

Vision Statement

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

LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE MARCH 18, 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:** Fred Gottschalk & Taryn Smith; **Acolytes:** Ella Haakinson & Sophie Spence; **Healing Prayer Team:** Andy Hawekotte/Jamie Baker

10:30am Service- Greeters: Tbd; **Ushers:** Charley and Nancy Pugsley & Scott Nelson; **Lay Readers:** Kaitlan Pettiford & Lee Hammond; **Acolytes:** Nate Gottschalk & Liam O'Shea; **Healing Prayer Team:** Janice Nelson

ALTAR GUILD: Jane Hoover, Liz Bourne, Mina Witherspoon/Mary Schreiber

COFFEE HOUR: Caring Community & Daughters of the King

LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE MARCH 25, 2018

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

9:00am Service- Greeters: Tom and Jean Sitzman; **Ushers:** Steve and Lauren White; **Lay Readers:** Cathy Rife & Ben Bryan; **Acolytes:** Lauren Sitzman; **Healing Prayer Team:** Karen Ekholm/Nancy Ponec

10:30am Service- Greeters: Janice Nelson; **Ushers:** Lee Hammond, D.J. O'Shea, & Ron Dunic; **Lay Readers:** Andy Ketterson & Kelly Bourne; **Acolytes:** Laura Dodge & John Dodge; **Healing Prayer Team:** Janice Nelson

ALTAR GUILD: Sue Hillmah, Susie Trupp, Jan Buhr

COFFEE HOUR: St. Monica's Guild

*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 New March Greeter and **yellow** calendar are out. Please pick up a copy at the back of the Sanctuary or Chapel or look for it online.

ANNOUNCEMENTS MARCH 18, 2017

LENTEN DINNERS AND ADULT DISCUSSION

Join us for a Lenten Adult Formation class held Wednesday evenings for five weeks. We meet for dinner at 6pm with the discussion following. This week, we will take a look at **Luke 12:22-34**, possessions and wealth, and how we manage both in light of our relationship to God. We will consider the lilies and the ravens, as well as viable strategies for living faithful lives in a consumer-driven culture. **Join us in the chapel at 5:30pm for Stations of the Cross.**

UTO BOXES

We will be celebrating the **United Thank Offering** ingathering on **Next Sunday, March 25th**. Take a blue box home today and begin practicing the spiritual discipline of thanksgiving. Every time you recognize something that causes gratitude in your life, contribute coins or dollars to your blue box as a prayer of thanksgiving. On March 25th, we will celebrate God's gifts, bringing everyone's contributions together. Every cent is contributed to vital mission and ministry throughout the world. Please pick up a box at the back of the chapel or from the UTO display in Engle Hall.

EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS DUE TODAY

It is time to turn in your Easter lily dedications in memory of or in thanksgiving for your loved ones. We are asking for \$15 per Lily again this year. Please fill out the green order form located at the back of the church or chapel and attach payment by **TODAY**.

56TH ANTIQUE SHOW AND SALE APRIL 6-7

The largest event of the year! It is lots of fun; you get to meet folks from other services and help earn funds for our Outreach Programs and church member needs including, Scholarships for students in the Dominican Republic; CASA; COTA; Magdalene Omaha; church babysitting fund; kitchen supplies and cleaning; MOMS Shopping Day, etc. **DO NOT MISS OUT!** Check the sign-up board in Engle Hall and claim your spot! Your Antique Show Team.

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 to study the parables of Jesus. Please read pages 87-90 in the workbook.



MAUNDY THURSDAY/GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL

We are once again looking for volunteers to stay up with Jesus and pray Thursday, March 29 at 8pm-Friday, March 30 at 12pm. The sign-up sheet for one-hour time slots is outside of the chapel.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 28

Stations of the Cross 5:30pm
Dinner and Discussion 6:00pm

Maundy Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday Eucharist 7:00pm

Good Friday, March 30

Good Friday Service 12:00pm
Good Friday Service 7:00pm

Holy Saturday, March 31

Easter Vigil Eucharist 8:00pm (no 5pm service this Saturday)

Easter Sunday, April 1

Rite I Eucharist Chapel 7:45am
Rite II Contemporary Eucharist 9:00am
Easter Egg Hunt 10:00am
Rite II Traditional Service 10:30am

YOUTH GROUP BOWLING EVENT

Calling at SAY youth (7th-12th graders)!! We will be **cosmic** bowling **Friday March 23rd** from 9pm-midnight at Maplewood Lanes on 102nd and Maple behind Valentinos. Join us for the fun! We need to know if you will be attending by **Monday March 19th** for a final head count. You can either email at say@standrewsomaha.org or call/text Lauren White at [402-216-8584](tel:402-216-8584). Thanks!!

