



THE CROSSROADS

From The Desk Of The Rector

Ordinarily Speaking

Whether we are consciously aware of it or not, through our liturgy we have been expressing our creedal theology through the past several church seasons. It all started back in December with the season of Advent. We heard from John the Baptist and the prophets of Israel of a coming messiah. We celebrated the incarnation of that messiah in the season of Christmas. In Epiphany we recalled the many ways that Christ was manifested to his early followers and the ways that he continues to be made known in our midst. In Lent we made the journey of repentance and penitence that led us to the cross in Holy Week and to the empty tomb of Easter day. We were explicit in looking at the resurrection stories and intentional in participating in the ongoing reality of that resurrection for us throughout the seasons of Easter and Ascension. With Pentecost we celebrated the birthday of the Church and we are reminded of the Holy Spirit descended upon us to enliven as the Body of Christ in the world.

With Pentecost Sunday behind us we now enter the part of the church calendar commonly known

as "ordinary time". We will live in this ordinary state until the beginning of the new liturgical year on December 2. But don't let the ordinary nature of the rest of the church year lull you into thinking that it's time for us to be less intentional than when we are engaging the great themes of our faith in the other seasons of the year.

The liturgical color for ordinary time is green so that we may be reminded of our ongoing responsibility to grow in our faith and practice of prayer. It is also a reminder that we are called to continue to grow in the life of the Church and to be intentional in helping the Church to grow.

Do not underestimate the power of "ordinary". An ordinary faith can move mountains (as long as we don't forget to bring our shovels.) It is in the most ordinary times and places that powerful things can happen! Ordinary conversations with friends and neighbors are opportunities to invite someone to church and be an agent of powerful transformation. An ordinary weekly routine of attending Eucharist will transform you over time. Ordinary acts

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Fr. Kelley J. Lackey II
Rector of St. Andrew's

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Women will meet again

With two luncheon gatherings completed, the women of St. Andrew's have planned a third get-together on **June 16** at Coburn's Family Restaurant. Women will start gathering at **11:30** and order their own lunches. The event will continue until about 1:30 p.m., so women who work outside the home can drop by on their lunch hour. Want to know more? Talk with Helen Call.

Day will promote relief from hunger

Bishop Wolfe has designated Sunday, **June 3**, as "Hunger Awareness Day" in the Diocese of Kansas. Episcopalians throughout the diocese are being asked to bring non-perishable food to church on that day and to make a financial contribution to support anti-hunger efforts in the diocese. St. Andrew's members, like our sisters and brothers in other parishes in the Northwest and Southeast convocations, should make checks payable to our congregation, which will forward that money to local food banks, food pantries or hot meal programs. In the Northeast Convocation, contributions will support Episcopal Community Services' Anti-Hunger Network; the Southwest Convocation will support Episcopal Social Service. The bishop's letter to all members of the diocese is posted on the diocesan web site at <http://www.episcopal-ks.org/news/HungerAwarenessDay.html>.

Include Bible school in your vacation plans

St. Andrew's has joined forces with members of the Emporia Presbyterian Church and St. Mark's Lutheran Church to present a vacation Bible school. Deborah Cotterman, who represents St. Andrew's on the planning committee, reminds everyone that the classes for all ages—including adults—will meet from **6:00 to 8:00 p.m. June 26-20** on the Presbyterian west campus. Deborah will be happy to hear from anyone who is interested in attending or volunteering to help out with this project.

In memory of Fr. Valentine

The **10:30 a.m. Eucharist on June 17** will include the consecration of office candles in memory of Fr. Larry Valentine. The vestry determined that the candleholders at the main altar would be an appropriate memorial, a representation of eternal life, to Fr. Valentine's 18-year service to the people of St. Andrew's. The memorial paid for by gifts from Fr. Valentine's friends and parishioners.

