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Next Crossroads Deadline

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

THE CROSSROADS

From The Desk Of The Rector

In last month's column, I addressed the issue of a death-denying culture. As I have sat with that column for the past month, it occurs to me that death-denial is just one part of a larger myopia that we suffer. I believe that this is a result of our inability to readily accept and embrace, not just our own mortality, but all of our limitations as finite creatures. As human beings, we have a compulsion to be all-knowing, to have access to all things and to be in ultimate control of our lives and destinies, to be our own self-creating gods.

This condition is known in theological terms as being "fallen." While most responsible biblical scholars do not see the creation stories in Genesis 1 and 2 to be historical, all Christian scholars agree that, as human beings, we are in a fallen state. Human beings continue to replay the tragedy of Eve and Adam, the serpent and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Here is the gist of what I

mean. The human beings in the story are created by a loving god and placed in the garden (or creation). They are given clear indication that they are limited by what they should and should not do: Namely, they are not to go to the center of the garden to partake of the knowledge of good and evil. They are given the freedom to be perfectly human, finite, relational beings by virtue of God's clarification that they should not burden themselves by putting themselves in the center of their universe. That is God's role as the creator.

The humans begin to be overcome by their need to be in ultimate control of their own destiny. It is not good enough that they have been created by and are cared for by God. They think that they can do a better job. Tragically, in taking on the role of self-creating gods, the humans become fragmented from God, the cosmos, one another and even themselves. They have opted to "go it alone." They

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A few notes about our Lenten liturgy

It was decided after discussion with the worship committee that our principal Sunday Eucharist in Lent would be marked by scaling back to minimal music and principally observing mandatory rubrics in the Book of Common Prayer. One will note that a rubric is mandatory if it is direct, for example, "The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread." An action is not mandatory when the rubric is suggestive, such as, "The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, *may* bless the people."

As is usual in Lent, we will be using the Penitential Order found on Page 351. One of the most noticeable changes during the season will be the lack of a procession in or out of the church. Notice that the BCP says that a hymn, psalm or anthem *may* be sung before the Gospel and during the administration of Holy Communion. The canon and the psalm will be spoken. We will be using Eucharistic Prayer C, which is more penitential in nature. There will be no manual acts or bells at the Eucharistic Prayer. No concluding blessing will be given. There will be no prelude or postlude.

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Vestry accepts new mailbox

St. Andrew's will soon have a new mailbox, thanks to a gift from Emanuel Azzun. At their February meeting, Vestry members accepted the gift of a new locking mailbox to replace the box outside the parish hall entrance.

Treasurer Mary Mingenback reported that the December electric bill was unusually high, probably the result of extended bitter cold and furnace problems. Receipts were \$21,627, over the \$9,560 that was budgeted, a reflection of pledges paid in full at the beginning of the year.

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From the Senior Warden

We welcome two new members to the Vestry – Jeff Hawes and Josh Taylor. Millard Harrell was also elected for a three-year term, after being appointed to the Vestry last year.

As we continue our new church year at St. Andrew's, the Vestry has approved three goals or objectives. Those objectives are member sustainment and growth, stewardship and finance, and Christian education. We will be developing strategies to support these objectives. Your comments and prayers are welcomed as we work to strengthen our church for the work God has given us to do. We encourage each of you to become involved in our various ministries. Be proactive and volunteer where your time and talents can best be utilized. I am sure Colleen Mitchell would welcome some additional help with Christian education and there is always an opportunity to help in the nursery (some training required). These are just two areas where you can make a difference.

At the annual meeting, several people were recognized for their work for St. Andrew's – John Schwenn as a member of the vestry and as senior warden for the past two years, Eddie Gilpin as a member of the Vestry and as junior warden and John Randolph for his time on the Vestry and as a previous senior warden during our time of transition. We also need to thank two unsung individuals – Karin Randolph for her years of service as parish secretary and treasurer and Mary Mingenback for taking over the treasurer's duties. Delegates for the convocation and diocesan convention are Sue McKinney and Ray Call, with Helen Call and Jenny Harder as alternates.

Financially, our church got off to a good start in January, with parishioners who paid early on their 2007 pledges. Through January, we have received \$19,884 in pledged income, which is 19 percent of our budget. For January, our total receipts were \$21,628, which was \$12,068 better than our budget of \$9,560. However, expenses for January were greater than our budgeted expenses by \$2,952. Total expenses for January were \$15,442. The first month of every quarter has the majority of quarterly payments. We also had an exceptionally high utility bill of \$1,266 and a high cost for snow and ice removal. Our finances will remain a challenge for us this year.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 24, for our spring work day.

