



# THE CROSSROADS

## From the Desk of the Rector

Most of you know that Carolyn and I went on a medical mission trip to Kenya sponsored by the Diocese of Kansas. Carolyn worked as a nurse and participated with the team of doctors, nurses, pharmacists and pre-med students that saw over 1100 patients in the course of 4 1/2 days. I worked with the local Anglican Priest, Fr. Antony Ngugi, as we prayed with people who came through the clinic.

As I reflect on our trip it is difficult to try to sum up the experience in the space of this column. It is difficult to try to convey the multitude of feelings that come from such a trip. However, after having been home a few weeks, I continue to think about the level of faithfulness to Jesus Christ and his church that the people we met have. Sunday mornings at the local Anglican church there find their buildings packed. Even in the face of economic poverty, the two churches that we met are working on building new fellowship halls and other spaces for outreach.

A majority of the people that Fr. Antony and I prayed with wanted to include in their prayers thanks to God for his protection and gifts in their lives. It made me feel more than a little awkward about my spiritual poverty in the face of their deep commitment to God and the Christian community.

I was reminded of Jesus' statement to Judas, "The poor will always be among you, I will only be with you for a little while." It became apparent that while even the most economically disadvantaged in the United States have more resources than a majority of people living in the rest of the world, we are people who are somewhat spiritually impoverished. We are indeed poor because of our inability to see Christ in our midst.

How often do I really put my whole

trust in God's grace and generosity? How often do I bother to give thanks to God for all that he has done for me, especially when I am anxious about whether I have enough? How often do I see God working in the pain and the loss in my life? How easily I drop God as the first priority in my life for other desires and distractions.

I learned a lot about poverty in my time away. I have learned that we may be in some ways, the poorest of all people.

The Good News is that God never gives up on us as long as we don't give up on God. I learned from our Kenyan hosts that we should at all times give thanks to and trust in God. That, by far, was a greater gift than any of us from the U.S. could have given to them.

Carolyn and I will be making a presentation about our trip when the Sunday morning adult forum begins again after Labor Day. Please join us at 9:30 as we present photos and share stories of our time with our brothers and sisters in Kenya.

Pax, Kelley+

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Fr. Kelley with one of the children in a tent camp for people who were violently removed from their homes following elections held 2 1/2 years ago.

## **Backpacks, bookbags and Wednesday suppers**

### **Back-to-school time is here**

Summer is winding down for students, teachers and parents – Emporia’s schools will be starting in just a few days and Emporia State University will be buzzing with activity by mid-August.

At St. Andrew’s, we’ll be blessing backpacks and bookbags on Sunday, Aug. 8, with a Feed the Flock picnic to celebrate the occasion and our Wednesday night covered-dish suppers will resume on Aug. 18.

The dinners, which follow a casual, come-as-you-are Eucharist, give parishioners a chance to get acquainted with college students, who have a chance to relax in a family-like atmosphere. Some of the students are already Episcopalians; some from other faith traditions. For some, St. Andrew’s is their introduction to Christianity.

Everyone is welcome to join the Wednesday night festivities. Please bring a covered dish to share (or drop a bit of cash into the basket to offset expenses). A group of regular attendees share the set-up and clean-up chores, but rest assured that volunteers are always welcome to pitch in.

The dinners are an integral part of our college program, which has led to baptisms, confirmations, new parishioners and lasting relationships. They’re also a welcoming place for St. Andrew’s members who have a hard time getting up and around on Sunday mornings.

### **Parishioner will become associate of Julian Order**

During the 10:30 a.m. liturgy on Aug. 15, Lynn Bonney will be installed as an associate member of the Order of Julian of Norwich. The contemplative, monastic order, founded in 1985, has 11 monks and nuns in Waukesha, Wis., and more than 200 oblates and associates across the country and around the world. They are, the order’s website says, lay and ordained, women and men, married, single and in lifelong partnerships.

Associates live and work in the secular world, but they also agree to live under an Associate Rule, which provides a simple framework for prayer and discipline in everyday living. Among other obligations, they are asked to pray for the Order and recite Morning and Evening Prayer daily and practice contemplative prayer.

