

Vision Statement

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

LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE JULY 28, 2019

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

9:00am Service- Greeters: Dana Coonce; **Ushers:** Steve and Lauren White; **Lay Readers:** Sharon Kryger & Karen Conrad; **Acolytes:** Paige Rife; **Healing Prayer Team:** Lance Baker

10:30am Service- Greeters: Lisa Hammond; **Ushers:** Charley and Nancy Pugsley, Dave and Anne Gambal; **Lay Readers:** Bert Van Blerk & Kelly Bourne; **Acolytes:** Joshua Conrad; **Healing Prayer Team:** Janice Nelson

ALTAR GUILD: Vickie Teutsh, Karen and Doug LeClair, Mina Witherspoon

COFFEE HOUR: Lay Readers & Liturgy Team

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

Today's Altar flowers are given by: Mary Ann Jernstrom in loving memory of her husband, Roger Jernstrom; and by Warren and Betty Hill in celebration of their anniversary.

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 JULY 28, 2019

SCHEDULING MEETING JULY 30

Attention all ministry leaders! Tuesday, July 30 at 11am, we will be holding a scheduling meeting for the 2019-2020 Ministry Year. Show up with the events that you would like to hold and let us know when you would like to hold them. If you are unable to attend, please send an e-mail to Erin in the office erin@standrewsomaha.org

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, 15, and 29. 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 or Mina Witherspoon 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

St. Andrew's Annual Odds & Ends Sale 2019

Friday, August 16th and Saturday, August 17

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, cashing, etc. at the sale and clean up. If you can help, please either sign up or contact Dari Dornan –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.

COMING THIS FALL

"Words are a lens to focus one's mind." ~Ayn Rand

Your opportunity to focus, explore, and express is coming soon. Look for more information in weekend bulletins and in future Greeters.

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 31st 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 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 . 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). If you have any questions, please call Phil Pierce 402-253-2860.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK- JULY 28, 2019

Sunday, July 28, 2019

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

Monday, July 29, 2019

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Ministry Leader Scheduling Meeting 11:00am

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

Holy Eucharist 9:30am

Thursday, August 1, 2019

Craft Group..... 9:30am

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00pm

Friday, August 2, 2019

OFFICE CLOSED

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

Saturday, August 3, 2019

Men’s Book Study..... 8:00am

Caring Community 9:00am

Nearly New Shop..... 10:00am-1:00pm

Holy Eucharist Rite II 5:00pm

Sunday, August 4, 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.

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

Prayer Requests: Tom Henry, Jim Hutchison, Sabrina, Janet Cosgrove, David, Bob Jones, Tanner

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: Fred and Gretchen Gottschalk; Steve, Darlene, Josh, & Nathan Gottschalk; Diane Green; Sarah Grimm; Fr. Bob and Jessie Gross

Birthdays: Connor Smith, Scott Nelson, Liz Orrick, Cathy Adcock, Sahara Freed, Elizabeth (Jo) Johnson; Pat Addison, Libby Huss

Anniversaries:

Travelers: The Schaefer family

Additional Thanksgivings:

Deceased: Don Ehrlich

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

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The Rev. Robert A. Gross-----Assisting Priest
The Rev. Dcn. LaClaire Atkins-Bishop's Society Curate

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

“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.”

In life, each of us experiences forms of rejection, missed opportunities, and loss. We may be asked if we see the symbolic glass as “half-full” or “half-empty.” Some internet philosophers may say to be appreciative that you have a glass. This Sunday’s gospel passage from Luke makes it sound as if God will provide prosperity for us, giving us what is needed, opening doors for opportunities that will make things better. But, not every “ask” is granted for improved health, a better living situation, or a financial hurdle alleviated; not every door is open, even if one is not directly confronted by xenophobia, racism, sexism, ageism, or lack of experience and skill.

Beyond the material aspects of our world, we can search for God in others. We can be curious about those with whom we are not familiar. We can knock open the barriers that limit our understandings.

What questions can I ask this week that might expand understandings beyond a soundbite, headline or social media post?