



# THE CROSSROADS

## From the Desk of the Rector

“Jesus told them many things in parables, saying: ‘Listen! A sower went out to sow... Some seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.... Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!’” (Matthew 13:3, 5-6, 8-9)

When we reflect on the parable of the sower, we should probably be careful what we pray for: we may get it. One case in point is the increased number of families with children in the midst of our parish. On one recent Sunday morning we had a light crowd of only 61 people. Of that 61, however, 11 were folks under the age of 14! While our average Sunday attendance has been around 80, more than 10% have consistently been kids.

That’s good news for our congregation, since the average age in the Episcopal Church these days is around 60. God is blessing this congregation with the increased presence of youth as well as with the hope and life that youth bring to any community. St. Andrew’s has been given a new opportunity for our future, a sign of the power of resurrection among us.

However, with God’s blessing comes the obligation of thankful response from us. As churches have learned the hard way, families with small children do not stay connected to

congregations that do not have a strong community support system and consistent family and children’s ministries in place. Therefore, it is up to each of us in this parish to live into a higher level of commitment in order that these little ones may be integrated into our parish. Strong family and children’s ministries remain successful in the same way everything else in a parish remains successful, through the consistent commitment of time, talent and treasure from members of the congregation.

We currently have only two Christian-education teachers who are here faithfully every Sunday during our school year. We are grateful for their commitment to this crucial ministry, but it is not fair that they have to do it alone. It also limits the activities and lessons available for kids of differing ages. And it means that these teachers never get the chance to take a Sunday off.

We have an inadequate number of nursery attendants who are getting a bit threadbare. While our preference is to have all of our children with us in the Holy Eucharist, we also want to provide a safe and welcoming nursery ministry to give parents an opportunity for a break from their infants and toddlers and focus their energy in worship.

Another area for potential burnout in our growing parish is among our

## July 2008

### Inside this issue

Parish Milestones	4
Servers’ Schedule	5
Who’s Who in the Pew?	6
Senior Warden’s Column	7



Fr. Kelley J. Lackey II, Rector of St. Andrew’s



St. Andrew's joined with St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Emporia Presbyterian Church for five evenings of Vacation Bible School. "Surfin' through the Scriptures" was held at the Presbyterian West Campus June 16-20. Shown here are some of the VBS-ers picking up their name tags.

## St. Andrew's thanks ...

... Deborah Cotterman, Leigh Dyer, Colleen Mitchell, Susan Brinkman, Gladys Azzun, Alice Azzun, and Allie Mitchell, who volunteered their time preparing and presenting this year's Vacation Bible School. Thanks, too, to parishioners who provided food and other support for this annual event, shared with Emporia Presbyterian and St. Mark's Lutheran Church

...Ann Jacob, who organized June's bowling night, a successful event that brought families together for an evening of fun and fellowship.

...Sue Wilson, who put her creative talents to use in designing and executing a banner for the Father's Day ran churches

...Marcia Law, who organized the reception for John and Judy Schwenn, and everyone who prepared goodies or assisted with the event.

## Bees 'evict' parishioners, but Eucharist goes on

On Sunday, June 15, St. Andrew's got a chance to "practice" for the Chase County picnic, as the 11 a.m. Eucharist was moved to the parish hall. The reason: A swarm of bees invaded the high altar on Saturday and their presence would certainly have complicated our traditional worship.

Thanks to Sue Seeman, who proved that she is as talented at the piano as she is as an organist, and to Elaine Edwards and Bill Clamurro, who provided the offertory anthem. Thanks, also, to those who arranged an impromptu altar and prepared seating for an overflow congregation.

The "blessed bees" – perhaps a swarm that had lost its way or had gotten confused about the date of St. Francis Day – met a natural end before they could be rescued by a beekeeper.

## Wednesday-evening Eucharists aren't taking a break

Informal Eucharists continue at 6 p.m. each Wednesday at St. Andrew's. These services include the always popular "Stump the Rector" activity, which has proven to be informative, provocative and fun. After the Eucharist, members have been adjourning to Emporia restaurants to share supper. The covered-dish suppers in the parish hall will return in August.

## Favorite hymn requests still accepted

Summertime, when our choir takes a break, is the time to request a favorite hymn to be sung as part of the 11 a.m. Sunday Eucharist. So far, Fr. Kelley reports, requests have been slow to come in – so there's a good chance that your favorites will be chosen.