THREADS OF LOVE

Our next work gathering is Saturday, March 24th from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (ish). A light lunch included. Please bring projects, sewing machines, fabric ... anything you have to work on and join in fellowship.

INVITE. WELCOME. CONNECT TEAMS FORMING

Which team appeals to you? Where is your calling? Read the team descriptions below and then sign up in one of the colorful notebooks at the back of the church or chapel.

INVITE: Personal Invitation....How do we prepare our congregation to be evangelists? What are the creative avenues we offer to invite the local community to visit? Connections with community groups, social media, community events.....this team calls for divergent thinkers, techies, connectors, or personal experience of a great invite!

WELCOME: Does our church model a theology of welcome and hospitality? Do we look for the stranger in our midst? Are we intentional in our welcome process? This team calls for the detail person, the introvert who gets other introverts, those willing to thoughtfully examine what we do now and reconsider, a big idea person, and those willing to take on a time limited task.

CONNECT: Do you have a natural gift for connecting others? This team looks at pathways to belonging. We are looking at our membership pathway and our resources for existing and new members in discerning opportunities in ministry. Another opportunity for the detail person, the listener who hears what others want and need, the nurturing person, the systems guy/gal.

Team Commitment: attend one -two meetings. Accept a time limited task or a bigger ongoing project, you choose! Use technology for communication or enjoy coffee with a friend- you choose!

We will meet **next Sunday, March 25th** from 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm. Anyone interested in learning more about this ministry is invited and welcome to attend. If you have questions, please contact Sharon Kryger, IWC Chair, (402-659-2391 sekryger@gmail.com) or Fr. John or Rev. Diane.

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).

MANNA BAGS

White manna bags that include a bottle of water, granola bar, prayer card and services pamphlet are still available in the nave for members to take, keep in their car, and hand out to people in need that you come across while out and about.



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, Pricing, Marketing and Sales and Security. A signup sheet will be available shortly for those interested.

We are blessed to have folks who are very experienced in all aspects of administration of the Odds and Ends Sale who are willing to help and share their experience as we transition to those whom we hope will become our future leaders.

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.

VOICES CREATING CHANGE COLLABORATIVE CONCERT

Here at St. Andrew's, next week, **March 25**. FREE to the public. Donations appreciated with ALL proceeds go to Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance

3:30 pm – Pre-Concert Presentation

4:00 pm – Collaborative Concert + Silent Auction

The Omaha Children's Choir believes that through music, we will give voice to the important work of the Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance. With a mission that is youth-focused like our own, Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance works to improve children's lives by assessing homes, educating families, making informed referrals, and connecting clients to home repair services to reduce health and safety risks. The Omaha Children's Choir is also proud to be performing Andrea Ramsey's *But a Flint Holds Fire* which was written as a response to the Flint Water Crisis. Utilizing spoken text from students affected by the poisoned water in Flint, this powerful piece will be just one of many works to be featured on the concert.

MARCH MADNESS AT OMAHA STREET SCHOOL

Every March, a local benefactor matches donations made to the Omaha Street School's March Madness event. St. Andrew's will make a \$1000 gift to the Omaha Street School in March. Their goal for this year is to reach \$100,000. You have the opportunity to help this amount grow. The Omaha Street School provides a Christian-based education for at-risk youth in the Omaha area. Checks may be made to St. Andrew's with OSS-March Madness in the memo line. Questions may be directed to Melissa Peeler at melissa.peeler81@gmail.com or at [402-212-3827](tel:402-212-3827).



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.

MINISTRY OF MOMS

Being a mom is tough - you are the glue that holds your family together. Do you ever wonder how to navigate popular culture, incorporate faith into your family's daily lives and still find a bit of "me" time? **Join us on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm in the Blue Room, January 31 through March 21.**

Join us for fellowship, discussion, laughter and support. The lessons, The Six Truths of Motherhood, by Karen Stubbs, are relevant for all moms...expecting moms, moms of toddlers, preschoolers, school-age and even middle and high schoolers. Feel free to invite a friend, sister or neighbor! If you have questions, please contact Erin Zogleman at [402-885-0344](tel:402-885-0344) or erin.zogleman@gmail.com

WEEKLY FOOD PANTRY NEED

MAC AND CHEESE, MAC AND CHEESE, AND MORE MAC AND CHEESE. CRACKERS, CRACKERS AND MORE CRACKERS SNACKS, GRANOLA BARS, and more SNACKS TOO

The food pantry has been having trouble getting these types of items and we would appreciate your help. Any non-perishable food items are always welcome, but the items above are the ones we need the most. If your Lenten discipline has eliminated a food item from your day, please think about using the money saved to help provide some of these. Thank you for your help with this ministry.

