



THE CROSSROADS

From the Desk of the Rector

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' (Matthew 28:16-20)

These are the final words of the resurrected Jesus to his followers in the Gospel according to Matthew. This passage is known as the "Great Commission" because it gives the Church its final and perpetual marching orders from Jesus. As we enter into Easter and live out again the sacred drama of Holy Week and Easter, it is a good time to jump ahead and remember what it is all about and why any of it really matters to the Body of Christ.

Most of us are familiar with mission statements through organizations and businesses with which we are associated. *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you* is our mission statement.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, Sue Wilson and Pat Kelley make a report on some of the things that came up in our vestry retreat with Fr. Jerry Skillicorn. Fr. Jerry has had many years' experience working with revitalizing older, and planting new, Episcopal congregations. It's always helpful

to have an outside set of eyes look in on a congregation and be able to voice to the parish leadership what they see. It's good to have this type of neutral outsider because they don't have any real biases, agendas or sacred cows where our congregation is concerned. They can be the most objective eyes.

As a priest, Fr. Jerry is concerned with one question. Is our congregation doing all that it can to make, equip and support disciples of Jesus Christ? Everything else that this congregation is and does is secondary and open for debate. I have to admit that that is somewhat difficult for me to hear as I have numerous biases, agendas and sacred cows of my own through which I see and operate. As I have mentioned in past articles, if I had my way, every liturgy would be sung through clouds of incense with lots of 'thees' and 'thys' and the arrangement of our liturgical space would look much like it would have five hundred or so years ago.

However, at our retreat I was challenged again to ask myself, does this style of worship speak to the vast majority of un-churched people in Emporia? Do our liturgical and fellowship spaces, no matter how beautiful they may be to us, function to draw in potential disciples or do our spaces impede, isolate and befuddle folks?

We are called to be disciples that make disciples and then actively support each other in our discipleship, not to impede and befuddle.

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

Holy Week at St. Andrew's, April 5-12

Palm Sunday	11 a.m.	Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist. No early Eucharist.
Holy Wednesday	6 p.m.	Tenebrae
Maundy Thursday	6 p.m. 7 p.m.-Sunrise	Foot Washing, Eucharist & Stripping of the Altars Vigil with the Blessed Sacrament, beginning after the liturgy. Sign up sheet is on the table. <i>Fr. Kelley will hear private confession until 8 pm.</i>
Good Friday	12 p.m. 6 p.m.	Citywide Stations of the Cross. We will meet at St. Andrew's and process to Sacred Heart Parish, 101 Cottonwood. Wear comfortable shoes. Note the change of starting place. Proper Liturgy & Veneration of the Cross <i>Fr. Kelley will hear private confession until 7:30 pm.</i>
Holy Saturday	7:35 p.m.	Great Vigil of Easter & First Eucharist of Easter. This is the principal service of the entire Christian Year. <i>Frs. Kelley and Frew will hear private confession 12-1:30.</i>
Easter Sunday	11 a.m.	Holy Eucharist. No early Eucharist.

Busy first week in April

Vestry to meet Thursday, April 2

The Vestry will hold its monthly meeting on April 2 at 7 p.m. in the conference room. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Friday family night out planned for April 3

The first Friday of the month, unless otherwise specified, will be St Andrew's Family Night Out. Family Night provides an opportunity to build a stronger relationship with families already a part of this church community. It also will give any new families a place to connect. Any family with young(er) kids is welcome to join in. The next event will be Friday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. We will provide a kid-friendly movie and pizza. Any other side items and beverages are welcomed. Contact Cori Anderson or Carolyn Lackey with any questions.

Parish workday scheduled April 4

From 9 a.m. to noon, rain or shine, there will be a parish work day Saturday, April 4 to spruce up St. Andrew's for Easter. Tools and supplies will be provided. Everyone welcome!

Thanks to ...

... Ruthann Resch, David and Susan Mai, Helen Call, Pat Adams, Gay Barnes and Lynn Bonney, who provided meals for the vestry's retreat weekend.

... Andrea Faris Pearson, for her active service as peer minister with university students.

... Lectors, intercessors and members of the altar party who serve faithfully and secure replacements when they are unavailable.

