

## ***Vision Statement***

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

### **LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

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

**9:00am Service- Greeters:** Dana Coonce; **Ushers:** Stephen Haakinson & Dan Coonce; **Lay Readers:** Camille Culp & Beth Summers; **Acolytes:** Lauren Sitzman & Libby Else; **Healing Prayer Team:** Andy Hawekotte

**10:30am Service- Greeters:** Lisa Hammond; **Ushers:** Charley and Nancy Pugsley & Dave and Anne Gambal; **Lay Readers:** Andy Ketterson & Kelly Bourne; **Acolytes:** Liam O'Shea; **Healing Prayer Team:** Janice Nelson

**ALTAR GUILD:** Polly Goecke, Karen and Doug LeClair, Christina Harter

**COFFEE HOUR:** Altar Guild & Outreach

### **LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE MARCH 1, 2020**

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

**9:00am Service- Greeters:** Lisa Aguilar; **Ushers:** Don Peeler & Barb Jackson; **Lay Readers:** Cathy Rife & Melissa Peeler; **Acolytes:** TBD; **Healing Prayer Team:** Karen Ekholm

**10:30am Service- Greeters:** Anne Gambal; **Ushers:** Lee Hammond, D.J. O'Shea, & Sam Sowl; **Lay Readers:** Benji Pettiford & Bert Van Blerk; **Acolytes:** TBD; **Healing Prayer Team:** Janice Nelson

**ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Hillman, Karen Ekholm, Jan Buhr/Mary Schreiber

**COFFEE HOUR:** Vestry & Finance



**Today's Altar flowers are given by:** Gini Thomas in loving memory of Samuel F. Thomas; and by DJ and Tara O'Shea in celebration of the Luke's third anniversary of a successful liver transplant.

**THE GREETER:** The February edition of The Greeter is out. Copies of it and the yellow February calendar can be found at the back of the church and chapel. **Articles for the March edition are due TOMORROW Monday, February 24.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FEBRUARY 23, 2019**

### **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

### **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)

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES FEBRUARY 26**

Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of ashes we be offered four times on February 26. 7:00 am, 9:30 am, 12:00 pm, and 7:00 pm.

### **LENTEN WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS**

Beginning March 4<sup>th</sup> Rev. 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 4<sup>th</sup>: Sin in Pop-Culture from Dante to Lucifer. March 11<sup>th</sup>: Personal Sin. March 18<sup>th</sup>: Systemic (Corporate) Sin. March 25<sup>th</sup>: The Episcopal teachings on Sin and Reconciliation. Please join us for this new series! RSVP to Rev. LaClaire so that we can have enough food for everyone! [laclaire@standrewsomaha.org](mailto:laclaire@standrewsomaha.org)

## **EVENSONG MARCH 1**

At 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> the choirs of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, All Saints Episcopal Church, and Trinity Cathedral will join together here at St. Andrew's for the annual celebration of Evensong that has occurred on the first Sunday of Lent for the past 11 years. Evensong is the quintessential musical service in the Anglican tradition. This year it will feature the premiere performance of a new anthem written by Marie Rubis Bauer in memory of Ingrid Van Blerk. There will be a lovely reception following the service. We hope that everyone at St. Andrew's can join us for this special commemoration of the Lenten season.

## **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. **We will have a Eucharistic Visitor training session on February 27 at 10:00 am.** Thank you for considering this ministry.

## **EPISCOPAL 101 CLASS**

This class is for anyone seeking to find out more about the Episcopal church, anyone wanting to renew their faith commitment, and anyone just wanting to join in some great fellowship and discussion. We do this in conjunction with All Saints, and we will be meeting at their church this year. Participants meet on Wednesdays from 6 PM to 7:30 PM in the library for coffee, class, and discussion beginning March 4. Those attending will have the opportunity for formal Confirmation, Reception, or Renewal of Baptismal Vows should they desire it.

## **JOIN ONE OF OUR RECEPTION TEAMS**

The Reception Team ministry at St. Andrew's consists of 5 Teams of 15 women and a Reserve Team of 20.

Two "seasoned" chairwomen oversee each team.

Events we serve include: Memorial Luncheons, Bishop Receptions, Ordination Celebrations, church Annual Dinner, ECW Kick-Off Meal, and Diocesan Gatherings.

We utilize both Engle Hall and our downstairs Parish Hall.

If you are interested in joining our "fun" group, please call:

Lisa Hammond - 402-880-5063 or Camille Culp - 402-320-0256

## **LOOKING FOR A GREETER LEADER**

The Greeter committee is looking for someone who would be willing to lead this group. Responsibilities would be to make the schedule (Erin has the current schedule that is easy to adapt), train the greeters, and keep the welcome bags up to date. This is a very important ministry in this church, and we need it to remain strong. Please consider this as your ministry and contact Lisa Hammond if you are called. Thank you.

