

## *Vision Statement*

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### 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

### LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE APRIL 15, 2018

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

**9:00am Service- Greeters:** Camille Culp; **Ushers:** Don Peeler & Barb Jackson; **Lay Readers:** Sharon Kryger & Dan Sitzman; **Acolytes:** Noah Haakinson & Braxton Rife; **Healing Prayer Team:** Andy Hawekotte/Karen Ekholm

**10:30am Service- Greeters:** Janice Nelson; **Ushers:** Lee Hammond & D.J. O'Shea; **Lay Readers:** Ron Dunic & Kaitlan Pettiford; **Acolytes:** Laura Dodge & Eleanor Dodge; **Healing Prayer Team:** Janice Nelson

**ALTAR GUILD:** Carolyn Curtis/Jane Hoover, Susie Trupp, Mina Witherspoon/Mary Schreiber

**COFFEE HOUR:** Altar Guild & Outreach

\*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 **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 Tuesday, April 24.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today's altar flowers are given by Tim and Noreen Witty in celebration of their wedding anniversary and all the blessings in their lives, and by Mina Witherspoon in memory of Martha Brandon.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS APRIL 8, 2017**

#### **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.**

#### **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**

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.

#### **LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ROSEBUD MINISTRY**

Join Shaun Rife, This Wednesday, April 11 at 7pm to learn more about our ministry at the Rosebud Reservation.



## **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 signup 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](mailto:dpeeler@cox.net).

## **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 12<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:dpeeler@cox.net) or Stu Dornan at [stu@dtlawyers.com](mailto:stu@dtlawyers.com) for more information.

**ALTAR GUILD DATES**

Coffee Hour April 15

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.

**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 mediation 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](http://nebraskaepiscopalcursillo.org) Rev. Diane is planning to attend, so there will be an option to carpool.

**CALENDAR THIS WEEK- APRIL 8, 2017**

**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

**Monday, April 9, 2018**

Morning Prayer .....	9:00am
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**Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

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

**Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

Morning Prayer..... 9:00am  
Holy Eucharist ..... 9:30am  
Bell Choir..... 6:30pm  
Rosebud Info Night..... 7:00pm

**Thursday, April 12, 2018**

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

**Friday, April 13, 2018**

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

**Saturday April 14, 2018**

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

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***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:** Adrienne Witty, Gay, Judy, Kathy Hankins, Alyxandra, Clarine Black, Gene Felstehausen, Diane Taylor, Luke O'Shea, Abbie Urban, Tyler Frieling, 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:** Darlene Gootschalk, Rod Teutsch, Ian Haakinson, Kate Engle, Colin Achelpohl, Vivian Rome Bryan, Noah Haakinson, Christina Harter, Graham Rensch

**Anniversaries:** Tim and Noreen Witty

**Additional Thanksgivings:** Thanksgivings for the collective prayers for Mina's sister, Martha Brandon, who died on Wednesday.

**Travelers:**

**Deceased:** Joseph Fehr, Martha Brandon, Deacon Ernie Gerhard

**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**

Dr. Patricia Freeman at UNL spent a career learning about bats. Her research and expertise about free-tailed bats is known around the world.

Recently, a newly identified species of bat was named after her. There are 6,000 species of mammals that have been identified and named in the entire world. Nearly all of those mammals were named long ago. Being honored by having her name attached to one of the few, new mammal species discovered in the past decade is a rare feat. As she put it into perspective, to have a new mammalian species found and then named after you is "wicked cool!"

As I listened to Fr. John's Easter sermon, the message about not taking things for granted and seeking new understanding from a familiar story resonated with me. This Sunday, we hear another familiar Gospel passage, as Thomas declines to believe until he sees and feels the risen Jesus himself.

Discovering a new perspective on a familiar story, even if I think that everything has been identified and told, whether in the world around us or in one's own understanding, truly can be "wicked cool." What can I see or hear this week about something that seems familiar?



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