St. Andrew's will help Emporia celebrate

Getting in the spirit of Emporia's 150th anniversary as a community, St. Andrew's will enter a float in the Fourth of July Parade. June Hubert has put out a call for parishioners who will ride on the float or walk beside it as it travels up Commercial Street in the celebration. Participants are asked to wear their St. Andrew's T-shirts. Don't have a T-shirt? Don't worry: one will be provided for you. Anyone who wants to help decorate the float should talk to Rick Mitchell or Nancy Pontius.

Notes from the vestry

At their May meeting, members of the St. Andrew's vestry considered ongoing problems with the air conditioning and dehumidifiers. A power surge in early May affected the **air conditioner**, but has been repaired. The vestry approved buying a new **dehumidifier** to replace the old one that was just too weary to do its job. June Hubert attended the meeting to keep the vestry up to date on plans for a **shelter for homeless families**. She and Jacque Heckman-James are working with a coalition of representatives of community agencies, but the project is still in "the talking stages." If St. Andrew's can get the shelter established, the parish might qualify for Jubilee Ministry status. Mark Harder, who attended a diocesan youth-training event, told the vestry that parishes around the diocese have problems similar to those St. Andrew's faces. In fact, he said, "We're on a better page than most of them are." Members also opened a discussion of **landscaping and planting** on the grounds and continued to talk about a new sign for the front lawn.

The vestry's next meeting will begin at **7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 14**, in the parish hall. All members of St. Andrew's are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Rector's Column, *cont.*

and gifts to the Church build up the life of the Body of Christ.

We have spent several months engaging the powerful tenets of our faith. However, it is in the ordinary where we spend most of our lives. And it is in the ordinary that God expects us to do most of our growing both as individual Christians and as active members in the Body of Christ, the Church. Be intentional in using ordinary times and places in your daily life to continue to know Christ and make Christ known to others.

Pax,
Kelley+

St. Andrew's salutes

... William H. Clamurro, who has been appointed director of Emporia State University's Honors Program. Bill has been a professor in the department of modern languages and literatures since 1997 and served as department chair from 1997 through 2003. A Spanish literature scholar, he has published more than 39 articles and two books. He was named Roe R. Cross Distinguished Professor in 2000.

In addition to his work at ESU, Bill has shared his musical talents with St. Andrew's and has led adult Christian education classes.

... Adam Rust, who was named Emporia State's outstanding student in philosophy.

Adam is back home for the summer, so be sure to congratulate him when he returns to St. Andrew's in the fall.

... Fr. Kelley, who will serve as vice president of the Lyon County Ministerial Alliance next year.

Chase Harder sees his future in ministry

Like most other kids his age, Chase Harder has been anticipating summer vacation. He's been busy applying for jobs and will be busy with studies and athletic camps. The three months to senior year will pass quickly, but he's looking forward to being a senior at Emporia High School.

Chase is looking beyond his senior year, thinking about his goal to serve God through the ordained ministry. He got a peek at what awaits him when he attended a Pathways to Ministry weekend in mid-April at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Dallas.

The weekend, Chase said, brought together nine participants—three from Kansas, two from North Carolina, one each from Baltimore, New Hampshire, Dallas and Washington, D.C.—to meet with priests who serve in parish ministry and campus ministry and as teachers.

"We learned a lot about different kinds of ministry," Chase said. "We had a chance to talk with them about the kind of preparation that would be expected for each field."

The experience helped Chase clarify his thoughts, but he didn't change his direction: He still thinks that his future is in parish ministry.

Getting together with the young people from across the country reminded Chase that Episcopal churches aren't all exactly the same. Customs and practices vary, although the liturgy and readings remain the same.

"It was really surprising," Chase said of the worship services. "The adults stood and knelt at different times, but the kids, no matter where they were from, did the same thing."