Jot down your requests and leave them in the office. Then be sure to attend every Sunday to ensure that you're in the congregation when your hymn is scheduled.

## Looking ahead

- June 29 **Chase County Eucharist.** The annual service and covered-dish lunch will begin at 11 a.m. at the Bazaar Schoolhouse. (Additional information in this issue.)
- July 4 **Fourth of July picnic.** David and Susan Mai are again opening their spacious back yard for a holiday picnic and celebration of Holy Eucharist. More details will be available later. Watch for them.
- July 10 **Vestry meeting.** St. Andrew's Vestry will convene at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All Vestry meetings are open to parishioners.
- October **CROP Walk.** St. Andrew's will again participate in the annual CROP Walk, which raises money to relieve hunger in our community and around our world. June Hubert will have more information about this project as the time draws nearer.
- October 4 **Episcopal Church Women.** The annual gathering will be held at Good Shepherd, Wichita. Sybil MacBeth, author of *Praying in Color*, will teach a new meditative way to pray. More information in the Harvest and at [www.episcopepl-ks.org/ecw08](http://www.episcopepl-ks.org/ecw08).
- October 29 **Halloween Party.** St. Andrew's is planning a family Halloween party with fun for everyone. Be thinking about your costume and how you can help make this evening a success.

## Got plans for Independence Day?

### *Gathering at Mais' is becoming a St. Andrew's tradition*

Celebrating the Fourth of July with other St. Andrew's parishioners at the home of David and Susan Mai has become a popular part of the summer schedule.

This year's gathering will begin with a backyard Eucharist at 5 p.m. in the garden of the Mais' home, 1424 State St. A picnic will begin at 6 p.m. People who attend are asked to bring their table service and a covered dish to share. Hamburgers, hot dogs and iced tea will be provided.

## Farewell to John and Judy Schwenn *Longtime members are at home in Georgia*

St. Andrew's said a bittersweet goodbye to John and Judy Schwenn at a reception on June 22.

The Schwenns are settling in Dalton, Georgia, where John is serving as president of Dalton State College. He has been on duty there since earlier this year, while Judy remained in Emporia, teaching at Emporia High School and helping daughter Amy prepare for her June 21 wedding to J.D. Leeds.

Since John and Judy and their family moved to Emporia in 1989, they have been active in the life of St. Andrew's. John served on the vestry and Judy has been a busy member of the Parish Life committee and has volunteered in the nursery.

They are now at home at: 1303 Morton Drive, Dalton, GA 30720, (706) 529-5002, [jschwenn@daltonstate.edu](mailto:jschwenn@daltonstate.edu).

## Letter of thanks from AIDS Action International

Hank Hope, the corresponding secretary of AIDS Action International, has sent a letter to St. Andrew's thanking the congregation for the generous donation of our Easter offering. He says, "Your support helps Fr. [Rand] Frew reach out to people at home and among uninfected young people in the Philippines....We are most grateful for your support as expressed by your gifts and prayers. Committed friends like you make this mission and its work both possible and effective."

St. Andrew's collected more than \$800 when Fr. Frew was here to take part in Holy Week and Easter liturgies.



## How do we recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives?

We recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit when we confess Jesus Christ as Lord and are brought into love and harmony with God, with ourselves, with our neighbors, and with all creation. — *from An Outline of the Faith, BCP, p. 852.*

## Milestones

### *In our daily prayers we celebrate*

#### **Births**

July 2 Tony Joseph  
 July 3 Alice Azzun  
 July 4 Kelby Harrell  
 July 7 Bill Barnes  
 July 12 Nancy Toms  
 July 23 Barbara MacGregor  
 Sid Conger  
 July 26 David Walker  
 July 31 Mary Mingenback

#### **Baptisms**

July 13 Gary Mason  
 July 21 Donna Eudaley

#### **Confirmations**

July 26 Ann North  
 Bill North

#### **Marriages**

July 10 Sid and Terri Conger

#### **We remember**

July 2 Jane Elizabeth Mahnson Ballard  
 Beverly Hartsook  
 Robert Hollingshead  
 Mattie Kirk Jones

