

## ***Vision Statement***

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

### **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:** Connor Smith & Sam VanderVeen; **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:** Nate Gottschalk; **Healing Prayer Team:** Janice Nelson

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

**COFFEE HOUR:** Vestry & Finance

### **LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE MARCH 8, 2020**

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

**9:00am Service- Greeters:** Tom and Jean Sitzman; **Ushers:** Kim Johansen, Liz Orrick, & Karen Quintana; **Lay Readers:** Camille Culp & Fred Gottschalk; **Acolytes:** Grace Spence & Sophie Spence; **Healing Prayer Team:** Andy Hawekotte

**10:30am Service- Greeters:** Janice Nelson; **Ushers:** James Schreiber & Dave Gambal; **Lay Readers:** Ron Dunic & Kaitlan Pettiford; **Acolytes:** Nate Gottschalk; **Healing Prayer Team:** Janice Nelson

**ALTAR GUILD:** Victoria Teutsch, Susie Trupp, Mina Witherspoon

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

**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.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS MARCH 1, 2019**

**\*Please check the directory to make sure your info is up to date. There is one at the back of the chapel and one taped to the wall in the Nave.**

### **LENTEN WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS**

Beginning March 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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 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](mailto:laclaire@standrewsomaha.org) **We are looking for people to provide soup. If you can help, please sign up on the board in Engle Hall.**

### **EVENSONG TONIGHT 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.

### **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.

### **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!

### **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.

### **ALTAR GUILD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our next meeting is this Wednesday, March 4 at 9:30 am in the chapel. A Big thank you to our St. Andrew's "wine angels." Due to their generosity, St. Andrew's is supplied with all its communion wine.

### **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.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 and Regina Winters. 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)

### **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.

### **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

### **CALENDAR THIS WEEK- MARCH 1, 2019**

#### **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  
Evensong ..... 4:00pm

#### **Monday, March 2, 2020**

CGS Training..... 6:00pm

#### **Tuesday, March 3, 2020**

Bible Study ..... 10:00am

**Wednesday, March 4, 2020**

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

**Thursday, March 5, 2020**

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

**Friday, March 6, 2020**

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

**Saturday, March 7, 2020**

Caring Community..... 9:00am  
Nearly New Shop..... 10:00am-1:00pm  
Holy Eucharist Rite II ..... 5:00pm

**\*Daylight Savings Time Begins, turn your clock forward  
Saturday night\***

**Sunday, March 8, 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](mailto:erin@standrewsomaha.org).***

**Prayer Requests:** Dusty, Joe Engle, David Darlington, Henry, Fr. Jack Kilby, Jim Hutchison, Cyndi and Mark

**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:** Paula Wallace; Anne Weaver; Ken and Val West; Lois Westfall; Betty White

**Birthdays:** Burke Smith, Vicky McHugh, Lauren Engle, Robert Gross, Jenny Else, Matt Dornan, Madison Matthews, Maria Malnack, Cody Nelson, Libby Else

**Anniversaries:** Dusty and Angela McIver

**Travelers:** Lance and Jamie Baker, Lois Westfall, Noreen Witty

**Additional Thanksgivings:**

**Deceased:** Connie Krieger (service here March 6 at 11:00 am)

**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

### **Prayer for St. Andrew's Parish**

Gracious God, who called the Apostle Andrew to follow Jesus; give each of us at St. Andrew's parish the same grace to follow Jesus without delay. Through our worship, work and daily lives may we bring others into your gracious presence. Grant that each of us be guided and directed by the Holy Spirit so that our lives will reflect your love in the world. Through Christ our Savior. Amen

**REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW BY DAN SITZMAN**

*“Gracious God, who called the Apostle Andrew to follow Jesus; give each of us at St. Andrew’s Parish the same grace to follow Jesus without delay.”*

We are now reciting the Prayer for St. Andrew’s Parish at all of our services, starting with this first line. As we begin our Lenten journey, I wonder how this prayer impacts me. Do I hear the call to follow Jesus, just as Andrew was asked to join Jesus to be “a fisher of men”? When tempted to turn away, do I live by every word that comes from the mouth of God?

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