Julian of Norwich, a mystic known as Dame Julian, lived in Norwich, England in the late 14<sup>th</sup> and early 15<sup>th</sup> centuries. She lived much of her life as an anchorite, a type of hermit, living by herself in a small room attached to a parish church. Little is known about Julian, whose feast day is May 8. She was the author of “Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love.”

Information about the Order may be found online at [www.orderofjulian.org](http://www.orderofjulian.org).



**St. Andrew's Ladies' Guild ca. 1894.**

*Back Row, L to R: Maude Day Burnett, Mrs. Clarence Brandt, Mrs. H.D. Stowe (Guild President), Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. McMauley.  
Front Row, L to R: Mrs. J.C. Burnett, Mrs. Lionel Moise, Annie Rooke, Mrs. O.B. Hardcastle, Mrs. Bachelor, Mrs. George Rowland.*

*While women were not allowed to serve on vestries or be ordained until more recent decades, St. Andrew's vestry minutes show that on numerous occasions it was the ladies guild that was called upon to quietly do much of the grunt work as well as the fundraising that kept our parish going in those earlier years.*

## Looking ahead

- Sunday, Aug. 8** Blessing of the Backpacks will be part of the 10:30 liturgy. Students, from preschool to university, are invited to bring their friends and their backpacks, bookbags or whatever they'll use to tote their books to class. We'll bless the backpacks and send our kids off to have a great school year. The day will also be a Feed the Flock Sunday. Talk with Cori Anderson about how you can help with the festivities.
- Thursday, Aug. 12** The vestry will meet at 7 p.m. in the conference room. All parishioners are welcome to attend.
- Tuesday, Aug. 24** Women's luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. at Eclectic Catering, 6 E. Sixth Ave. Drop in as your time allows for lunch and conversation. Enjoy chatting with other women from St. Andrew's and try out one of Emporia's newer eating places.
- Saturday, Sept. 11** St. Andrew's will hold our annual rummage sale in the parish hall as part of Emporia's Great American Market.
- Sunday, Sept. 12** Christian education classes for all ages will resume. Watch for details.
- Saturday, Oct. 2** ECW annual gathering at St. John's Episcopal Church in Parsons. All Episcopal women are ECW members and are welcome to join in this get-together, which will feature the Rev. Gail Greenwell, rector of St. Michael and All Angels in Mission. Watch for more information in future editions of Crossroads.
- Saturday-Sunday Oct. 22 24** Diocesan Convention in Topeka. Watch for details about events open to parishioners of the diocese.

### **Clean out your closets ...**

... Sort those new or gently used items that are taking up space and price them for sale on Sept. 11, during the St. Andrew's rummage sale that will be part of the Great American Market day in Emporia. You can bring them to the foyer outside the parish hall whenever the building is open.

... And check the book rack for any books you want to read or reclaim, as the books that are there will be put out for sale. (There'll be a call for more books for the rack in the fall.)

...And don't forget to ask for your Community Care points when you shop at Price Chopper and Country Mart. Drop them by the office or leave them in the slot in the foyer.

### **St. Andrew's thanks ...**

... Carolyn Lackey, Susan Brinkman and Diana Moore, who served as St. Andrew's liaisons to the Vacation Bible School program.

... Donna Eudaley, who led Morning Prayer for our early-rising parishioners while Fr. Kelley was in Kenya on a mission trip.

### **Congratulations!**

Best wishes to Anita and Bobby Strohm, the proud parents of baby Madeline Rose, born June 28. Anita grew up at St. Andrew's, the daughter of Eddie and Nancy Gilpin – now proud grandparents. Glen and Norma Gilpin are Madeline's great-grandparents. Madeline Rose and her parents live in Kansas City, Mo., but Nancy assures us that they'll be visiting Emporia soon so we can all meet her and congratulate the Strohms – and all the Gilpins.