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Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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Milestones

We celebrate:

Births

June 5 Adam Law
 June 6 Jeff Hawes
 June 7 Roger Samuelson
 June 10 Seth Fowler
 June 11 Jim Resch
 June 12 Shirley Bannon
 Marcia Law
 June 14 Sue McKinney
 June 17 Gary Mason
 June 19 Macey Adams
 June 20 Fred Adams

Baptisms

June 10 Judy Schwenn
 June 16 Jake McCracken
 John McCracken
 June 18 Mary Mingenback
 June 19 Rick Mitchell

Confirmations

June 4 Harry Bird
 June 8 Ben Resch
 June 29 Gary Mason

Marriages

June 7 Gould and Nancy Garcia
 June 10 Kevin and Julia Williams
 June 11 Ken and Judy Calhoun
 June 11 Jared and Jordan Fowler-Kline
 June 12 Bill and Gay Barnes
 June 14 Rick and Marcia Law
 June 17 Glen and Norma Gilpin
 June 22 David and Barbara Walker

We remember:

June 3 William E. Teichgraeber
 June 8 Marie Romer

June 11 Bertha Pedroja
 June 12 Rea Clark Haynes
 Vivian Cawood Kessler
 June 17 W.S. Dickensheets
 June 18 Wylie Price
 June 19 Homer Dorsey Gibson
 June 22 Mary Smith
 June 25 William R. James
 June 26 Leone G. Broderick
 June 28 Bernice Allen
 June 30 Fred P. Day

If a date that's important to you hasn't been included in this calendar, please notify the church office or send an e-mail to oread1978@yahoo.com.

Harder *cont.*

The participants stayed with host families during their time in Dallas. Chase's family opened their home to him and the student from the District of Columbia.

"It was something new to me," said Chase, who traveled on his own to the meeting while parents Mark and Jenny stayed home and fretted. "Having a place to relax with a regular family was really nice."

Chase, who grew up at St. Andrew's, expects to be in Emporia through his senior year and perhaps beyond. He has his sights on attending Emporia State University, although his athletic prowess may attract some offers from other colleges.

He may also have the opportunity to attend follow-up Pathways to Ministry events and could even earn a paid internship at St. Michael's, helping with Pathways activities and serving at the altar.

With so many options opening up to him, Chase is certain of one thing: He wants to enter the priesthood.

"I don't know which way I'll take," he said, "but I know where I want to be."

June Server Schedule

	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24	July 1
Chalice bearer	Rick Mitchell	Gould Garcia	Allison Keller	Pat Kelley	Sue McKinney
Priest server	Sue McKinney	Justin Davis	Jenny Harder	Rick Mitchell	Justin Davis
Crucifer	Cody O'Mara	Gary Mason	Chase Harder	Cody O'Mara	Cody O'Mara
Torch 1	Will Dyer	Patrick Davis	Elijah Williams	Gladys Azzun	Jordan Crofoot
Torch 2	Brian Dyer	Jordan Crofoot	Hannah Harder	Allie Mitchell	Brian Dyer
Reader	Bill Barnes	Mary Mingenback	Lynn Bonney	John Schwenn	Jean Runge
Prayers of the People	Marged Amend	Millard Harrell	Bill Clamurro	Marged Amend	Bill Clamurro
Nursery 1	Leigh Dyer	Ann Jacob	Ray Call	Ashley Taylor	Mary Halleran
Nursery 2	Mary Halleran	Nick Jacob	Helen Call	Leigh Dyer	Gladys Azzun
Greeter 1	David Mai	Nancy Romine	Brian Dyer	Josh Taylor	John Bannon
Greeter 2	Susan Mai	Julia Williams	Jean Runge	Chase Harder	Shirley Bannon
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Patrick Kelley	Lynn Bonney	Millard Harrell	Sue McKinney	June Hubert
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Please remember that if you are not able to serve you are responsible for finding your own substitute.

