

Vision Statement

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

LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2, 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:** Linda Kay-Einerson & Burke Smith; **Lay Readers:** Sharon Kryger & Dan Sitzman; **Acolytes:** TBD; **Healing Prayer Team:** Andy Hawekotte & Karen Ekholm

10:30am Service- Greeters: Janice Nelson; **Ushers:** Lee Hammond, D.J. O'Shea, & Scott Nelson; **Lay Readers:** Lee Hammond & Bert Van Blerk; **Acolytes:** TBD; **Healing Prayer Team:** Janice Nelson

ALTAR GUILD: Jane Hoover, Gretchen Gottschalk, Aileen Henry/Betty White

COFFEE HOUR: Vestry & Finance

LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE DECEMBER 9, 2018

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

9:00am Service- Greeters: Dana Coonce; **Ushers:** Stephen Haakinson, Andy Hawekotte, & Dan Coonce; **Lay Readers:** Beth Summers & Camille Culp; **Acolytes:** Ella Haakinson; **Healing Prayer Team:** Nancy Ponec & Lance Baker

10:30am Service- Greeters: Lisa Hammond; **Ushers:** James Schreiber & Dave Gambal; **Lay Readers:** Kelly Bourne & Ken West; **Acolytes:** John Dodge & Laura Dodge; **Healing Prayer Team:** Janice Nelson

ALTAR GUILD: Polly Goecke, Susie Trupp, Aileen Henry/Betty White

COFFEE HOUR: Stewardship & Nearly New Shop

*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 **lavender November** calendar is out as well as the **November** issue of The Greeter. Please pick up a copy at the back of the Sanctuary or Chapel. **Articles for the December edition are due Tuesday, November 27.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given by 'Mina Witherspoon in loving memory of her siblings; Herman, Elisa and Martha, and parents Edward and Catharine Wehrenberg

ANNOUNCEMENTS DECEMBER 2, 2017

PLEDGE CARDS

If you have not yet turned in a pledge card for 2019, you will them at the back of the church and chapel. On a practical level, we ask our members to turn in these cards each year so that our Finance Committee is able to set an accurate ministry budget for the coming year. This allows us to make the most of every dollar given to the church. On a personal level, the commitment card is an opportunity for you to spend time in prayer and reflection, considering what offering you will make to God through our church in the coming year. Please turn in your card as soon as possible, so we can work on the 2019 budget.

FAITH HOUSE HABITAT DEDICATION DATE

Saturday, December 8 at 10am, is the home dedication for the faith house that some of us worked on. You are welcome to attend. 3323 Emmet St.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Our Annual Candlelight Advent Lessons and Carols Event is **Sunday, December 9 at 4pm** followed by a reception. The nursery will be staffed during the service. We hope to see you there.

OUTREACH MITTEN TREE

This Advent our mitten tree will be up once again. We encourage everyone to decorate it with warm mittens, hats, scarves, and socks. All of these gifts will be delivered to the Siena/Francis House, the region's largest shelter serving individuals experiencing homelessness. (<http://sienafrancis.org/>). Thank you for your generosity.

TAIZE SERVICE

Please join the community of The Benedictine Way for Taize Tuesday on Tuesday, December 4th from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. This will be a special Advent Taize service with quiet, meditative music and scripture readings. All are welcome. For more information, please visit our web site at www.thebenedictineway.org.

CHRISTMAS EVE POINSETTIAS

It is time to start turning in your Dedications for Christmas Eve Poinsettias. Look for the green insert in today's bulletin.

BLUE MASS DECEMBER 16

Our second annual *Blue Mass* is a time set aside when we can, with others, acknowledge the "blue" feelings we have at Christmas time. For many who have lost a loved one, this is a time of sharp loneliness. For others, who have lost a relationship, health, a job or had a financial setback it may be a time of pain, confusion, or fear. This is not a joyous season for everyone. We hope you will join us for this candlelight service of quiet, prayer, and Holy Communion Sunday, December 16 at 5pm.

