

## *Vision Statement*

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

### **LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE JANUARY 6, 2019**

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

**9:00am Service- Greeters:** Lisa Aguilar; **Ushers:** Burke Smith & TBD\*; **Lay Readers:** Cathy Rife & Beth Summers; **Acolytes:** Noah Haakinson; **Healing Prayer Team:** TBD

**10:30am Service- Greeters:** Anne Gambal; **Ushers:** Dave and Anne Gambal & Lee Hammond; **Lay Readers:** Ken West & Andy Ketterson; **Acolytes:** Josh Conrad; **Healing Prayer Team:** Janice Nelson

**ALTAR GUILD:** Polly Goecke, Gretchen Gottschalk, Jan Buhr

**COFFEE HOUR:** Altar Guild & Outreach

\*We are looking for another Usher to partner with Burke Smith. This would keep us at 6 teams, so you would only be on once every 6 weeks. Please let Burke or Erin in the office know if you can do this. Thanks.

### **LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE JANUARY 13, 2018**

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

**9:00am Service- Greeters:** Tom and Jean Sitzman; **Ushers:** Stephen Haakinson & Dan Coonce; **Lay Readers:** Dan Sitzman & Jenny Else; **Acolytes:** Marcus Else; **Healing Prayer Team:** TBD

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

**ALTAR GUILD:** Jane Hoover, Susie Trupp, Aileen Henry/Betty White

**COFFEE HOUR:** Vestry & Finance

**THE GREETER:** The **green December** calendar is out as well as the **December** issue of The Greeter. Please pick up a copy at the back of the Sanctuary or Chapel. **Articles for the January edition are due Tuesday, January 1.**

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Kelly and Liz Bourne in memory of Liz's parents, Ren and Marcy Guest.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS JANUARY 6, 2019**

#### **PLEDGE CARDS**

If you have not yet turned in a pledge card for 2019, you will find them at the back of the church and chapel.

#### **WALKING THE MOURNER'S PATH**

This ministry occurring at St. Augustine's in Elkhorn Sundays February 3-March 24 from 3-4:30 pm seeks to serve individuals who are in grief. Over eight weeks, together in small groups, individuals will find healing support. There is a stack of cream colored cards at the back of the church and chapel with more information and who to contact to register.

#### **2019 COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE**

This year's Coffee Hour host schedule has been posted in the kitchen and is included in The January Edition of The Greeter.

#### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING JANUARY 20**

Now that January is here, it means it is time for our Annual Parish Meeting on January 20. **Ministry Leaders, your annual reports are due Tuesday, January 15.** The meeting begins at 11:30pm with a potluck meal followed by reports, elections, and a review of the budget for the coming year. **We ask that you bring items for the potluck based on the first letter of your last name, A-G salads, H-L side dishes, M-T entrees, U-Z desserts and/or rolls.** The church members running for Vestry are: Josh Conrad, Joyce Rickard, & Kaitlan Pettiford. Their biographies are included at the end of the Announcements. Please join us for this important time of business, celebration, and fellowship.

## **CAR NEEDED**

Our refugee family is looking for a small used car for their son to be able to drive the family around in addition to their van. Shafiq, the dad, would also like to be able to use it for Lyft or Uber. If anyone has, or knows of, a car that could be donated, please let me know at (402) 490-4886 or [daridornan@yahoo.com](mailto:daridornan@yahoo.com). Thanks, Dari

## **CRAFT FAIRE UPDATE**

We are happy to report that our 1st annual St. Andrew's Art's & Craft's Faire was a resounding success! It took each of you. We offer a huge THANK YOU to volunteers, vendors, organizers, those that donated time, money, baked goods, those that shopped & our community. We truly appreciate your time, money & love. It is because of you that between our Arts Faire and our participation in The Holy Spirit Craft Show in Bellevue on December 8th that we were able to raise a net profit of \$5,700.00. These proceeds will benefit Magdalene House, St. Monica's Home, and other charities helping women and children in need. We hope to improve on this event in the future. Please help us by sending suggestions to Lisa: [lisasartstustudio@centurylink.net](mailto:lisasartstustudio@centurylink.net) or Angela: [admdiver@outlook.com](mailto:admdiver@outlook.com).

## **DEAN FRICKE FOOD PANTRY**

The Dean Fricke Food Pantry is so very thankful for all the support and donations of non-perishable food items and paper sacks that have been given to help us provide much needed food to those in need in Omaha over the years. As you are aware, our Pantry has had to change how it operates recently but we are still providing help to those needing food through our grant security program. Where in the past we have asked for your food donations, we now ask for your monetary donations to continue this much needed ministry. If you have any questions regarding our change in operation, please contact Noreen Witty.

