

## **Vision Statement**

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

### **LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE AUGUST 4, 2019**

**7:45am Service- Lay Reader:** Lois Westfall; **Healing Prayer Team:** Lois Westfall

**9:00am Service- Greeters:** Lisa Aguilar; **Ushers:** Beth Summers & Burke Smith; **Lay Readers:** Dan Sitzman & Fred Gottschalk; **Acolytes:** Lauren Sitzman; **Healing Prayer Team:** Karen Ekholm

**10:30am Service- Greeters:** Anne Gambal; **Ushers:** James Schreiber, Dave Gambal, & Scott Nelson; **Lay Readers:** Ken West & Lee Hammond; **Acolytes:** Nathan Gottschalk; **Healing Prayer Team:** Jamie Baker

**ALTAR GUILD:** Jan Hoover, Karen Ekholm, Christina Harter

**COFFEE HOUR:** St. Monica's Guild

### **LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE AUGUST 11, 2019**

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

**9:00am Service- Greeters:** Tom and Jean Sitzman; **Ushers:** Stephen Haakinson & Dan Coonce; **Lay Readers:** Melissa Peeler & Don Peeler; **Acolytes:** Noah Haakinson; **Healing Prayer Team:** Lance Baker

**10:30am Service- Greeters:** Janice Nelson; **Ushers:** Lee Hammond, D.J. O'Shea, & Sam Sowl; **Lay Readers:** Kelly Bourne & Kaitlan Pettiford; **Acolytes:** Liam O'Shea; **Healing Prayer Team:** Janice Nelson

**ALTAR GUILD:** Vickie Teutsh, Karen and Doug LeClair, Jan Buhr

**COFFEE HOUR:** Ushers & ECW Board

**Today's Altar flowers are given by:** Collen Messec in loving memory of her mother, Mary Messec; and by Russ and Connie Krieger in celebration of their wedding anniversary and in thanksgiving for their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

**THE GREETER:** The NEW August edition of The Greeter is out. Copies of it and the peach August calendar can be found at the back of the church and chapel. Articles for the September edition are due Tuesday, August 20.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AUGUST 4, 2019**

### **ALTAR FLOWER DONORS NEEDED**

Do you see the altar flowers given by section on the first page? It takes two donors at \$45 each to pay for the flowers each Sunday, so we have some dates where we can use a second donor coming up. We have one opening September 15, October 6, 13, and 27, November 17 and 24, and December 1, and 15. If you would like to be a sponsor on one of these days, please send the words for the dedication to Erin in the office [erin@standrewsomaha.org](mailto:erin@standrewsomaha.org) or Mina Witherspoon [spoonmina@yahoo.com](mailto:spoonmina@yahoo.com) Thank you for your help in keeping our altar beautiful.

### **Get Connected to St. Andrew's Youth (SAY) activities with Remind!**

If you have a child who's involved in any of our Youth Programs, you're invited you to join our service to receive periodic text messages about SAY events. It only takes about 30 seconds to join.

Part 1:

1. Send a text message to the following number: 81010
2. Type this in the message: @say19-20

You'll receive two texts asking for your name and how you're connected to the SAY program. (Parent, Teacher or Student) You'll receive a confirmation text that you are connected to our classroom.

You can stop there if you'd only like to receive reminders.

Part 2:

If you'd like, download the Remind app to see previous messages and send emails to the youth leaders. This is optional.

If you have any questions, please contact Shelly Smith at [shelly1028@gmail.com](mailto:shelly1028@gmail.com)

### **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

Please bring your backpacks to either the 9 or 10:30 service August 18 to receive a back to school blessing.

## **St. Andrew's Annual Odds & Ends Sale 2019**

Friday, August 16 9am-6pm and Saturday, August 17 10am-3pm

This sale supports our yearly commitment to Habitat for Humanity for local home building projects. It is also a ministry that provides household goods and furniture to many appreciative Omahans.

The success of the sale depends on all of us. Please continue bringing your donations to the Godly Play Room. Also sign up to help on the board in Engle Hall. Volunteer opportunities include organizing and pricing prior to the sale, set up, cashiering, etc. at the sale and clean up. If you can help, please either sign up or contact Dari Dornan –[daridornan@yahoo.com](mailto:daridornan@yahoo.com) or (402) 490-4886.