ADVENT MEN'S STUDY THIS MONDAY

The St. Andrew's Men's Group is doing a four-week Advent study!

*He started his journey as an unknown carpenter, but Joseph became the earthly father of Jesus. For his part in the nativity story, he faced a situation much like our own - encountering life circumstances he didn't choose or understand. His courageous actions were crucial to the birth of Christ and God's salvation plan for humanity. In **Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph**, Adam Hamilton teaches about Joseph and what we as Christians can learn from him.*

There's no book to read for this group, just come watch the short video each week and discuss while enjoying some good refreshments and good company!

The group will meet in Haviland Hall from 7-8pm on Monday nights for four weeks, **starting November 26th**, and ending December 17th.

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild will meet for its December meeting on Wednesday, December 12--~~not December 5~~--at 9:30 in the chapel followed by the meeting in the conference room. We will discuss Christmas preparations.

Angels Among Us

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

ADVENT CALENDARS

There are cream-colored pamphlets in the back of the church and chapel with daily suggestions for how to slow down and focus our lives on Advent. Please take one if you find it helpful.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

The Service with contemporary music will be at 5:00 pm with music beginning at 4:30 and the Service with traditional organ music and choir is at 11:00 pm with music beginning at 10:30.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK- NOVEMBER 25, 2018

Sunday, December 2, 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, December 3, 2018

Men's Advent Study..... 7:00pm-8:00pm

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

Bible Study 10:00am
Daughters of the King..... 6:00pm

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Holy Eucharist 9:30am
Altar Guild Meeting 10:00am
St. Monica's Guild at the Urban's..... 12:00pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal..... 6:00pm

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Nearly New Shop..... 10:00am-4:00pm
Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00pm
Adult Choir Practice..... 7:00pm

Friday, December 7, 2018

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

Saturday December 8, 2018

Men’s Book Study..... 8:00am
Nearly New Shop..... 10:00am-1:00pm
Lessons and Carols Rehearsal..... 12:00pm
Holy Eucharist 5:00pm

Sunday, December 9, 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
Advent Lessons and Carols..... 4:00pm

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: Jim Hutchison, Betty Hilsheimer, Rebekah Akol, Jessie Gross, Paula, Nelly, The O’Shea Family, Sabrina, Sue Menter, Susan Palmer, Herbert Hartman Jr., Pat Addison

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.

Parish Cycle of Prayers: Jarrod, Amanda, Delilah, & Alexander Olson; Juleen Olson; Liz Orrick; Jim and Shirley Ortman

Birthdays: Edita Dornan, Charley Pugsley III, Jane Upton, Georgia Cosgrove, Arianna Adams, Elise Adams, Quinn Adams

Anniversaries: Beau and Maria Malnack

Travelers: Joey Gulizia, Jon and Jill Siner, Billie Lee

Deceased:

Our long-term prayer list: Virginia James, John, Isabella Artman, Gail Koch, Hillary Pierce, Clarine Black, Mark Peterson, Diane Taylor, Emerson, Gay, Danny Dolan, Pat Weber, Jake Palmer, Ken Hileman, Chuck, Jim Kozak, Bob Tritsch, Ben Steiner-Wright, Ray Buhr

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW BY DAN SITZMAN

When heating a solid, the temperature of the substance will increase. But once it starts to melt, the overall temperature of the substance plateaus, not increasing until the substance is melted. The transition from one phase to another requires heat energy to complete the process.

With Rev. Diane's departure last week, the end of the church year with Christ the King Sunday, upcoming births, newly diagnosed illnesses, and homecomings for the holidays, there are many transitions occurring at St. Andrew's. It may feel as if we have hit a plateau, with the next change coming too quickly or not soon enough.

As we begin the season of advent, in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus alludes to the distress and power at the end of the world, encouraging followers to be on guard, to be alert, to not worry about things in this life. As we wait for (and adjust to) transitions in our life, what can I do to be alert and focused on the next phase?

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