

Vision Statement

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

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:**
Katie Nathan & Tommy Nathan; **Lay Readers:** Grace Sagert &
Jack Sagert; **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

LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE MAY 13, 2018

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

9:00am Service- Greeters: TBD; **Ushers:** Linda Kay-Einerson &
Burke Smith; **Lay Readers:** Jenny Else & Cathy Rife; **Acolytes:**
Connor Smith; **Healing Prayer Team:** Jamie Baker/Nancy Ponec

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

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

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 **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 Bert Van Blerk in loving memory of Ingrid Van Blerk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS MAY 6, 2017

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—TODAY!

Today, 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.

Episcopal Church Women News and Announcements

All information related to what the women of the church are doing can be found on the church website, Facebook page, and the supplemental handout that can be found at the back of the church and chapel. ECW ministries are supportive of women and children in the community and beyond. To learn more about what ECW is doing ask any woman in the church! We welcome everyone to join our monthly events and meetings. For more information you may also email Communications Director Tara O'Shea at taraoshea.swim@gmail.com

ST ANDREW'S KITCHEN

Gentle reminder when you use the kitchen please follow the clean-up check list that is posted in the Kitchen. When in doubt--leave it better than you found it. Any questions about the Kitchen should contact Mary Schreiber at schreiberjames101@gmail.com

MEAL TRAIN

Do you know a church member who just had baby, surgery, death in the family, or you simply need assistance for a personal situation? St. Andrew's is here for you. We are also starting a rotation of Meal Train Volunteers. If you would like to be a part of this ministry or be a recipient of this ministry please contact Niki Rodawig at niki@rodawig.com or 402-415-3635

COFFEE MUGS

If you haven't stopped by coffee hour you have missed our new St. Andrew's Coffee Mugs. The 12oz mugs have a black exterior with a red interior. Our name and location is printed in white on the exterior.

We purchased a sufficient quantity to use in our updated Welcome Bags, as well as making them available for you to purchase. We are suggesting a \$10 contribution which gives you a mug to take home and pays for one mug to be used at church. If you write a check, just put MUG in the memo line.

Hoping everyone enjoys refreshment in our new mugs!

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@dltlawyers.com for more information.

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.

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.

PENTECOST PICNIC

Join us **Sunday, May 20 at 11am**. Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

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.

CAMP SUNDAY

Registration is now open for Camp Canterbury in Fremont July 23-27 for youth entering grades 4-12. View more information and register at <http://campcanterbury.episcopal-ne.org/>

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.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK- MAY 6, 2017

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

Monday, May 7, 2018

Morning Prayer.....	9:00am
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Tuesday, May 8, 2018

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

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

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

Thursday, May 10, 2018

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

Friday, May 11, 2018

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

Saturday May 12, 2018

Nearly New Shop.....	10:00am-1:00pm
Outreach Committee Meeting.....	11:00am
Holy Eucharist	5:00pm

Sunday, May 13, 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, Richard Gray, Rinda Ashley, Blake Zogleman

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: Josh Urban, Hannah Smith, Sadie Smith, Nate Urban, John Curtis, Judith Vrana, Martha Jane Matthews, Amy Urban, Alexander Olson

Anniversaries: Dave and Anne Gambal, Charley III and Nancy Pugsley, Tom and Aileen Henry, John and Judy Mabry

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

Last week, thanks to "JC3" trivia captain Jim Conrad, we had four teams matching wits in a trivia contest. Once the rules were explained and put into action, our challenge was to correctly answer questions. Like the image of Neal Armstrong descending the ladder for the first step on to the moon, the questions were just familiar enough to seem easy, but bore into details that resulted in second-guessing and lively discussion (did Armstrong step onto the moon first with his left foot or right foot?). While there were some doubts, the answers were clearly right or wrong.

In the lessons this week, we hear about one rule: Abide in my love. Like the trivia questions, the Godly request seems simple, but we come across situations in the news, through communications, and in our hometown that demonstrate that showing love for others is not so simple. But then I think of the sonnet that *Hamilton* creator Lin-Manuel Miranda shared as he accepted a Tony Award the evening following the 2016 nightclub murders in Orlando:

We lived through times when hate and fear seemed stronger;

We rise and fall and light from dying embers, remembrances
that hope and love last longer

And love is love is love is love is love is love is love is love
cannot be killed or swept aside.

What is one action that I will I do this week to abide in God's love so that it cannot be doubted or swept aside?

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