July 3 MaryBelle Gideon  
 July 5 Paul F. Bailey  
 July 6 Giles E. Russell  
 July 8 Cornelia Hardcastle Conwell  
 Stauffer  
 July 10 Bruce Perrin  
 July 12 Betty Badger  
 July 17 Sara E. Smith  
 Thomas B. Welch  
 July 20 Dean F. Allen  
 Richard Barnes  
 Sally Mason  
 July 21 Flora Oberdick Anderson Kopke  
 July 24 Ruby Crocker Gallagher  
 July 26 Cynthia Beitz  
 Jeffrey Beitz  
 William Lindsay White  
 July 27 Annette Vincent  
 July 28 Jill Bannon  
 July 29 Henry Schoap Jr.  
 July 30 Ralph E. Purviance  
 July 31 Kristi Diane Hicks  
 Walter Tyson

#### **Ordination to the diaconate**

July 22 Kelley Lackey II

### St. Andrew's Prayer List

*as of June 26*

Sambo and Rob Kirkman, Bill North, Liz Hollar, Reese Naylor, Briley Naylor, Tim, Marsha Cowan, Nancy Toms, Mark Sherman, and Opal Glasgow. Loved ones in the military: Gregg Etter, Bob Garven, Matt Bright, John, Eric Muecke, Caleb Bright, Christopher Little, and Molly.

### Important date missing?

If your special date in July hasn't been included in the calendar, please let Karen in the church office know so she can add it to our listings.

# July Server Schedule

	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27	August 3
Chalice bearer	P. Kelley	G. Garcia	J. Runge	A. Keller	G. Garcia
Priest server	S. McKinney	S. McKinney	R. Mitchell	J. Davis	R. Mitchell
Crucifer	G. Mason				
Torch 1	J. Crofoot				
Torch 2	W. Dyer				
Thurifer					
Lector	J. Runge	M. Amend	M. Mingenback	B. Clamurro	R. Call
Intercessor	M. Mingenback	B. Barnes	J. Runge	M. Amend	M. Harrell
Nursery 1	A. Jacob	L. Dyer	H. Call	L. Dyer	A. Jacob
Nursery 2	N. Jacob	M. Halleran	R. Call	M. Halleran	N. Jacob
Greeter 1	A. Hartman	J. Hubert	S. Mai	A. Dye	A. Hartman
Greeter 2	J. Groves	N. Romine	D. Mai	S. Dye	J. Groves
LEV 1	L. Bonney	J. Hubert	G. Mason	J. Hubert	P. Kelley
LEV 2	P. Kelley	B. Barnes	P. Kelley	G. Mason	B. Barnes

**Please remember that if you are not able to serve you are responsible for finding your own substitute.**

## Who's who in the pew?



A couple who met as students at Emporia State University have made their family a part of the St. Andrew's family. **Leigh and Brian Dyer and children Will and Zoe** may be found volunteering in the nursery and at the altar.

Brian, from Goddard, and Leigh, from Gridley, earned degrees in English at Emporia State before their marriage on May 20, 1995. They have since gone on to complete graduate degrees: Leigh's in business

management from Baker University, Brian's in social work from the University of Kansas. She is the adoption coordinator for TFI, formerly known as The Farm; Brian is about to begin a new job as social worker for the Coffey County school district.

When she was thinking about a church, Leigh said, she first thought of St. Andrew's because she was attracted to the building. She knew Lynn Bonney and knew that Lynn and her husband, Patrick Kelley, were members of St. Andrews. "So I called," she said, "and asked 'Do you mind if I go to church with you?'"

The rest of the family followed Leigh, in time, and now all four are active in parish life.

Will, who is 9, loves to ride his bike and scooter. Zoe, age 6, is happiest when she is playing with friends. She recently showed off stylishly decorated fingernails, a "souvenir" of an overnight stay with fellow parishioner Kira Williams.

Both children will be spending their summertime days at Camp Alexander before returning this fall to Walnut Elementary School, where Will will be a fourth-grader and Zoe will be in first grade.

The Dyers also enjoy traveling to Lyons, Colorado, a town near Estes Park, where Brian's father runs a camp. They made their Colorado getaway in June this year.

Introduce yourself to the Dyer family and let them know you're glad they share the St. Andrew's experience.