Looking ahead

- April 2** Because the customary evening for the monthly **vestry** meeting falls on Maundy Thursday this year, the vestry will meet a week earlier, April 2 at 7 pm. All vestry meetings are open to everyone and parishioners are welcome to attend.
- April 4** A parish-wide **cleanup day** will begin at 9 a.m., rain or shine. Tools and supplies are provided.
- April 7** The parish hall will be in use for **municipal elections**.
- April 23** The women of St. Andrew's will gather for their **monthly luncheon**, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Skyline Room at ESU. These are casual events and participants are encouraged to come and go as their schedules allow.
- April 25** **Re-Building Together** has a work day, with registration at St. Andrew's. Information will be posted on the bulletin board and included in Sunday bulletin announcements as it becomes available.

New organ to be installed at St. Andrew's *Digital instrument, a gift to parish, offers rich sound*

St. Andrew's will welcome May with the sounds of a new organ. The vestry has accepted Doug Amend's gift of a Johannus digital organ, which is to be installed on Monday, April 27.

The organ, a memorial to Doug's parents, Dr. and Mrs. V.F. Amend, is intended to be "an asset to worship," Doug said.

The Johannus organ company is headquartered in Ede, near Amsterdam. The company visits churches and cathedrals throughout Europe, particularly in the Netherlands, to record the sounds of old pipe organs. The notes are then digitalized for use in the organs the company builds.

Doug traveled with parishioners Millard Harrell and Elaine Edwards, both musicians, and organist Sue Seeman to Hough Piano in Salina, where the organ has been kept. Millard said they heard the organ at the store and visited St. Mary's Catholic Church, which has a similar, but smaller, organ. Inside the church building, he said, the sound was wonderful.

"In that big nave, it just made your tummy tingle," Millard said. "The sound was so rich and full." He described the sound as that of "a pipe organ without pipes." Elaine agreed, calling the organ's tone strong and beautiful. "At the church and at the store, I was impressed with the tone and range," she said. Sue also was enthusiastic about the organ's sound. The Johannus organ, she said, has more ranks than our present organ, allowing it to make a richer sound.

Noting that finances are always a consideration, she said that the digital organ will not require the balance of heating and air conditioning that the present pipe organ must have, nor will it need twice-yearly tuning. In their considerations of the gift, vestry members noted that purchasing an organ equivalent to the Johannus would be beyond St. Andrew's means.

In Salina, the visitors heard the Rev. Canon Bruce LeBarron of Christ Cathedral play the organ. He is familiar with the instrument, as he owns a small Johannus at home. He clarified the new instrument as "not *like* a pipe organ, but as a pipe organ." He said that the digital organ contains every note of every stop so, "When you play digital organ, you are hearing a pipe organ." He called the Johannus "second to none" and "the best of all the non-pipe organs."

It's important to remember, LeBarron said, that the organ is "a tool for the glory of God."



Eternal Trinity,
 Godhead, mystery
 deep as the sea, you
 could give me no
 greater gift than the
 gift of yourself. For
 you are a fire ever
 burning and never
 consumed, which
 itself consumes all
 the selfish love that
 fills my being. Yes,
 you are a fire that
 takes away the
 coldness,
 illuminates the mind
 with its light and
 causes me to know
 your truth....
 You are the garment
 which covers our
 nakedness, and in
 our hunger you are a
 satisfying food, for
 you are sweetness
 and in you there is
 no taste of
 bitterness, O triune
 God!

—excerpt on the
Trinity as Mystery
 from the dialogue
On Divine
 Providence by Saint
 Catherine of Siena,
 whose day is
 celebrated April 29.

In our daily prayers we celebrate

Births

April 1	Nick Jacob
April 7	Glenn Williams Carol Jones
April 10	Richard James
April 14	William Clamurro
April 16	Rick Mitchell
April 25	Rick Law
April 26	Katie Adams Koseku Azzun
April 27	Nancy Garcia
April 29	Jake McCracken

Baptisms

April 4	Cade Amend Sabra Amend Trish Weidert
April 6	Mark Crofoot
April 10	Delaney Adams Gould Garcia Jennifer North
April 11	Judy Calhoun Gary Mason Richard James
April 15	Kathryn Lackey
April 17	Kelley Lackey II
April 20	David Walker
April 21	Leigh Ann Crofoot
April 22	Chase Harder
April 28	Allie Mitchell

Confirmations

April 13	Nancy Pontius
April 14	Janet Ayers
April 17	Judy Calhoun Nancy Gilpin Sue McKinney
April 25	David Walker
April 28	Ruthann Resch