**Big Set Up Date is Saturday, August 3. Please try to help that day beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

## **WOMEN'S SMALL GROUPS**

We have been forming a group for women who have lost a spouse or find themselves in situations where they are alone or would like some friends to share the "Storms of Our Lives." We have had a huge response. We are breaking into small groups this Fall.

If you would like to be in a small group of women for fellowship and/or support, we have several groups forming either at the church or in homes. Please contact Father Bob or Sarah Black if you would like to join!

## **CAR FOR SALE**

Aileen Henry would like to sell her 2018 Lincoln MKZ which is in excellent condition. If interested, call her directly at 402-639-7214.

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY COMING IN SEPTEMBER**

When: Tuesday Evenings starting September 17<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6-7pm

Where: Sanctuary at St. Andrew's

Calling all ladies:

If you are interested in joining a Bible Study group dedicated to women and women in ministry led by our Curate The Rev. Dcn, LaClaire Atkins then mark your calendars! Starting Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm in the Sanctuary we will begin our journey together using the newest Beth Moore series called The Quest (see below for a description). If you are interested please call the church office or email LaClaire

([laclaire@standrewsomaha.org](mailto:laclaire@standrewsomaha.org)) to reserve your spot! Materials for the class are \$15.

From Lifeway:

“There Is No Quest Without Questions

The crooked punctuation mark at the end of a sentence speaks of curiosity, interest, and perhaps doubt. A question is an invitation to vulnerability, to intimacy. The Bible does not shy away from such an invite. Over and over we see the people of God asking questions of their Creator. We also see the God of the universe asking questions of His creation.

*The Quest* is a challenge to accept the invitation. In this six-week excursion with Jesus, Beth Moore uses questions from Scripture to lead you into intimacy with the One who knows you best. Learn to dig into the Word, to respond to the questions of God, and to bring your questions before Him. Let the crooked punctuation mark be the map that points you into a closer relationship with the Father.”

### **MISSIONARY CHARLIE TO NEBRASKA-New Needs**

St. Andrew's has been blessed by the ministry of Charlie Nakash. In the past seven years, Charlie has been a valuable member of ten mission teams supported by St. Andrew's. Charlie has visited St. Andrew's three times, and has decided to make Omaha, Nebraska his new home!!! Charlie will arrive in Omaha July 31<sup>st</sup> to prepare his home for the arrival of his family this fall. Charlie has secured a home in the Benson area, and parish members have already begun some renovation work upon it. Since Charlie gave up his possessions to become a missionary and will only bring with him those items that may be packed and brought with him, we hope to do our best to help him set up his new household. **Currently, we are looking for help regarding linoleum for the kitchen and laundry rooms and carpeting for the second story of the home. We are also looking for a porch swing that will make this house their home. Finally, Charlie will need a vehicle, ideally a pickup. Please let us know if you have a good referral regarding these items.** If you are interested in helping Missionary Charlie establish his new home in Omaha and at St. Andrew's please contact Fr. John, or Don ( [dpeeler@cox.net](mailto:dpeeler@cox.net) or 402-578-5355) or Melissa Peeler and if you are reading this online, click [here](#) for a document with more information.



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Build Site is at 3167 Evans. Come help us build a home on Fridays and Saturdays now through November. Please sign up at [www.tinyurl.com/faithhouse2019](http://www.tinyurl.com/faithhouse2019) . You must register on line at least 7 days before the work date. Flood relief support is also still needed. Please contact Jared Moehring with volunteer

inquiries ([jmoehring@habitatomaha.org](mailto:jmoehring@habitatomaha.org)). If you have any questions, please call Phil Pierce 402-253-2860.

### **CALENDAR THIS WEEK- AUGUST 4, 2019**

#### **Sunday, August 4, 2019**

Holy Eucharist Rite I ..... 7:45am  
Contemporary Holy Eucharist..... 9:00am  
Holy Eucharist Rite II ..... 10:30am

#### **Monday, August 5, 2019**

#### **Tuesday, August 6, 2019**

Daughters of the King ..... 6:00pm

#### **Wednesday, August 7, 2019**

Holy Eucharist ..... 9:30am  
Altar Guild..... 10:00am

#### **Thursday, August 8, 2019**

Craft Group..... 9:30am  
Nearly New Shop..... 10:00am-3:00pm

#### **Friday, August 9, 2019**

OFFICE CLOSED

Nearly New Shop..... 10:00am-3:00pm

#### **Saturday, August 10, 2019**

Men's Book Study..... 8:00am  
Nearly New Shop..... 10:00am-1:00pm  
Holy Eucharist Rite II ..... 5:00pm

