Eucharist Rite II	10:30am
Sunday School Party	11:00am

Monday, April 23, 2018

Morning Prayer	9:00am
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Tuesday, April 24, 2018

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

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

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

Thursday, April 26, 2018

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

Friday, April 27, 2018

Nearly New Shop..... 10:00am-4:00pm
Office Closes at 12pm
Fun Club Trivia Night 7:00pm-9:00pm

Saturday April 28, 2018

Nearly New Shop..... 10:00am-1:00pm
Threads of Love..... 9:00am-3:00pm
Holy Eucharist 5:00pm

Sunday, April 29, 2018

Holy Eucharist Rite I 7:45am
Contemporary Holy Eucharist..... 9:00am
ECW Craft Day 10:00am-3:00pm
Children’s Choir 10:00am
Sunday School 10:15am
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.

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

Prayer Requests: Gay, Judy, Kathy Hankins, Alyxandra, Clarine Black, Gene Felstehausen, Diane Taylor, Emerson, Tracy

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: Aaron Adams, Jon Siner, Tim Witty, Melissa Ditsch, Linda Kay-Einerson, Elizabeth Nelson, David Cole, Joe Jackson, Missy Kozak-Freed, Lia Sagert, Dana Karcher

Anniversaries: John and Oneda Burns, Donald and Donna Burrill, Bruce and Lisa Moritz

Additional Thanksgivings: Thank you for praying for Tyler (T.J.) Frieling, as his report came back negative!

Travelers:

Deceased:

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

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW BY DAN SITZMAN

The 1991 movie *City Slickers* has some classic, funny lines as the New York City character played by Billy Crystal struggles to fit in to a staged cattle drive. When he is challenged, his go-to line is, "I'm on vacation." But with the sudden death of Curly (with a face so leathery "he was like a saddlebag with eyes"), Crystal's character rises to action, is saved from a raging river by his friends while he tries to rescue Norman the calf, and successfully leads the cattle back to the ranch. In the end, Crystal's character discovers "the one thing" and "rediscovers his smile."

In the Gospel of John this weekend, Jesus calls himself "the good shepherd [who] lays down his life for the sheep." We may not see ourselves as heroes who need to risk our own life in the face of danger or unexpected situations. It is God's love, shown through us and by us in truth and simple actions, that is "the one thing" that we are called to do for one another.

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