

Vision Statement

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

LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE MARCH 15, 2020

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

9:00am Service- Greeters: Dana Coonce; **Ushers:** Susan Menter & Jill Siner; **Lay Readers:** Jenny Else & Don Peeler; **Acolytes:** TBD; **Healing Prayer Team:** Jamie Baker

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

ALTAR GUILD: Jane Hoover, Gretchen Gottschalk, Aileen Henry/Mary Schreiber

COFFEE HOUR: Caring Community & Daughters of the King

LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE MARCH 22, 2020

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

9:00am Service- Greeters: Barb Jackson; **Ushers:** Beth Summers & Burke Smith; **Lay Readers:** Beth Summers & Sharon Kryger; **Acolytes:** Grace Spence & Sophie Spence; **Healing Prayer Team:** Lance Baker

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

ALTAR GUILD: Carolyn and John Curtis, Karen and Doug LeClair, Jan Buhr/Mary Schreiber

COFFEE HOUR: St. Monica's Guild

THE GREETER: The March edition of The Greeter is out. Copies of it and the green March calendar can be found at the back of the church and chapel. Articles for the April Edition are due Monday, March 23.

ANNOUNCEMENTS MARCH 15, 2019

LENTEN WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS

Beginning March 4th Mother LaClaire is teaching a Lenten series on the Anglican understanding of Sin. We will meet for a light supper at 6 pm followed by a topic-based class discussion and a short worship service. We will end around 8:30 pm. March 4th: Sin in Pop-Culture from Dante to Lucifer. March 11th: Personal Sin. March 18th: Systemic (Corporate) Sin. March 25th: The Episcopal teachings on Sin and Reconciliation. Please join us for this new series! RSVP to Mother LaClaire so that we can have enough food for everyone by e-mail or signing up on the board in Engle Hall. laclaire@standrewsomaha.org **We are looking for people to provide soup. If you can help, please sign up on the board in Engle Hall.**

Join us in the chapel at 5:30pm for Stations of the Cross each Wednesday during Lent.

WHAT ARE THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS?

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step Christian devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a human. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of Jesus's last day, beginning with Jesus's condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete. At St. Andrew's, the Stations are found in our chapel as 14 images around the chapel walls. Since the space is limited, we don't move from station to station but instead turn toward the station we are meditating on. It is our tradition that the clergy starts and ends the station devotions but that each person take a turn reading a meditation. Of course, no one is required to do so. You are invited each Wednesday at 5:30 PM during Lent to participate. Many have found the experience to be powerful.

UTO COLLECTIONS

During Lent, please join us in the spiritual discipline of gratitude through contributions to the **United Thank Offering**. Take a blue

box and a booklet of prayers of gratitude home today. You can find them in Engle Hall. Every time you recognize something that causes gratitude in your life, contribute coins or dollars to your blue box as a prayer of thanksgiving. Every cent is contributed to vital mission and ministry throughout the world. For more information see United Thank Offering online.

ST. MONICA'S IS CANCELLED FOR THIS WEDNESDAY MARCH 18.

CARD MINISTRY

We thank Cheryl Huss who has sent cards for us for years, but we are looking for a new person to take on the ministry of sending birthday and anniversary cards to our parishioners. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Erin in the office.

OMAHA STREET SCHOOL MARCH MADNESS

Omaha Street School is an organization that provides education to students who cannot get it any other way. During March, all donations are doubled. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check out to St. Andrew's with Omaha Street School in the memo line. The last Sunday to make a donation to ensure that we get them sent in time is March 22.

OMAHA STREET SCHOOL FUNDRAISING GALA

April 21 at the Scott Convention Center (6430 Pine ST). Social Hour begins at 6:00 pm followed by dinner at 7:00 pm. Dress is business casual. Everyone is invited, but you do need to RSVP. There is no cost to come, however there is an expectation to donate. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Melissa Peeler so we can be seated together. Melissa.peeler81@gmail.com or 402 212-3827.

CARING COMMUNITY

Did you know that we have a group of individuals who visit, bring communion, send cards, bring flowers, make and bring prayer shawls, and bring meals (among many other things) to those in our congregation who are ill, shut in or otherwise in need of a special touch? We meet the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 am. We are always looking for more who would be interested in participating in this ministry. We are especially in need of those who would be willing to visit and/or bring communion to those who

are unable to attend services. If you are willing to become part of this ministry, please let Father John, Father Bob or Nancy Ponec know. Thank you for considering this ministry.

ANGELS WATCHING OVER ME

St. Andrew's is adding a new ministry to the Caring Community Team called Angels Watching Over Me. We have a selection of beautiful, handmade fused glass angels that can be taken by parish members and given to friends or family members who are ill, going through some type of difficult situation, or just needing a reminder of God's love and presence. The angels will be in boxes in the conference room, near the prayer shawls, and can be taken at any time needed. If you would like to help out with this ministry, donations can be made to St. Andrew's ECW with Angels in the memo line. Thank you!

THANK YOU!!

A ginormous THANK YOU to our St Andrews Church Family for helping the Hammond/O'Shea Family organize and put on our 3rd Annual Celebration for Luke and his successful liver transplant. The early numbers look like \$4,000.00 to the COTA for Luke account. The COTA for Luke site is still open to receive donations from those who were unable to attend. www.COTAforLukeO.com We have lots of sauce for those of you who helped.