## **Sunday, August 11, 2019**

Holy Eucharist Rite I ..... 7:45am  
Contemporary Holy Eucharist..... 9:00am  
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:** Tom Henry, Sabrina, Janet Cosgrove, David, Bob Jones, Tanner, Jim White, Joe Goecke, Pam

**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:** Stephen, Melanie, Ian, Ella, & Noah Haakinson; Monty Halstead and Tish Walker-Halstead; John, Elizabeth, Henry, & James Hallgren; Lee and Lisa Hammond;

**Birthdays:** Helen Stewart, Ardie Vickery, Kim Hawekotte, Herbert Hartman Jr., Lily O'Shea, Parker Woodson

**Anniversaries:** *(There are extra this week, as I forgot to put some of these in last week...I'm Sorry!)* Andy and Kim

Hawekotte, Lance and Jamie Baker, Stephen and Melanie Haakinson, Aaron and Amy Sanderford, Jarrod and Amanda Olson, Bill and Sarah Black, Dan and Cindy Dornbush, Scott and Janice Nelson, Tom and Jen Pierce

### **Travelers:**

**Additional Thanksgivings:** Grace Techmeier being baptized at the 9:00 am service.

### **Deceased:**

**Our long-term prayer list:** Virginia James, John, Gail Koch, Clarine Black, Mark Peterson, Diane Taylor, Emerson, Gay, Danny Dolan, Ken Hileman, Chuck, Jim Kozak, Mary Gayle Baker, Melinda Jones, Donna, Jeff Chase, Mike Brown, Peter Hill, Ray Buhr, Rebekah Akol, Akol Akol, Janelle Domeyer and family, Natalie, Liz, and Bob Drew, Liesle, Hilary Pierce, Brenda Walker, Ben Pierce, Jim Hutchison

## **NOTES FROM FR. JOHN**

The air-conditioning system in the main church is not working properly. This is because there are two units which service the church and chapel, one of which is not working at all. The first, main unit, is completely dead. Only the second, smaller unit which is supposed to supplement the main unit, is providing cooling. It cannot keep up on a hot day. New units have been ordered, but the needed parts, some of which are unique and one of a kind, have not yet come in. Please be patient as we wait for the new units to be installed.

### **An upcoming event in September!**

Our congregation will be participating in a process called “Renewal Works” starting this September. You’ll be hearing more about this process as we get closer to that month. Below is a brief introduction to the purpose of the program. The vestry agreed at its March retreat to participate in this process as a way to guide our parish forward and in giving us direction for the coming years:

RenewalWorks encourages churches to chart a course marked by deeper spiritual growth experienced through a growing love of God and neighbor. When Jesus was asked what must be done to inherit eternal life, his answer was simple, even if it wasn’t always easy. He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” Luke 10:27

Since he gave that answer, the key to vitality in the spiritual life has not changed. It holds the key to changing our own lives, our churches, and our world. It’s an exciting time to be the church. For sure congregations face challenges, with shifts in affiliation and observance in our congregations. But we are provided an opportunity to get clearer about the mission of the church, to reinvigorate the church (and our own spiritual lives) with a renewed focus on discipleship. We’ve given the chance to ask, and begin to answer, these questions:

- How can we move forward in changing times?
- What are we called to do, and be?

RenewalWorks offers a way for congregations to address these questions by remembering Jesus’ basic teaching, reconnecting with a call to discipleship, focusing on growing hearts, and transforming the church, one person at a time.

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

A few years ago, as Anna Kay prepared for a Nebraska diocese youth trip to serve in the Dominican Republic, I joined her in reading David Livermore's *Serving With Eyes Wide Open*. I returned to the book while preparing for last month's St. Andrew's Family Trip and continue to reflect on the notes and questions now that I have returned from our pilgrimage. The challenge, when serving outside of our usual surroundings, is to recognize that just because we are Americans does not necessarily certify that "we are blessed." While not disregarding the privileges that we have as Americans, Livermore asks, "are we implying that those not born in America *aren't* blessed?"

The Epistle and Gospel this Sunday call out our earthly assumptions about wealth, comfort, and possessions. Am I "rich toward God"? How might I act in the coming weeks to "get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language" from my mouth?

Livermore writes, "meeting the needs of others requires us to question our assumptions before acting. We need to serve with eyes wide open and understand there are ways we're poor and ways we're rich."

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