ST. MONICA'S GUILD

The Ladies of St. Monica's Guild would like to thank you once again for your generosity in supporting our Welcome Bag project. We were able to fill and deliver 25 Welcome Bags to the St. Monica's Home in Lincoln in January, bringing our total of bags delivered to 341 since December of 2011. The women going through substance abuse treatment at the St. Monica's Home rely on these bags to help them fulfill their basic hygiene needs when they arrive for treatment. Many of them arrive at the home with nothing but the clothes on their backs, and these handmade bags filled with supplies and a note of encouragement help them to know that they are cared for and supported as they begin treatment.

We are planning on making another delivery at the end of May, so we are already beginning to collect items for this upcoming delivery. Items needed are new bath size towels and washcloths, Suave or similar brand full-size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, body lotion, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, razors, feminine products, and journals. If you have extra quilting material that you would like to donate, we are happy to accept that as well. Items can be placed in the bin outside the office marked for St. Monica's Welcome Bags, or can be brought to any St. Monica's Guild meeting. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month, September through May, and all women of St. Andrew's are welcome anytime. Contact Amy Urban if you have any questions at [402-319-8676](tel:402-319-8676) or najurban@hotmail.com.

DINNER CHURCH

Please join us Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. This is a very family friendly service and includes dinner! We will **NOT** have Dinner Church on Palm Sunday (March 25) or Easter (April 1). Please see Fr. Tony or Rev. Diane if you have questions or would like to help.

ECW CRAFT WORKSHOP

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!

CALENDAR THIS WEEK- MARCH 18, 2017

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Holy Eucharist Rite I	7:45am
Contemporary Holy Eucharist.....	9:00am
Children's Choir	9:45am
Sunday School	10:15am
Holy Eucharist Rite II	10:30am
Dinner Church	5:00pm

Monday, March 19, 2018

Morning Prayer.....	8:30am
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Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Morning Prayer.....	8:30am
Bible Study: Parables	10:00am
Finance Committee	6:00pm
Vestry	7:00pm

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Morning Prayer.....	8:30am
Holy Eucharist	9:30am
St. Monica's Guild.....	12:00pm
Stations of the Cross	5:30pm
Dinner and Adult Discussion.....	6:00pm
Bell Choir.....	6:30pm
Ministry of Moms	7:00pm

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Morning Prayer..... 8:30am
Craft Group..... 9:30am
Nearly New Shop 10am-4pm
Choir..... 7:00pm

Friday, March 23, 2018

Nearly New Shop..... 10am-4pm
Office Closes at 12pm
SAY Cosmic Bowling..... 9pm

Saturday March 24, 2018

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

Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018

Holy Eucharist Rite I 7:45am
Contemporary Holy Eucharist..... 9:00am
Children’s Choir 9:45am
Sunday School 10:15am
Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30am
Omaha Children’s Choir Concert 4:00pm
NO Dinner Church

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: Hillary Pierce, Adrienne Witty, Kathy, Gay, Judy, Jessica and Jereme, Kathy Hankins, Alyxandra, Billie Lee

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: Del Jean Miller, Anna Kay Sitzman, Dave Brown Jr., Phil Pierce, Dara Coffey, Mike Barnes, Dana Coonce, Chance Adcock, Chloe Anderson, Nick Dornan, Eloise Frink, Sophia Huss

Anniversaries: Andy and Patricia Ketterson, Pete and Joan Hill, Mark and Shari Williams

Additional Thanksgivings:

Travelers: Eric and Sue Manley

Deceased:

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

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW BY DAN SITZMAN

Before we visited the World War II Museum in New Orleans last week, I teased my family, warning of the “spoiler alert” about how the war turned out. But looking back into the past, there are little things that, had one event occurred differently, may have changed the trajectory of history. In addition, those complex web of events from the past continue to influence the situations of the present.

This Sunday’s passage from the Gospel of John foreshadows Jesus’ death. As Christians hearing this story 2,000 years after it was first told, we know what is going to happen to Jesus in the next few weeks, even as the contemporaries of Jesus could not comprehend what lay ahead.

Whether I think that I can accurately anticipate what is ahead or if I am slowed down with the weight of my present situation, what can I do today to affect the future of others with their burdens?

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