Vacation Bible School presents the Ten Commandments

Join us June 25-29, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Desert of Sinai (or the Nave in the West Campus) awaiting the return of Moses, the one who led us out of bondage in Egypt. He's been up on the mount speaking with God for weeks and we're getting pretty antsy. There are so many of us here, thousands upon thousands. I mean, is he really coming back? Has God forgotten us? Why can't we see this God of ours? Can't we do things the way we used to? Oh wait, isn't that Moses I see coming - and what's that he's carrying?

Traditionally VBS has been a learning time just for children, up through grade 6. This time we've added some new opportunities and we hope you'll see one you want to attend: *new*—our Youth, grades 7-12, will be Walking Leaders; *new*—a free nursery each night for the infants and children under four of attendees and workers, *new*—Adult discussion classes; *new*—Friday at 7 there will be a Concert in the Courtyard Friday at 7:00 p.m.

After picking up a name tag for your child and/or yourself, you will go to the Nave for the opening, including an offering. This year the offering will go to the Arab Evangelical Episcopal School in Ramallah, West Bank. "Ram Allah" is Arabic for "hill of God." Learn more about this school when you come to VBS!

Afterwards there will be crafts, snacks, music, outdoor fun and storytelling centers to rotate through. Each child should bring a white, pre-washed t-shirt to paint on Monday. Do not use fabric softener in your wash or dry cycle. For the closing, we will return to the nave.

Adults, don't forget to sign up for *your* discussion classes. Especially for young parents (and interested others) there will be:

Monday: "The Importance of Reading" with Lori Mann, ESU Early Childhood Education

Tuesday: "Practical Parenting" with Jennifer Williams, Mental Health Center

Wednesday: "Internet Use and Safety" with Jeline Harclerode, from USD 253

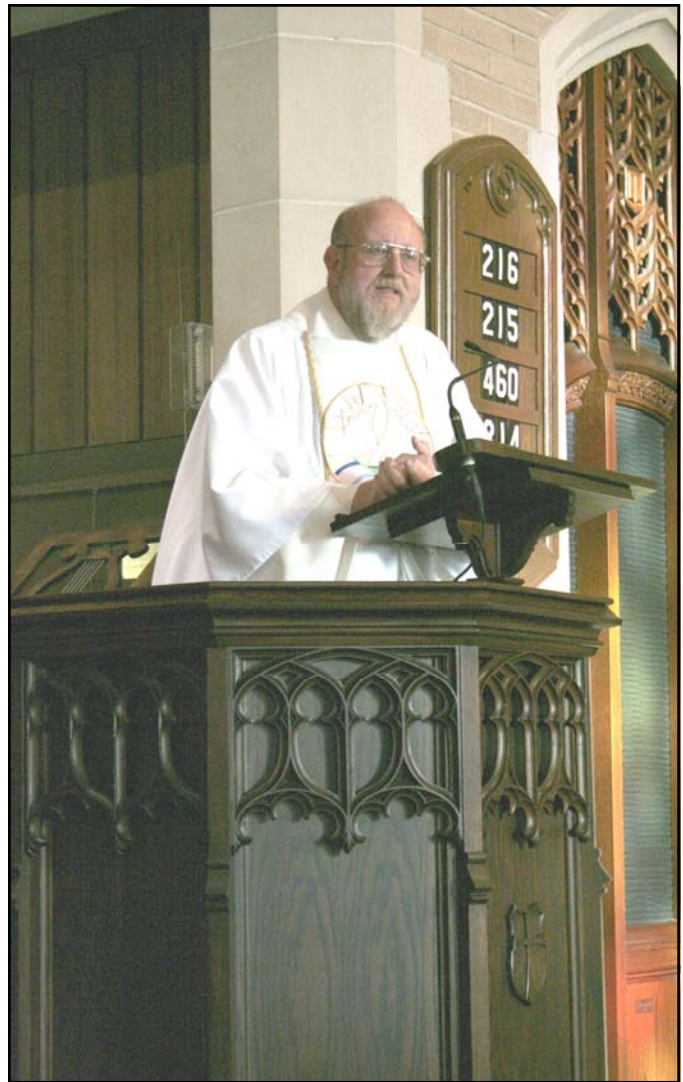
There will also be adult classes discussing the VBS theme, the Ten Commandments. These will be led each night by Pastor Mike Sorsen of the Presbyterian Church, Pastor John Davis of St. Mark's Lutheran church and Father Kelley Lackey.

