

THE GREETER

August 2019

Vision Statement

**We are a Christ-centered community,
joyfully making a difference by....**

Worshipping, Loving, Welcoming, Including, Supporting

From the Rector:

Help participate in shaping the future of St. Andrew's!

Throughout the fall, a group of parishioners will be reflecting on where we are and where we are called to be. This process will begin with an inventory. The inventory survey will be available starting in September. We are using a process called "Renewal Works" through the Episcopal Church and Forward Movement publications. Renewal Works 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?

Renewal Works 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.

When the survey comes out, you'll be asked to set aside about 30 minutes to take a Spiritual Life Inventory. Unlike any previous surveys done here at St. Andrew's, this survey focuses on you, on your spiritual life and how St. Andrew's helps you grow spiritually. The survey findings will help shape decisions about how to create the best possible ministries and programs at St. Andrew's. Your feedback will directly impact how we allocate resources to further our spiritual journeys. Our Vestry voted unanimously to engage this process at its' retreat back in March. Over 250,000 Christians, in mainline and non-denominational churches, have taken the survey, which will provide powerful benchmarks. The inventory is anonymous, run by a third party, and we will only receive composite findings from the church as a whole. Your individual responses will not be given to the church. The inventory will be open to all parishioners, and I hope you will participate in order for us to better focus our resources and attention as we move forward into the future.

An update on our air conditioning system in the church and chapel:

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. The 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. The needed parts, some of which are unique and one of a kind, are supposed to arrive at the end of July. After they arrive, a crew will need to be scheduled to come in to do the installation. There will be at least one weekend where there will be no a/c in the church. Hopefully, the installation, which will take at least a week, will go smoothly. We hope to not interfere with the Odds and Ends sale and will not schedule repairs during that time period. Thank you for your patience during this time.

Father John

MINISTRY NEWS

ALTAR GUILD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting--September 4 at 9:30 am in the chapel

Coffee hour—August 18

ALTAR FLOWER DONORS NEEDED

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.

We're Going Back To School



SUNDAY SCHOOL ROUND UP SAVE THE DATES!

The Annual Round Up Event is on the Church calendar for Sunday **September 8th**, 2019. Following the 9:00 a.m. service, we will have Sunday school registration and a chance for the teachers to meet their students in their classrooms. Look for more information on the

picnic and games following the morning church services in future Announcements.

Sunday school starts September 15th at 10:15 and ends at 11:00. Anyone interested in lending a hand, please let Sarah know at sarah@standrewsomaha.org You don't need to commit to teaching or even to every week, we just need extra hands in our 3-6 year old and our 7-8 year old classes. Thanks, and see you soon!

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!

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

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.



ST. ANDREW'S HANDBELL CHOIR

This fall will bring a change in leadership to our Handbell Choir. We've come full circle this time around as we welcome back Kara (McIntire) Eddy as Director!

Kara was our Handbell Director from September 2011 – May 2016. During that time, she met and married Ben Eddy and in the summer of 2016, they moved to Lincoln for Ben's new job. They were hoping to return to Omaha and when a job opportunity presented itself last fall, Ben accepted and they moved back to Omaha and, to our delight, returned to St. Andrew's! Ben has been the Administrator of the Life Care Center in Elkhorn for the past year. They also have had a change in their family

status – welcoming their new daughter Kate who is an adorable four-month-old! Kara will primarily be staying home with Kate, but teaching piano and cello lessons at home as time allows. This fall, Kara will also return as Handbell Director for St. Andrew's!

During her time as director, Kara recruited a couple of her college friends, Benji Pettiford and Kaitlan Scaites to join our handbell choir. At the time, these two were engaged and have since married and added an adorable child (Cecelia) to their family. Benji and Kaitlan have become very active members of our church family, and valued members of our St. Andrew's Choir. Benji stepped in for Kara as the new Handbell Director, when she left in the fall of 2016 and has done a fantastic job keeping the music going! He is also a full-time accompanist for the Papillion-LaVista School District.

This fall, Benji will return to college, taking 6 credits for the fall, spring and summer semesters, at which time he will receive his alternate teaching certificate in music and apply for a teaching position. College hours plus a full-time accompanist position means that his availability to continue as our Handbell Director has come to an end. As luck would have it – he can now hand back the reins to our former Handbell Choir Director, Kara Eddy who will join us this fall.

We are so grateful to Benji for his time with us as Director and are thrilled for this new journey he is taking. Benji is going to make terrific music teacher! Congratulations!

The Handbell Choir will hold rehearsals on Thursday evenings beginning mid September. Please contact Kara Eddy for more information at kemcintire@gmail.com.