## **3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL COTA FOR LUKE CELEBRATION**

Join us downstairs Tuesday, March 10 5:30-7:30 for the celebration of Luke O'Shea's Successful Liver Transplant. Cost is \$10 adults, \$5 kids, \$25 max per family. There will be homemade spaghetti, tossed salad, Rotella's breadsticks, and Ted & Wally's ice cream. Gluten free and Vegetarian options will be available. There will also be a silent auction, raffle, balloon artist, and face painting. All proceeds will benefit COTA (Children's Organ Transplant Association). Please come and celebrate!

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

We do not place flowers on the Altar during LENT, but I will be calling those who donated Altar flowers during 2019 to offer the same opportunity in 2020. We have a contract with Bakers (132nd & Maple) to supply 2 vases, their choice of flowers, delivered each week, for a set price. Our parishioners may note memorials, celebrations, etc. in the Sunday bulletin by contributing \$45 for each vase. You may take the flowers after the 10:30 service, but if you choose to leave them, we will take them to our sick and shut-ins. They will not "go to waste"! Thank you for your generosity. 'Mina Witherspoon

**“THE SHELF ABOVE” An ECW-sponsored Labor of Love**

The next time you are in Engle Hall, perhaps enjoying a cup of coffee after a worship service, step into the little kitchen and take a look at the shelf above the sink. There you will see an attractive display. But there is a bit more to the display than mere decoration. Items have been chosen to point to the current church season, in color and detail. For example, the current display, with its green foliage, speaks to the season of Epiphany, whose liturgical color is green. Green symbolizes hope, growth, the renewal of vegetation and living things, the promise of new life, and eternal life. It is used during the seasons of Epiphany and Ordinary Time, the church season that follows Pentecost and lasts until Advent. When Lent arrives, look for an appropriate change of decoration on the shelf. As an extension of this ministry, table decorations and runners in Engle Hall will express the same seasonal messages. We hope this quiet ministry will subtly deepen the meaning of the season, as it continues a rich church tradition of symbolism.

**CALENDAR THIS WEEK- FEBRUARY 23, 2019**

**Sunday, February 23, 2020**

- Holy Eucharist Rite I ..... 7:45am
- Contemporary Holy Eucharist ..... 9:00am
- Sunday School ..... 10:15am
- Holy Eucharist Rite II ..... 10:30am
- MoMs Group..... 5:30-7:30pm

**Monday, February 24, 2020**

- CGS Training..... 6:00pm

**Tuesday, February 15, 2020**

- Bible Study ..... 10:00am

**ASH Wednesday, February 26, 2020**

- Ash Wednesday Service..... 7:00am
- Ash Wednesday Service..... 9:30am
- Ash Wednesday Service..... 12:00pm
- Ash Wednesday Service..... 7:00pm

**Thursday, February 27, 2020**

Craft Group..... 9:30am  
Nearly New Shop..... 10:00am-4:00pm  
Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training..... 10:00am  
Bell Choir Rehearsal..... 6:00pm  
Adult Choir Rehearsal ..... 7:00pm

**Friday, February 28, 2020**

Office Closed  
Nearly New Shop..... 10:00am-4:00pm

**Saturday, February 29, 2020**

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

**Sunday, March 1, 2020**

Holy Eucharist Rite I ..... 7:45am  
Contemporary Holy Eucharist..... 9:00am  
Sunday School ..... 10:15am  
Holy Eucharist Rite II ..... 10:30am  
Even Song..... 4:00pm

***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).***

**Prayer Requests:** Dusty, Joe Engle, David Darlington, Henry

**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:** Richard, Jackie, & Andrew Vinci; Judith Vrana; Carrie Wagner; Donald and Yvonne Wagner

**Birthdays:** Madison Markoff, Theresa Huss, Archie Charron, Brenden Adcock

**Anniversaries:** John and Carolyn Curtis

**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, Jim Hutchison, David, Tom Henry, Bob Jones, Pam, Jim White, Juleen Olson, Sabrina, Shelly Wilson, Ardie Vickery, Jan Buhr, Adah Earle, Jack Kilby, David Cosgrove, Eric N, Rosemary Carr, Richard Vinci, Bob Tritsch, Delores Prater

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

Today, only three species of elephant exist on earth. But 30,000 years ago, 17 different elephant species lived on the planet. Seven of those species lived in North America. That's why it's not unusual to find elephant or mammoth teeth, bones or fossils in locations in Nebraska and across the continental United States. In fact, Dr. Advait Jukar with the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History is using many of those finds as evidence. He's traveling to different museums, including UNL's Morrill Hall, looking through their fossil collections, and examining teeth and other remains to try to determine where this skull may fit into a larger family tree of mastodons. "In order to get robust statistical results," Dr. Jukar says, "we need a lot of samples. It's always good to have one thing, but that just becomes an anecdote. When you have more things you can say, 'Oh this is a repeated pattern.' It is a way for us to get at the truth."

In this Sunday's lesson from the Second Epistle of Peter, the writer speaks of the power of not following a clever anecdote, but to recognize the pattern that provides evidence of Jesus as Lord. As we prepare to enter the Lenten season, what will I do to look beyond the bunnies, chocolates, and Peeps populating store shelves, to sort through the many responsibilities and tasks, and to navigate through the stress and challenges of my day, so I can be more attentive to the light of others and be willing to be moved by the Holy Spirit?

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