Monday: "The Ten Commandments, History and Context"

Tuesday: "The Ten Commandments, Relationship with God and Community"

Wednesday: "The Ten Commandments, in our Lives Today. For Real?"

Grownups, we have refreshments for you, as well. Each evening there will be cakes, pies and an assortment of sweets, along with coffee and tea, baked by our own church cooks.



Pastor John Davis of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran delivers the Ascension Day sermon at St. Andrew's on Thursday, May 17. Pastor Davis also concelebrated the Holy Communion with Fr. Kelley in accordance with the concordat between the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Episcopal Church. Next year St. Mark's will host St. Andrew's for Ascension Day (May 1).

From the Senior Warden

St. Andrew's has found another way to enter the 21st century: we now have our own website. I encourage you to visit www.StAndrewsEmporia.org. Karen Whittlesey, Father Kelley and Allen Walker from ESU have been working for several months to make the website a reality.

The vestry has approved the following objectives for our church:

1. Develop a website
2. Campus ministry and working with Father Craig Loya
3. Welcoming new members and parish fellowship
4. Stewardship and finance
5. Christian education
6. Outreach

We are working to finalize chairs for each of these efforts.

A special thanks to all who contributed to the Good Friday and Easter offerings. Our total of \$667 was 32 percent greater than the amount contributed last year.

I was hoping that it would take us longer this year to have to use earnings from the endowments to support the operations of the church, but in April, we had to move \$10,000 to cover operating expenses. As we enter the summer period with vacations, please continue to keep your pledge current. Through April and excluding endowment transfers, pledges were \$39,507, which is \$4,841 better than the budget. Total receipts of \$44,399 are \$6,159 better than the budget. We are doing reasonably well with parishioners contributing to support the church, but as projected, our expenses are approximately \$2,245 a month greater than our receipts. Through April, our expenses were \$53,379 or \$3,420 greater than the budget. The areas where we are over budget are supplies, building insurance, utilities, evangelism, music, office expenses, pension (this is paid quarterly and was paid in April) and yard care.

As you have seen, there have been some Sundays when we have not had flowers. This is one area where the vestry decided to reduce expenses. If you would like to honor or remember someone with flowers, please let the church office know.

Bill Barnes

From the Church Secretary

When we celebrate one of the "big" events in the church calendar, Fr. Kelley or I find artwork for the front of the service bulletin to enhance the meaning of the day with an appropriate expression of visual beauty. Searching through online resources we find examples of how artists have interpreted a religiously significant event such as Christmas, Good Friday, Ascension, and so forth.

Likewise, hymns are selected for the appropriateness of their words (among other criteria); thus, we are not likely to sing "O come, O come, Emmanuel" on Ascension or "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" on Christmas. We use flowers in the same way, choosing colors that reflect the day: red on Pentecost, white on Easter.

But not all Sundays are high holy days or liturgically "big." We are now in "ordinary time" and will be for the six months until Advent. It is my hope that we can include artwork on the front of most Sunday service bulletins, as well as on the special bulletins. When space permits in the announcements section of the bulletin, I will include the artist's name and the title and date of the piece. I will also try to include something about the artist or the work.

To my way of thinking, art should be an ordinary part of our lives, something available to us at any time as enrichment for our own creativity and acknowledgment of the creativity of others. When artists turn their creative efforts to liturgical themes, we can use their work to enhance our worship experience.

Karen Whittlesey

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June 20 is the deadline for information to be included in the July Crossroads. Please drop off any information at the church office or e-mail it to oread1978@yahoo.com by noon that day.

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