Susie Thorne
Music Director



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 Sarah Black. sarah@standrewsomaha.org 402-391-1950

OUTREACH NEWS



SAVE THE DATES! SAVE YOUR STUFF!

St. Andrew's annual Odds & Ends Sale 2019 dates are set:

Friday, August 16th and Saturday, August 17.

This sale supports our yearly \$3,000 commitment to Habitat for Humanity for local home building projects and other ministries. 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.

Donations: Please start saving your donations. Donations can be placed in the room across from the ladies' restroom downstairs **beginning July 1**. Please save your larger donations for closer to August. Stu and Dari Dornan will be heading up the Odds & Ends team this year. **The next meeting is Saturday, June 15 at 10:00 a.m.** We are looking for items in good condition, but no old tvs, computers or electronics, no sofa beds and no mattresses. Please try to bring your items to the church, but if you need help with pick-up, call or email Dari and we'll try to oblige.

Volunteers: Please consider giving some of your time to this year's sale. We will need help during the summer with organizing and pricing. Help is needed for set up and clean up and workers during the sale. A sign up board will be up soon and if someone asks for help, please say "Yes." If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please call or email Dari.

Thanks, Dari and Stu
daridornan@yahoo .com or (402) 490-4886

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.

OMAHA STREET SCHOOL AND FAMILY FARE RECEIPTS

Family Fare grocery store will donate a portion of collected receipts through the school year to the Omaha Street School. Please place your receipts in the Bag in Engle Hall on the Bulletin Board.

Hy-Vee receipts are collected only during the months of September through December, whereas Family Fare will donate during the entire school year.

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.



FROM THE DESK

If you would like to have something included in the electronic Newsletter that comes out early Friday morning, please send it to me at erin@standrewsomaha.org before 12 noon on Thursdays. **Articles for the September edition of The Greeter are due Tuesday, August 20.** It is very possible that we will close the office early some days this summer, so it is a good idea to call before you come by to make sure we will be here. 402-391-1950.

AUGUST Birthdays and Anniversaries



Sahara Freed	8/1	Elizabeth Johnson	8/3
Pat Addison	8/3	Libby Huss	8/3
Helen Stewart	8/4	Ardie Vickery	8/6
Kim Hawekotte	8/7	Herbert Hartman Jr.	8/8
Lily O'Shea	8/8	Parker Woodson	8/10
Betty White	8/12	Carolyn Fleming	8/12
Jim Ortman	8/12	Shelly Smith	8/12
Shaun Rife	8/14	Mike Spence	8/14
Susie Trupp	8/17	Zachary Ahrendsen	8/17
Margaret Schaefer	8/18	Izzy Dodge	8/18
Jenny Summers	8/20	Emily Sanderford	8/20
Bert Van Blerk	8/22	James Lyda	8/22
Emma Huss	8/25	Leslie VanderVeen	8/26
Paige Rife	8/27	Kathryn Thorne	8/28
Grace Sagert	8/29	Grace Bathel	8/29
Asher Zogleman	8/29	Kayleigh Baker	8/31



Aaron and Amy Sanderford	8/2	Jarrod and Amanda Olson	8/2
Bill and Sarah Black	8/5	Dan and Cindy Dornbush	8/6
Scott and Janice Nelson	8/7	Tim and Jen Pierce	8/7
Russ and Connie Krieger	8/14	Wayne and Camille Culp	8/14
James and Mary Schreiber	8/16	Ken and Val West	8/16
Jordan and Cathy Hankins	8/17	Robert and Jessie Gross	8/18
Christopher and Jennifer Brown	8/18	Rob and Kim Johansen	8/23
Eric and Niki Rodawig	8/29	Larry and Phyllis Lee	8/30

*Are we missing your birthday or anniversary? E-mail Erin in the office at erin@standrewsomaha.org to add you or your family members to the list.