We have put it in the main kitchen freezer for you to take home. If anyone missed the event and wants sauce, please take some home for \$5 a pint or \$10 a quart. The extra sauce has been delivered to our parishioners who are ill and our new baby arrivals. Send or leave donations in the church office or to Lee Hammond, 7224 S 184th St, Omaha 68136. Our love and gratitude. Lisa and Lee Hammond

THURSDAY CRAFT GROUP

Please join us on Thursdays, 9:30 to 11:30 am. in Engle Hall. Be sure to bring along scissors and any ideas, projects for the upcoming fall sale, and other suggestions. We look forward to a productive year. Noreen Witty

QUILT FOR MAGDALENE HOUSE

The Craft Group is going to make a quilt for the Magdalene House to keep for all their residents to use. We want it to be from all of us at St. Andrew's which means that we need your help. We are

asking for 12 inch square blocks from anyone who would like to contribute to our quilt. It can be any color and design – unique is what we are looking for! If you are good at designing but not sewing, we might be able to help construct the block, depending on your design. There are many colors and patterns of fabric in the Craft group's "stash". If you are needing fabric for your block, please ask one of us to show you our collection. You are more than welcome to contribute more than one block if you desire. We have fabric pens to sign the block if it is not incorporated in your design. Please call Nancy Ponec (331-2575) for more information or to let her know you are planning your design! We would like the blocks to be completed by May 1st so that we can get the quilt finished and delivered by the end of summer. Please help us to support this group of individuals and surround them with our love in the form of a warm quilt.

ECW MUSIC EVENT

Please join the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) at 7 pm on Tuesday, March 31st for an evening of music. The Prairie Rose Ensemble will play for your listening enjoyment. Made up of local volunteers, they enjoy playing music together and performing around the city. A current member is Wayne Culp; former members include parishioners Bill Smythe, Regina Winters, & Melissa Ditsch. Refreshments will be served.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY 10 am

We are delving into Paul's letter to the Romans. Everyone is welcome...bring your favorite bible translation.

Paul's main purposes in writing his church epistles are to (1) instruct churches about the central tenets of Christianity and (2) encourage Christians to live righteously in a world that doesn't share their values or beliefs.

The central thesis of Romans is quite straightforward. Paul summarizes it near the beginning of his letter: *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes – first to the Jews and then to the Gentiles."* (Romans 1:16)

CALENDAR THIS WEEK- MARCH 15, 2019

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Holy Eucharist Rite I 7:45am
Contemporary Holy Eucharist..... 9:00am
Sunday School 10:15am
Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:30am

Monday, March 16, 2020

CGS Training..... 6:00pm

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Bible Study 10:00am
Finance 5:30pm
Vestry 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Holy Eucharist Rite II 9:30am
Stations of the Cross 5:30pm
Soup and Study (here)..... 6:00pm
Episcopal 101 (At All Saints) 6:00pm

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Craft Group..... 9:30am
Nearly New Shop..... 10:00am-3:00pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal..... 6:00pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

Friday, March 20, 2020

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

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Nearly New Shop..... 10:00am-1:00pm
Holy Eucharist Rite II 5:00pm

Sunday, March 22, 2020

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

Prayer Requests: Dusty, Joe Engle, David Darlington, Henry, Fr. Jack Kilby, Jim Hutchison, Cyndi and Mark, Phil Pierce, The Rev. Harold and Christine Smith, George Strassler, Judy Mabry, Susan Hedges

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: Noreen Witty; Brea, Sue, Finley, & Parker Woodson; Emily Wright; Nick Zielinski

Birthdays: Nathan Hudson, Kate Eddy, Jamie Baker, Josaphine Auilar, Nyadeng Riek, Del Jean Miller, James Hallgren, Anna Kay Sitzman, Phil Pierce, Dave Brown Jr., Dana Coonce

Anniversaries: Andy Jr. and Patricia Ketterson, Pete and Joan Hill, Mark and Shari Williams

Travelers:

Additional Thanksgivings:

Deceased:

Our long-term prayer list: Virginia James, John, Gail Koch, Clarine Black, Mark Peterson, Diane Taylor, Emerson, Gay, Danny Dolan, Chuck, Jim Kozak, Donna, Jeff Chase, Mike Brown, Peter Hill, Ray Buhr, Rebekah Akol, Akol Akol, Liesle, Ben Pierce, David, Tom Henry, Bob Jones, Pam, Jim White, Juleen Olson, Sabrina, Shelly Wilson, Ardie Vickery, Jan Buhr, Adah Earle, David Cosgrove, Eric N, Rosemary Carr, Richard Vinci, Bob Tritsch, Delores Prater

10:30 AM NOTE FROM THE BENCH

Washington Gladden wrote the text to our sequence hymn this morning: "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee." Gladden was the pastor of First Congregational Church in Columbus, OH from 1882-1914. He was active in social justice causes during his tenure there, arbitrating multiple union strikes and editing several magazines. He is also known as the author of the text to "Fairest Lord Jesus."

Blessings,
Michael Bauer Organist/Choirmaster

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW BY DAN SITZMAN

"Through our... work...may we bring others into your gracious presence."

When the Golden Spike was driven 151 years ago, celebrating the near-completion of the continental railroad, one of the speakers addressed the crowd, announcing that "this railroad shows the strength of the American worker." An article last year in *Smithsonian* magazine, marking the 150th anniversary of the Golden Spike, noted that about 20,000 recent immigrants from China were significant contributors to the dangerous and physically difficult labor of blasting, hauling and other manual tasks to construct the rails through and around mountains and deserts. When the railway was completed, the Chinese immigrants remained on the edges of American society.

In this Sunday's gospel passage, Jesus surprises his disciples by speaking with a Samaritan woman completing her chores. To reflect a portion of our Prayer for Saint Andrew's Parish, when I have an opportunity, how do I include others who contribute to our community?

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