

Vision Statement

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

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

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:** TBD; **Healing Prayer Team:** Andy Hawekotte/Jamie Baker

10:30am Service- Greeters: Lisa Hammond; **Ushers:** James Schreiber & Dave Gambal; **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

*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 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. **Articles for the April Greeter are due this week.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS MARCH 25, 2017

LENTEN DINNERS AND ADULT DISCUSSION

Our **Final** Lenten Adult Formation class is Wednesday evening. We meet for dinner at 6pm with the discussion following. This week, we will take a look at **Luke 16:19-31**, possessions and wealth, and how we manage both in light of our relationship to God. **Join us in the chapel at 5:30pm for Stations of the Cross.**

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

NO DINNER CHURCH TONIGHT

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.

UTO BOXES

Today we are collecting the UTO boxes. Did you forget your box? Don't worry, we will take a check. Make it out to St. Andrew's and put UTO in the memo line.

VOICES CREATING CHANGE CONCERT TONIGHT

Here at St. Andrew's, today, **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.

56TH ANTIQUE SHOW AND SALE APRIL 6-7

Only two weeks left until 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 90-92 in the workbook.

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 in Engle Hall.

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 **TODAY 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).

UNDERCROFT KITCHEN

In preparation for the upcoming Antique Show and Sale, all users of the Undercroft Kitchen refrigerator and freezer are asked to **please remove their contents by March 29.**



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.

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

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.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK- MARCH 25, 2017

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
Invite. Welcome. Connect 12:00pm-2:00pm
Omaha Children’s Choir Concert 4:00pm
NO DINNER CHURCH

Monday, March 26, 2018

Morning Prayer 8:30am

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Morning Prayer 8:30am
Bible Study: Parables 10:00am

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

Morning Prayer..... 8:30am
Holy Eucharist 9:30am
Stations of the Cross 5:30pm
Dinner and Adult Discussion..... 6:00pm
Bell Choir..... 6:30pm

Maundy Thursday, March 29, 2018

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

Good Friday, March 30, 2018

Nearly New Shop..... 10am-4pm
Office Closes at 12pm
Good Friday Service 12:00pm
Good Friday Service 7pm

Holy Saturday March 31, 2018

Nearly New Shop..... 10am-1pm
No 5pm Service
Easter Vigil Service 8:00pm

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

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, Richard, Clarine Black, Gene Felstehausen, the family of John Wright

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: Jeffrey Hudson, Bill Smythe Jr, Tom Upton, Maddie Miles, Bridget Baker, Phyllis Gabelhaus, Jordan Hankins, Gail Koch, Ed Krieger

Anniversaries:

Additional Thanksgivings:

Travelers:

Deceased:

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

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW BY DAN SITZMAN

This winter, I had the pleasure of driving home a carload of St. Andrew's youth from the opening weekend of the latest *Star Wars* installment (without spoiling the movie for me until I could see it weeks later. Thanks!). When I was their age, the young Luke Skywalker was a reluctant hero, thrust into an intergalactic battle of good and evil. Forty years later, Skywalker again transformed, this time from hermit into a reluctant mentor and leader.

Whether it has been young adults who have transformed into spokespeople for a generation who want to see action on the availability of weapons, or family and friends discovering the challenges of dealing with the newly diagnosed disease of a loved one, the past five weeks has seen people, either in their private lives or in the spotlight, in a much different position than on Ash Wednesday morning last month.

When Jesus paraded into town, with palm leaves waving amongst the crowds, his life transformed into the story we hear again during the coming week.

As stated in the Collect this week: God sent Jesus, "giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection."

No matter if this Lenten season has led to changes in behavior, diet, attitude, or situations, we still have opportunities. As I reflect on how I started Lent, what am I challenging myself to do, however subtle, to continue to transform?