August Ministry Schedule

	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25	September 1
Acolytes					
9:00	Lauren Sitzman	Noah Haakinson	Connor Smith Marcus Else	Grace Spence Sophie Spence	Lauren Sitzman
10:30	Nathan Gottschalk	Liam O'Shea	Joshua Conrad	Nathan Gottschalk	Liam O'Shea
Altar Guild					
S	Jane Hoover	Vickie Teutsch	Sue Hillman	Jane Hoover	Terrie Saunders
E	Karen Ekholm	Karen and Doug LeClair	Liz and Kelly Bourne	Karen and Doug LeClair	Karen Ekholm
L	Christina Harter	Jan Buhr	Mina Witherspoon	Mina Witherspoon	Christina Harter
Healing Prayer					
7:45	Lois Westfall	Lois Westfall	Lois Westfall	Lois Westfall	Lois Westfall
9:00	Karen Ekholm	Lance Baker	Jamie Baker	Karen Ekholm	TBD
10:30	Janice Nelson	Janice Nelson	Janice Nelson	Janice Nelson	Janice Nelson
Lay Readers					
7:45	Lois Westfall	Keith Ross	Lois Westfall	Keith Ross	Lois Westfall
9:00	Dan Sitzman Fred Gottschalk	Don Peeler Melissa Peeler	Camille Culp Cathy Rife	Karen Conrad Sharon Kryger	Beth Summers Camille Culp
10:30	Ken West Lee Hammond	Kelly Bourne Kaitlan Pettiford	Benji Pettiford Andy Ketterson	Lee Hammond Ron Dunic	Kaitlan Pettiford Bert Van Blerk
Ushers					
9:00	Beth Summers Burke Smith	Stephen Haakinson Dan Coonce	Don Peeler Barb Jackson	Kim Johansen Liz Orrick Karen Quintana	Shaun Rife Susan Menter
10:30	James Schreiber Dave Gambal Scott Nelson	Lee Hammond D.J. O'Shea Sam Sowl	Dave Gambal James Schreiber Scott Nelson	Charley and Nancy Pugsley Dave and Anne Gambal	Lee Hammond D.J. O'Shea Sam Sowl
Greeters					
9:00	Lisa Aguilar	Tom and Jean Sitzman	Dana Coonce	Barb Jackson	Camille Culp
10:30	Anne Gambal	Janice Nelson	Lisa Hammond	Anne Gambal	Janice Nelson
	Senior Choir Hand Bells	Ushers ECW Board	Altar Guild Outreach	Senior Choir Hand Bells	Vestry Finance

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Events, Activities and Meetings August 2019 <i>Please check weekly announcements for updates.</i>		
Thursday August 1	9:30 am 10am-3pm 7:00 pm	Craft Group Nearly New Shop Prayer Shawl Ministry
Friday August 2	10am-3pm	Nearly New Shop Office Closed
Saturday August 3	8:00 am 9:00 am 10am-1pm 5:00 pm	Men's Fellowship & Book Study Caring Community Meeting Nearly New Shop Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday August 4	7:45 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I Chapel Holy Eucharist Rite II Contemporary Holy Eucharist Rite II Traditional
Monday August 5		
Tuesday August 6	6:00 pm	Daughters of the King
Wednesday August 7	9:30 am 10:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II Altar Guild
Thursday August 8	9:30 am 10am-3pm	Craft Group Nearly New Shop
Friday August 9	10am-3pm	Nearly New Shop Office Closed
Saturday August 10	8:00 am 10am-1pm 5:00 pm	Men's Fellowship & Book Study Nearly New Shop Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday August 11	7:45 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I Chapel Holy Eucharist Rite II Contemporary Holy Eucharist Rite II Traditional
Monday August 12		
Tuesday August 13		
Wednesday August 14	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
Thursday August 15	9:30 am 10am-4pm	Craft Group Nearly New Shop
Friday August 16	9am-6pm 10am-4pm	Odds N Ends Sale Nearly New Shop Office Closed
Saturday August 17	8:00 am 10am-3pm 10am-1pm 5:00 pm	Men's Fellowship & Book Study Odds N Ends Sale Nearly New Shop Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday August 18	7:45 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I Chapel Holy Eucharist Rite II Contemporary Holy Eucharist Rite II Traditional
August 19		
Tuesday August 20	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Finance Committee Vestry
Wednesday August 21	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
Thursday August 22	9:30 am 10am-3pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Craft Group Nearly New Shop Choir Rehearsal Ministry of MOMs
Friday August 23	10am-3pm	Nearly New Shop Office Closed
Saturday August 24	8:00 am 10am-1pm 5:00 pm	Men's Fellowship & Book Study Nearly New Shop Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday August 25	7:45 am 9:00 am 10:30 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I Chapel Holy Eucharist Rite II Contemporary Holy Eucharist Rite II Traditional
Monday August 26		
Tuesday August 27		
Wednesday August 28	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
Thursday August 29	9:30 am 10am-3pm 7:00 pm	Craft Group Nearly New Shop Choir Rehearsal
Friday August 30	10am-3pm	Nearly New Shop Office Closed
Saturday August 31	8:00 am 10am-1pm 5:00 pm	Men's Fellowship & Book Study Nearly New Shop Holy Eucharist Rite II

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

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