Bill Barnes
Senior warden

Skywalking Through Lent

Lenten study to explore popular movie series

A search for lessons and themes in the “Star Wars” movies will be the focus of St. Andrew’s Lenten study.

Fr. Kelley says, “We will be watching the ‘Star Wars’ films and then discussing the films in the light of the Lenten themes of Creation, Fall and Redemption. These are crucial themes for our self-understanding as Christians. I just want to take a fresh approach to the traditional Lenten study group.”

The study is part of the Wednesday evening Eucharist and supper series, meeting at 6 p.m. Feb. 28 through March 28.

Stations Of The Cross To Be Held Throughout Lent

St. Andrew’s, Sacred Heart will share Stations

Again this year, members of St. Andrew’s and Sacred Heart Catholic Church will gather to commemorate the Stations of the Cross each Friday from Feb. 23 through March 30 at 7PM. Sacred Heart will host on February 23, March 9 and 23. St. Andrew’s will host March 2, 16 and 30.

The Good Friday citywide Stations will be repeated this year at Noon and will include other congregations in Emporia.

St. Andrew’s Thanks

...Don Bailey and the crew who put together this year’s Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Although the event had competition from Emporia’s citywide birthday party, the dinner raised more than \$900 and continues the tradition of food and fellowship before the beginning of Lent.

...Elizabeth First, who sees to it that our service bulletins are folded each week.

...Bill Clamurro, who continues to lead a discussion of “Lost Christianities” for adults in Christian education and who has donated DVDs of the book to the St. Andrew’s library.

...Geoff Creswell, who lovingly and skillfully restored our Lenten processional cross.

You Are Invited

The parish is cordially invited to drop by the rectory, 1307 Rural, on Sunday, March 11th from 3 to 5 PM

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will become their own shoddy substitutes for the creator god and their self-delusion will lead them down a path of power-grabbing, suspicion, finger-pointing, anxiety, fear and despair. My brothers and sisters, each of us finds ourselves at the center of our own garden.

Lent is here again. It is a time of being intentional about relinquishing our obsession to be gods over ourselves and each other. A holy Lent is marked by penitence, fasting, additional devotion to God and alms-giving. Each of these practices serves to move us away from our own self-centeredness and back into right relation with God and one another. I hope that each of us will take this Lenten season as an opportunity to relinquish our life in order to make room for the God of Resurrection life.

Pax,
Kelley+

Don’t let the clock surprise you

Daylight Saving Time will get off to an unusually start this year: We’ll turn the clocks forward one hour as of 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 11.

The change is the result of congressional action designed to save energy, but it’s likely to cause some confusion as the date is no longer a “first Sunday” or a “last Sunday” in a month, but comes a month earlier than usual – and toward the middle of the month.

Outreach Opens Doors and Minds

An invigorated Outreach committee is up and running, with plans for increasing St. Andrew’s involvement in Emporia, the larger community and the world.

That involvement began on Sunday,

Feb. 25, with congregational participation in the One Episcopalian campaign, a national ecumenical effort to fight poverty, improve health care, support education and maintain other efforts to better the quality of life for people in the United States and abroad.

The Feb. 25 collection coincided with a reminder that the fourth Sunday of each month is set aside for support of outreach projects. Undesignated offerings will go for outreach, which, at St. Andrew’s, is focusing on four principal projects: Rebuilding Together (formerly Christmas in April) and the Lyon County Restricted Emergency Fund, both in Emporia; AIDS Action International, which helps train physicians to work in underdeveloped countries; and Episcopal Relief and Development, which includes the One Episcopalian campaign.

Outreach also encompasses the ongoing payee program of Episcopal Social Services at St. Andrew’s, the CROP Walk and parish gifts for Christmas families.

And, beginning after Easter, the committee will be inviting knitters and prospective knitters to pick up their needles to support the Seaman’s Institute, a mission to mariners. Barbara MacGregor has long been a knitter to benefit this cause and Nancy Romine, who knits as well as quilts, has volunteered to teach knitting to anyone willing to learn.

Rick Mitchell is the Vestry’s liaison to the Outreach committee, whose members include Dave Hendricks, Jackie Heckman-James, Cade Amend, Bob Henderson, Tammy Davis, Barbara MacGregor, Fred Adams and Amali Reilly. The committee will be planning activities in support of outreach projects, giving everyone in the parish an opportunity to be involved.