*"Who's who" is a regular feature of Crossroads. We hope to help newcomers feel at home, but we also talk with folks who have been parishioners for a longer time—so we all get to know one another.*

FROM THE RECTOR, cont.

**acolyte corps. During July, you will notice that there will be no torches or crucifer at our Sunday liturgies. This is in order that the few folks who serve as acolytes can have a few weeks off while the rest of us contemplate how the beauty of our worship is diminished without the presence of an adequate number of acolytes.**

**If you are thankful for the new growth at St. Andrew's, respond through offering your time and talent. If you cannot offer your time and talent, then provide some additional treasure so that we may have the financial resources to hire qualified nursery and Sunday school ministers from outside of our parish family. Let us not be rocky soil that supports life on a very limited basis, only to see that life wither and die. Let us be good soil that bears grain in abundance!**

Pax,

Kelley+

## From the Senior Warden

I liked all of the June events except the bees. Vacation Bible School, Family Bowling Night, Father's Day Coffee, the Schwenn Farewell Party and the Cottonwood Mass and Dinner were fun and we thank all who helped.

Lately we hear a lot of financial gloom. The dollar is weak; home foreclosures are prevalent; and the stock market is crazy. What about St. Andrew's in this picture? The pledges of our members do not meet our expenses and by the end of June we need to take approximately \$15,000 out of our endowment fund. So far, we have needed to take only from our interest and not touch the principal but low-interest dividends on our investments, inflation and fuel increases are of some concern. Be of good heart, however. The pledges have increased this year and are coming in pretty regularly. Mary Mingenback and the finance committee are great stewards of our funds and the energy and devotion of the people of St. Andrew's make this a problem we can chip away with God's help. Pray too!

In England and at older churches in the East, it was the custom to bury members in the churchyard. As churchyards were filled, cemeteries away from the churches were developed and used. At St. Andrew's Churchyard, burial is possible for members who choose cremation. After the parish hall was built and paid for, Father Larry Valentine and some forward-thinking members of our congregation proposed a columbarium in our back churchyard. An architect designed the columbarium and \$70,000 was raised by the members. Ashes of the departed are buried directly into the ground and no urns are permitted. The cost of interment is \$600 and a plaque to be mounted in the wall in the churchyard is included. For details, talk to Father Kelley.

**Helen Call**

## Bowling night scores a strike with families

The first St. Andrew's family bowling night was a success. Needless to say, the bowlers' association won't be begging any of us to join their bowling leagues.

The bowler with the highest score was Jason Brinkman, with a score of 154. We were thinking he was quite the professional when he and Susan walked in with their own personal bowling balls. Nick Jacob and Gay Barnes tied for second place with scores of 141.

The children had fun in their lanes with the special bumpers to avoid "gutter balls." Carolyn Lackey and Gabe Lackey had an unfair advantage because they chose to bowl in the bumper lanes! Due to the success of the evening, be looking for future family bowling nights.

Thanks to everyone who attended!

—Ann Jacob, Bowling night organizer



*Abigail Jacob gets ready to roll one down the lane at St. Andrew's first bowling night, Saturday, June 7.*

## Fund to aid victims of Kansas tornadoes

The diocese is accepting gifts to help people affected by mid-June tornadoes in Manhattan and Chapman. To send a contribution, make a check payable to the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, with "Tornado Relief" in the memo line. Send the check to: The Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, 835 S.W. Polk St., Topeka, KS 66612-1688. Although the church buildings in Manhattan and Junction City were not hit, the homes of Episcopalians who are part of the Northwest Convocation were damaged. Jolena and Rex Matney, members of Church of the Covenant in Junction City, reported serious damage to their 19<sup>th</sup>-century stone house in Chapman.

**St Andrew's Episcopal Church  
828 Commercial  
Emporia, Kansas 66801  
(620) 342-1537**

**The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe  
Bishop of Kansas**

**The Rev. Kelley J. Lackey II  
Rector of St. Andrew's**

July 20 is the deadline for information to be included in the August Crossroads. Please drop off any information at the church office or e-mail it to [standrewsemporia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:standrewsemporia@sbcglobal.net) by noon that day.

**Visit the parish website at  
[www.StAndrewsEmporia.org](http://www.StAndrewsEmporia.org)**

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
828 Commercial  
Emporia, Kansas 66801**