

## ***Vision Statement***

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

### **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:**  
Nancy Ponec/Jamie Baker

**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

### **LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE JANUARY 20, 2019**

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

**9:00am Service- Greeters:** Dana Coonce; **Ushers:** Don Peeler &  
Barb Jackson; **Lay Readers:** Camille Culp & Don Peeler;  
**Acolytes:** Connor Smith; **Healing Prayer Team:** Andy  
Hawekotte/Karen Ekholm

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

**ALTAR GUILD:** Vickie Teutsch, Gretchen Gottschalk, Mina  
Witherspoon/Mary Schreiber

**COFFEE HOUR:** Stewardship & Nearly New Shop

### **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.

**THE GREETER:** The **blue January** calendar is out as well as the **January** issue of The Greeter. Please pick up a copy at the back of the Sanctuary or Chapel. **Articles for the February edition are due Tuesday, January 22.**

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Mary Ann Jernstrom in memory of loved ones.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS JANUARY 13, 2019**

#### **PLEDGE CARDS TODAY**

If you have not yet turned in a pledge card for 2019, please turn them in today, so that we have as accurate as possible numbers for the annual meeting. 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.

#### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING NEXT WEEK**

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.

## **TUESDAY WITH BISHOP CURRY**

If you enjoyed Bishop Curry's message at the royal wedding last summer and his appearances on the Today Show, come to our Tuesday morning study group and enjoy! **This Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am** in the Blue Room, we will be viewing Bishop Curry's series "How to Be a Crazy Christian with Michael Curry." The course utilizes video presentations in which Bishop Curry acts as an "inspiring and enthusiastic reformer with a clear call to reinvigorate the Church." Come experience his transforming power.

## **MINISTRY OF MOMS**

Moms, sisters, daughters and friends! Please mark January 23rd as the next MOMs meeting date at 7:00 pm in the Blue Room (near the church office). In our last session we had a great discussion on one of the reasons why we find ourselves living frantic and frazzled lives and not giving ourselves breathing room (fear). In session 2 of the Breathing Room series by Sandra Stanley, she will introduce us to a new understanding of the value of time. What keeps us coming back to church is not only the spiritual support we receive, but the bonds with those around us and the relationships we cherish. I pray this MOMs group will become an integral part of your life. Please contact me with any questions. Leslie VanderVeen 402-305-6706

## **\*UPDATE\* 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.

## **ST. MONICA'S GUILD WELCOME BAGS**

The ladies of St. Monica's Guild will be filling and making their next delivery of Welcome Bags to the St. Monica's Home in Lincoln on January 23rd. If you would like to make a donation, we are most in need of new bath size towels and washcloths, full size Suave or similar brand shampoo, conditioner, body wash, body lotion, deodorant, toothpaste and feminine products. We do not need name brand products, but we ask for full size items, as the

women will use these products during their stay at the St. Monica's Home for substance abuse treatment. Donations can be placed in the St. Monica's Bin in Engle Hall or brought to any St. Monica's Guild meeting. Thank you again for your continued generous support of our Welcome Bag ministry!

**THANK YOU ALTAR GUILD**

Thanks to Altar Guild members for their time and effort during 2018 and especially during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Special thanks also to the many "Friends of the Altar Guild" for their help not only during the holiday season but throughout the year. Decorating the church for Christmas and then removing those decorations is both time and labor intensive and would have been impossible without Altar Guild members and "Friends of the Altar Guild" who worked together diligently to make St. Andrew's a true reflection of Christmas.

**THE GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL**

This weekend, members of The Gideons will be speaking during the announcements. The Gideons rely on donations from individual Christians to provide scripture to people everywhere. There is an envelope your bulletin if you wish to contribute.

**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 13, 2019**

**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

**Monday, January 14, 2019**

**Tuesday, January 15, 2019**

Bible Study ..... 10:00am  
Finance Committee ..... 6:00pm  
Vestry ..... 7:00pm

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

Holy Eucharist ..... 9:30am  
St. Monica's Luncheon off-site..... 12:00pm  
Bell Choir Rehearsal..... 6:00pm

**Thursday, January 17, 2019**

Craft Group..... 9:30am  
Nearly New Shop..... 10:00am-4:00pm  
Adult Choir Practice..... 7:00pm

**Friday, January 18, 2019**

Nearly New Shop..... 10:00am-4:00pm  
Office Closes at 12pm

**Saturday, January 19, 2019**

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

**Sunday, January 20, 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  
**Annual Meeting and Pot Luck..... 11:30am**

***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:** Pat Addison, Harry Koch, Melissa Peeler, Peter Hill, Emerson, Pete Hill

**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:** Eric, Niki, Eric James, & Sydney Rodawig; Daniel and Myhra Roper; Keith and Jackie Ross; Roger Rowe; Guk, Nyadeng, Ruan, & Nyatip Rut

**Birthdays:** Karen Conrad, Lisa Moritz, Audrey Coonce, Hannah Coonce, Fred Gottschalk, Monty Halstead, Meg Dodge, Lauren White, William Cosgrove, Amaris Freed

**Anniversaries:** Mike and Alice Spence

**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

## **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 Hastings 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.

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

If most insects eaten by a species of woodpecker live 1 ½ inches from the surface of the tree bark, and there are two woodpeckers with 1-inch long beaks, what is the most likely length of the beak of the woodpeckers' offspring? Assuming simple genetics, the offspring will have 1-inch long beaks, just like the parents. Yes, a longer beak would be advantageous for the next generation to take advantage of the bountiful food source that lives just out of reach. However, just like it might be nice to have an offspring with a preferred eye color or hair color, genetic factors determine the resulting offspring, not the parents' wishes.

For years, people were expecting the arrival of the Messiah. This Sunday we hear the passage from Luke where John the Baptist, who many were wishing was the Messiah, promises that "One who is more powerful than I is coming."

As we prepare for our annual meeting, we can hope that our parish and our diocese will stretch a little farther to serve our community. But other factors, not just wishes alone, will determine the future results. As an individual, what can I contribute to sustain and build upon what others before me have done?

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