**CALENDAR THIS WEEK- JANUARY 6, 2019**

**Sunday, January 6, 2019**

Holy Eucharist Rite I .....	7:45am
Contemporary Holy Eucharist.....	9:00am
<b>Children's Epiphany Pageant .....</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
Children's Choir .....	10:00am
Sunday School .....	10:15am
Holy Eucharist Rite II .....	10:30am

**Monday, January 7, 2019**

**Tuesday, January 8, 2019**

Bible Study .....	10:00am
Daughters of the King.....	7:00pm

**Wednesday, January 9, 2019**

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

**Thursday, January 10, 2019**

Craft Group restarts.....	9:30am
Adult Choir Practice.....	7:00pm

**Friday, January 11, 2019**

Office Closes at 12pm

**Saturday, January 12, 2019**

Men's Book Study.....	8:00am
Holy Eucharist .....	5:00pm

**Sunday, January 13, 2019**

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](mailto:erin@standrewsomaha.org)***

***The Daughters of the King will pray daily for the people on our prayer list.***

**Prayer Requests:** Sabrina, Susan Palmer, Herbert Hartman Jr., Pat Addison, Harry Koch, Melissa Peeler, Peter Hill, Emerson

**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:** Jeff and Amy Richardson; Joyce Rickard; Adrian, Sarah, Blake, & Quinn Rider; Shaun, Cathy, Paige, Braxton, & Mickey Rife

**Birthdays:** Rhonda Markoff, Amy Anderson

**Anniversaries:** Steve and Darlene Gottschalk

**Travelers:**

**Additional Thanksgivings:**

**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, Mary Gayle Baker, Melinda Jones

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The Rev. Robert A. Gross-----Assisting Priest

## **REFLECTIONS FROM THEY PEW BY DAN SITZMAN**

Now that the holidays are over, my sister and I are less likely to be prompted by the homemade dessert to start quoting from the movie *When Harry Met Sally*. ("Waiter, there is too much pepper on my paprikash, but I would be happy to partake of your pecan pie.") The movie concludes with Harry running through the streets to a New Year's Eve party, finding Sally and professing, "...And it's not because I'm lonely, and it's not because it's New Year's Eve. I came here tonight because when you realize you want to spend the rest of your life with somebody, you want the rest of your life to start as soon as possible."

In this Sunday's gospel from Matthew, we hear of the wise men from the East who find Jesus and pay homage to him. They may have wanted to celebrate the arrival of Jesus as soon as possible. However, instead of the immediate satisfaction of announcing their finding, they demonstrated a patience and willingness to be inconvenienced to travel home by a different route.

In the coming year, how will I demonstrate patience when my route is altered? Am I willing to be happy to partake in what is ahead, even if there is "too much pepper" on what is in front of me right now?

## **BIOGRAPHIES FOR OUR 2019 VESTRY NOMINEES**

Josh Conrad biography:

I graduated one year ago from college on my 23rd birthday. I am employed as an engineer for the postal service in the Omaha area and have returned to the church where I grew up. I first attended St. Andrew's in 2001 and continued attending St. Andrew's through high school. In high school, I stayed busy with band, cross-country, and track. Those activities shaped me by teaching me how sustained effort with goals in mind can get you where you want to be. While in college, I attended St. John's by the Campus in Ames and participated in the church choir as well as the college-aged group. College was really a great experience for me. I was exposed to many different types of people with both similar and different perspectives. Learning about different people gave me more depth to my faith as well as new questions. As far as I can figure right now, the two things I'm really concerned with are service and finding truth. I hope that through this position, I will be able to serve the church using my experiences and my core values.

Joyce Rickard biography:

I am a native of Omaha, but as my husband was in the US Air Force, I have lived in various locations in this country & abroad. Upon retiring from the military we returned to Omaha in 1980 & I became a member of St. Andrew's at that time.

During these years at St. Andrew's I have been involved with many different activities including serving as a member of the vestry in the mid 1980's during which time I co-chaired the Buildings & Grounds and Stewardship committees. I am a member of the Daughters of the King, serving as secretary/treasurer. My many other activities include the Care Team, the Prayer Shawl group, the Outreach & Stewardship committees, occasionally selling items on eBay for the Nearly New Shop, attending numerous Bible classes throughout the years & frequently helping with coffee hour before & after the 10:30 service which I normally attend. I especially have been very involved with the annual Odds 'n Ends sale since 2002.

I began my many business years in 1963 as a licensed real estate broker in Omaha & subsequently also worked in the field in

Virginia & Tennessee. My real estate years evolved from residential sales to property management, to commercial sales & leasing. From 1988 to 1992 I was the manager of the NP Dodge Company Commercial Real Estate Department in Omaha. I completely changed careers in 1995 when my husband & I built the Meadowlark Antique Mall here in Omaha. I developed & managed the business until we sold the property in 2002. Throughout the years I have overseen the management of personally owned investment property & am still involved with my son in one remaining apartment building.

My husband is deceased & I have been a widow for over seven years. Of my four sons, three are living & I also have four step sons. My extended family also includes 7 daughter-in-laws, 17 grandchildren & great grandchildren too numerous to count.

It would be my pleasure to be a member of the Vestry with the hope that I may be of service. I gratefully consider St. Andrew's my second home & am very appreciative of my church family. Thank you for your consideration.

#### Kaitlan Pettiford biography:

My name is Kaitlan Scates-Pettiford. I grew up in Omaha in the Millard area. I graduated from Millard South and then Hasting College with a degree in Music Education. I currently teach for Omaha Public Schools as an Elementary Music Teacher.

I met my husband, Benji, at Hastings and we ended up moving back to Omaha. We found St. Andrew's through our friend Kara (McIntire) Eddy, the former bell choir director. She roped us into playing bells for her and we delightfully found that St. Andrew's was home. We have a 2 year old daughter named Cecilia who loves being a part of the choir and bell choir.