Marriages

April 4	Ray and Helen Call
April 21	Patrick Kelley and Lynn Bonney

Milestones

We remember

April 3	John Jefferson Ryan Sr.
April 6	Erma Dooley Person
April 8	Dude Pykiet Dean Swift Wells
April 10	Lischia Hill
April 15	Carl Unger
April 18	James Andrew Hendrix
April 20	Carol Baysinger
April 21	Bertha Jean Marlar
April 22	Norva L. Howerton
April 24	Walter Falconer Arthur Kirk Leonard
April 25	Sabra Whitley Austin
April 26	Adah Wade
April 27	Mary E. Wells Campbell Mary Katherine Bond Frisby Frank Ragsdale
April 28	Florence Davis Yearout
April 29	William Madison Price
April 30	Fred R. Corbett

St. Andrew's Prayer List

Those needing strength and healing:

Reese Naylor, Briley Naylor, Bill North, Terri Landeck, Tim Mai, Vazia and her family, Jud Lackey, Alphonso, Yolanda, Christine, Patricia, Mary Barnes, Donna Eudaley, Jeremy Schadel, Diane Valentine, Price Smith, Karla, Rosie Bennett, Bob McDonald, Bob & DeLores Johnson. ***Loved ones in the military:*** Gregg Etter, Bob Garven, John, Eric Muecke, Christopher Little, Molly, Aaron Riley, Michael Flory, Daniel Pearson, Chris Milan, Ewardo Mendoza., Daniel Pearson, Chris Milan.

(As space permits, the prayer list as of publication date will be included monthly.)

April Server Schedule

	April 5 Palm Sunday DO NOT CHANGE	April 9 Maundy Thurs- day 6 p.m.	April 10 Good Friday 6 p.m.	April 11 Easter Vigil (with incense) Saturday 7:35 p.m.	April 12 Easter Day	April 19	April 26	May 3
Chalice bearer	R. Mitchell	J. Runge	G. Garcia	P. Kelley	S. McKinney	J. Runge	G. Garcia	R. Mitchell
Priest server	P. Kelley	S. McKinney	R. Mitchell	S. McKinney	P. Kelley	P. Kelley	J. Davis	S. McKinney
Crucifer	R. Mitchell	J. Runge	-----	G. Mason	S. McKinney	J. Runge	G. Garcia	R. Mitchell
Torch 1	W. Dyer	G. Mason	A. Mitchell	A. Mitchell	W. Dyer	C. Anderson	P. Davis	C. Anderson
Torch 2	A. Mitchell	J. Crofoot	G. Mason	J. Crofoot	C. Anderson	W. Dyer	A. Mitchell	W. Dyer
Thurifer	-----	-----	-----	R. Mitchell	-----	-----	-----	-----
Lector	M. Harrell	M. Amend	M. Mingenback	B. Clamurro	L. Bonney	M. Amend	M. Mingenback	M. Harrell
Interces- sor	B. Barnes	B. Clamurro	L. Bonney	L. Bonney	B. Barnes	B. Clamurro	R. Call	L. Bonney
Nursery 1	S. Brinkman	A. Jacob	S. Brinkman	TBD	J. Scheuerman	A. Jacob	S. Brinkman	J. Scheuerman
Nursery 2	L. Lingenfelter	N. Jacob	J. Hubert	TBD	L. Lingenfelter	N. Jacob	J. Hubert	L. Lingenfelter
Greeter 1	J. Hubert	S. Mai	TBD	S. Mai	J. Hubert	S. Mai	N. Romine	J. Hubert
Greeter 2	J. Runge	D. Mai	TBD	D. Mai	G. Mason	D. Mai	TBD	J. Runge
LEV 1	P. Kelley	-----	-----	-----	P. Kelley	B. Barnes	S. McKinney	J. Hubert
LEV 2	L. Bonney	-----	-----	-----	L. Bonney	G. Mason	P. Kelley	G. Mason

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

FROM THE RECTOR, cont.

The vestry and I have been reminded of our call to be spiritual leaders in this congregation and of our responsibility to support and equip the rest of you as you endeavor to make and support other disciples. (It's worth pointing out that the words *disciple* and *discipline* are closely related to each other.) This means the vestry and I will be more intentional as we oversee the mission, worship and gifts of St. Andrew's in looking at how it all works toward making, equipping and supporting us and those we bring into our midst. Biases, agendas and other sorts of sacred cows will have to be set aside in deference to those final orders of our resurrected Lord before he ascended. Over the next couple of years, many aspects of our corporate life will need to be prayerfully examined. Some will remain the same, some will be added and some will need to die.

