

Vision Statement

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

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

LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE MAY 6, 2018

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

9:00am Service- Greeters: Tom and Jean Sitzman; **Ushers:** Steve and Lauren White; **Lay Readers:** Youth; **Acolytes:** Marcu Else & Theo Puls; **Healing Prayer Team:** Karen Ekholm/Andy Hawekotte

10:30am Service- Greeters: Janice Nelson; **Ushers:** Lee Hammond & D.J. O'Shea; **Lay Readers:** Tara O'Shea & Ken West; **Acolytes:** James Henry; **Healing Prayer Team:** Janice Nelson

ALTAR GUILD: Polly Goecke, Gretchen Gottschalk, Aileen Henry/Betty White

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 **yellow** May calendar and May edition of the Greeter are out. Please pick up a copy at the back of the Sanctuary or Chapel. Articles for the combined June/July Greeter will be due Tuesday, May 22.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given by Jim and Terrie Saunders in memory of their parents, Al and Ella Rachwitz & Ralph and Margaret Saunders; and by Dave and Anne Gambal in celebration of the wedding anniversary May 7.

ANNOUNCEMENTS APRIL 29, 2017

TODAY ECW CRAFT WORKSHOP—CALLING ALL WOMEN!

Sunday, **April 29 – Today!** Craft workshop after worship downstairs in the Parish Hall 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.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY—NEW STUDY!

We are beginning a study of the weekly lectionary for our time together in Bible Study. Each week we will look at the lessons assigned for the upcoming Sunday, and read and discuss them as a group. The great thing about this format is there is no homework! You can come and go as the Spirit moves you. If you are free at 10:00 am on Tuesday mornings for an hour, join us for Spirit-filled and animated discussion.

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—NEXT WEEK

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.

NEW CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY PEW BAGS

New Pew Bags are ready. Take one into worship with you to help keep your child busy during the service. Thank you to everyone that helped with these, especially Nancy Ponec and Lisa Hammond. Please return the bags to the hanger after the service.

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.omahagives.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

The Altar Guild will meet this Wednesday, May 2, at 9:30 in the chapel, followed by the meeting in the conference room. This is the last meeting until September 5. Please bring calendars so we can sign up for altar duty through the summer.

Special Thanks

Thank you to St. Andrew's "wine angels." Due to their generosity, St. Andrew's is supplied with all of its communion wine.

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 Monestery 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 29, 2017

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

Monday, April 30, 2018

Morning Prayer..... 9:00am
ECW Board Meeting..... 6:30pm

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Morning Prayer..... 9:00am
Bible Study 10:00am
Daughters of the King..... 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

Morning Prayer..... 9:00am
Holy Eucharist 9:30am
Altar Guild Meeting 10:00am
Bell Choir..... 6:30pm

Thursday, May 3, 2018

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

Friday, May 4, 2018

Nearly New Shop..... 10:00am-4:00pm
Office Closes at 12pm

Saturday May 5, 2018

Caring Community 9:00am
Nearly New Shop..... 10:00am-1:00pm
Holy Eucharist 5:00pm

Youth Sunday, May 6, 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

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, Diane Taylor, Emerson, Tracy, Nancy Kirk, Juleen Olson

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: Maddie Dornan, Aileen Henry, Michael Huss, Tom Henry, Doris Sladek, Bill Black, Richard Brady

Anniversaries: Chris and Patty Kircher, Tom and Jean Sitzman

Additional Thanksgivings:

Travelers:

Deceased:

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

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW BY DAN SITZMAN

If your lifelong passion and profession was inspired by watching a line of approaching storms crossing Lake Michigan, being assigned to stand in 6 inches of snow instead of bracing in the path of a potential tornado 500 miles away would be a let-down. The 6th annual Nebraska Science Festival kicked off last week with a presentation by ABC News Chief Meteorologist Ginger Zee. Zee shared how she has worked to transform the network's view of weather stories, from the traditional "look at the destruction that happened" to a more proactive, "here's what could happen and why."

This week's lesson from John sounds a similar tone. If God is only to be called upon in difficult times or if we demonstrate love for others only to serve our own goals, then we are standing in the rubble left behind. But, "if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us."

What is one thing that I can do this week to "get ahead of the storms" in life and to be fearlessly proactive by showing respect and God's love toward others?

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The Rev. Tony Anderson-Bishop's Society Curate
The Rev. Steve Karcher-- -----Assisting Priest