Some of the projects will be open to the community, which will help make St. Andrew’s more visible in Emporia and the area, allowing others to share the fun and get to know us. We hope that outreach will serve as a two-way street, bringing St. Andrew’s to the community and the community to St. Andrew’s.

Lynn Bonney
Outreach chair



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The one of a kind processional cross made by world renowned folk artist, Lester Raymer, is restored.

Thanks to the skill of Geoff Creswell, a fine artist in his own right, the lead corpus was returned to the wood cross in time for it to be used at the Ash Wednesday and Great Litany processions.

Raymer created the processional cross at the same time that he produced the large crucifix over our high altar. It was given by Esther Larkin in memory of her parents.

Raymer also created the Christus Rex at St. David's Church in Topeka. To learn more about Lester Raymer, visit www.redbarnstudio.org

Milestones

Births

- March 1 - Kevin Williams
- March 3 - Anita Gilpin
- March 5 - Opal Glasgow
- March 7 - Florence Colaw
- March 8 - Barbara DeBauge
- March 9 - Delaney E. Adams
- March 10 - Cade Amend
Sabra Amend
- March 11 - Shirlee Ebberts
Stuart Johnson
- March 13 - Arnold Graham
Bart Johnson
- March 18 - Anna Basler
- March 19 - Megan Gilpin
- March 22 - Ann North
Tom Resch
- March 24 - Jean Runge
- March 28 - John Bannon
Blake Mitchell
- March 31 - Tyson Fowler

Baptisms

- March 1 - Jenny Harder
- March 3 - Jordan Fowler
- March 8 - Patrick Kelley
- March 10 - Larie Schoap
- March 17 - Justin Davis
Mallory Defoor
Hannah Harder
Carolyn Lackey
- March 21 - Harry Bird
- March 29 - Jean Runge

Confirmations

- March 1 - Larry Eudaley
Jenny Harder
Ben Resch
Steven Schwenn
- March 14 - Barbara Walker
- March 18 - Nancy Toms
- March 22 - Barbara MacGregor

- March 26 - Grady Fowler
- March 29 - Larry DeBauge
Nancy Garcia
- March 31 - Jean Runge
(received)

Marriages

- March 20 - Mark and Cyndi Valentine

We remember:

- March 2 - Rosamund B. Shulley
- March 3 - Jacob Austin
- March 6 - John C. Gladfelter
Zelma Louise Hilton Noble
- March 7 - Reva Herman
- March 8 - Lloyd B. Price
- March 9 - Gertrude E. Leonard
Lyle G. Noyes
- March 10 - Anna Preston Canby
Mabel E. Corbett
- March 16 - Lloyd Edwards
- March 19 - Clinton Henning
- March 20 - Elmer Jones
- March 21 - Maxie Bird
- March 22 - Mildred Purviance
Bertha Newman Sprague
- March 23 - Lucetta Stover
- March 28 - Oleva Anderson
Hunt
Georgia Morrison
- March 29 - Nellie Ruth Markle

We pray for those in the military, especially Tom Garven, Bob Garven, Gregg Etter and John.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE MARCH 4-APRIL 1

	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25	April 1 Palm Sunday
Chalice bearer	Allison Keller	Jean Runge	Allison Keller	Patrick Kelley	Gould Garcia
Priest server	Rick Mitchell	Sue McKinney	Rick Mitchell	Sue McKinney	Jenny Harder
Crucifer	none	none	none	none	Chase Harder
Torch 1	none	none	none	none	Hannah Harder
Torch 2	none	none	none	none	Cody O'Mara
Reader	Adam Rust	Bill Barnes	Mary Mingenback	Lynn Bonney	Adam Rust
Prayers of the People	Marged Amend	Bill Ciamura	Ray Call	Millard Harrell	Marged Amend
Nursery 1	Ashley Taylor	Judy Schwenn	Gladys Azzun	Helen Call	Ashley Taylor
Nursery 2	Leigh Dyer	John Schwenn	Mary Halleran	Ray Call	Leigh Dyer
Greeter	Josh Taylor	Nancy Romine	Mike Halleran	John Bannon	Josh Taylor
Greeter	Nancy Romine	Brian Dyer	June Hubert	Shirley Bannon	Nancy Romine
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Sue McKinney	June Hubert	Mary Mingenback	Patrick Kelley	Jean Runge
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Please Remember that if you are not able to serve, you are responsible for finding your own substitute.