Just as the process of life, crucifixion, death and resurrection of our Lord that we recall at this time is challenging, emotional and ultimately transformative into a new and more abundant life, so too is the discipleship that he calls us to as his body in the world. Let us all pray that while a renewed commitment by this parish to Jesus' command will also be challenging and emotional, that it will ultimately be transformative into a new and abundant life

for St. Andrew's and that we will be doing everything that we can to make disciples in our part of the world.

**Pax,
Kelley+**

From the Treasurer

The following pledge receipts have been received for March 2009.

Pledge Receipts for March 1	\$ 2,698.50
Pledge Receipts for March 8	10,388.32
Pledge Receipts for March 15	444.60
Pledge Receipts for March 22	785.00
Pledge Receipts for March 29	918.60
Total March Receipts	15,235.02
Amount Needed to Meet Budgeted Expenses (\$2,897.75 x 5)	<u>14,488.75</u>
Surplus for March	746.27

The receipts include several pledges paid in full for the year. —Mary Mingenback

Sponsor flowers, music and candles for Easter

Please complete the form if you would like to contribute toward flowers, music, candles and other enhancements to our Easter worship. You may drop it in the collection plate. The form should be in the office by April 6 to assure inclusion in the Easter bulletins, but your donations are welcome at any time before Easter. You may also call in your contribution (342-1537) and drop a check by the office at your convenience before Easter. There are also forms on the table on the hall. Thank you.

Please print clearly.

Name _____ Phone _____

In memory of _____

In thanksgiving for _____

In honor of _____

Amount enclosed _____

From the Senior Warden

Column appears below as part of a report of the vestry retreat March 13-14.

What makes a disciple?

Vestry members retreat to consider mission

As vestry members gathered last month for a retreat, the Rev. Jerry Skillicorn gave them a lot to think and talk about. Two members of the vestry respond to the information they gleaned from the retreat. Skillicorn encouraged participants to think of our ministry to first-time visitors and also to one another. He urged everyone to consider the ways we can minister to others in our parish and in the world.

How can we make newcomers welcome?

Fr. Skillicorn said that there is more to being Christians than attending church every Sunday. We are also called on to be disciples of Christ, God's arms and legs, doing God's work here on earth. Our worship prepares us to leave the building and go into the world, lending a hand wherever we can – ministering to the poor, the sick and the hungry, in addition to keeping the Church running smoothly. To do this, we need people to help.

Fr. Skillicorn led us to discover how to be of help right here in our own congregation, securing the membership needed for our work. He guided us to see what it felt like to enter St. Andrew's from the front door, attend the service, visit coffee hour and return to the community.

When they enter the big red doors, visitors should find the building open and accessible. They should find cheerful greeters offering a warm "Hello," welcoming them, giving them leaflets, guiding them to a seat.

When they have had time to look around, visitors may ask themselves, "Why are people praying before the service?" After a grand procession makes its way to the altar, they may ask "Why do some kneel and some stand during the service?" They might ask "How do I receive Communion and does everyone drink out of one cup?" It is a lot to take in at one service.

After the service, questions might be: "Where is coffee hour?" "Will someone show me the way?" "Where are the restrooms?" They might think, "I feel awkward drinking coffee by myself" and "Will we now go into the community and be forgotten?"

St. Andrew's has had more than 10 visitors in the past couple of months. Were the people of our congregation friendly and helpful so that visitors want to come back? Will our parish grow? Can you be a disciple?

—*Sue Wilson, senior warden*

Parishes develop own means of equipping disciples

Skillicorn didn't offer any patented programs for bringing in new members, but talked about his own experiences in several parishes – things he has done that have worked. At the same time, he cautioned that each parish is different and what works in one will not necessarily work in another.

"Don't use my ideas unless they become your ideas," he said. But, he said, parishes have – or should have – a purpose in common: to raise, equip and support disciples. Who are disciples? At base, he said, they are people who see God at work in their lives and in the world.

He likened the modern church to the early Church, when Christians were small groups of believers surrounded by a world full of non-believers. He said that is increasingly true today. The one difference, he said, is that many people think they believe in no gods at all, but that is because they do not think in those terms.

"Today," he said, "people do not think of the things they worship and sacrifice to as gods – but they still worship and sacrifice to them." —*Patrick Kelley, vestry member*

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

**Visit the parish website at
www.StAndrewsEmporia.org**



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