Almighty God, who called your deacon Laurence to serve you with deeds of love, and gave him the crown of martyrdom: Grant that we, following his example, may fulfill your commandments by defending and supporting the poor, and by loving you with all our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

—*Commemoration of St. Laurence (Lawrence), third-century deacon and martyr. His feast day is Aug. 10. The Perseid meteor shower, which usually happens around that date, is sometimes called the "Tears of St. Lawrence."*

## Milestones

### *In our daily prayers we celebrate*

#### **Births**

Aug. 4	Nancy Pontius
Aug. 6	Kegan Moore
Aug. 7	Ruthann Resch
Aug. 13	Barry Romine
Aug. 15	Gay Barnes
Aug. 17	Sarah Azzun
Aug. 19	Emmanuel Azzun
Aug. 16	Tammy Davis
Aug. 21	Kira Williams
Aug. 24	Brianna Dougherty
	Don Glasgow
Aug. 30	Don Bailey
	Larry Eudaley
	Lee Fowler
	Abigail Jacob

#### **Baptisms**

Aug. 10	Eddie Gilpin
Aug. 31	Kelley Fowler

#### **Confirmations**

None in August

#### **Marriages**

Aug. 1	Lee and Kelley Fowler
Aug. 5	Barry and Nancy Romine
Aug. 7	Millard and Onnalee Harrell
Aug. 11	Larry and Donna Eudaley
Aug. 12	Bill and Ann North
Aug. 18	David and Susan Mai
Aug. 26	Don and Dobby Bailey

### **We remember**

Aug. 3	Lorelei Ann Hicks
	Jenette Tomlinson
Aug. 5	Bettie Cuff
	William John Gunkel
	Eleanor Craig Jones
	George E. Noce
	Donald David Resch Sr.
	Larry Valentine
Aug. 7	Bobby Jo Dehler
Aug. 11	Winfield S. Hancock
Aug. 12	Constance Allen
	Ann Louise Jones James
	Phil Martin
Aug. 16	Gladys Peart
	George Newman Sprague
Aug. 17	Kathrine K. White
Aug. 18	Karl Bruder
Aug. 20	Herbert Ritterhoff
Aug. 21	Cordelia Gladfelter
Aug. 22	Rex Jones
Aug. 25	Laura McWilliams
Aug. 26	Frederick Higbee
Aug. 27	Harry McClure
Aug. 28	Gertrude Unger
Aug. 31	Gertrude Henning

If a date that's important to you hasn't been included in this calendar, please notify the church office at [office@standrewsemporia.org](mailto:office@standrewsemporia.org) or (342-1537).

## Help us find our soldiers

The St. Andrew's prayer list includes the names of several loved ones who are serving in the U.S. military. If you know any of these soldiers, please get in touch with the church office.

We'd like to collect a bit more information about them, including their mailing addresses, their birthdates and their duty stations, so we can remember them more personally on special occasions.

# August Server Schedule

	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29	Sept. 5	Sept. 12
Chalice bearer	P. Kelley	J. Runge	P. Davis	R. Mitchell	P. Davis	P. Kelley	R. Mitchell
Priest server	R. Mitchell	S. McKinney	S. McKinney	P. Kelley	S. McKinney	R. Mitchell	S. McKinney
Crucifer	C. Lackey	J. Runge	P. Davis	R. Mitchell	P. Davis	C. Lackey	G. Mason
Torch 1	Chad Anderson	J. Crofoot	B. Dougherty	A. Mitchell	E. Williams	Christopher Anderson	B. Dougherty
Torch 2	A. Mitchell	G. Mason	J. Crofoot	Chad Anderson	G. Mason	A. Mitchell	J. Crofoot
Lector	M. Mingenback	J. Brownlee	M. Amend	L. Bonney	B. Clamurro	J. Brownlee	M. Amend
Inter-cessor	L. Bonney	J. Runge	M. Harrell	B. Barnes	J. Runge	L. Bonney	J. Runge
Nursery 1	S. Brinkman	J. Hubert	N. Jacob	J. Hubert	J. Williams	S. Brinkman	N. Jacob
Nursery 2		A. Robello	A. Jacob	A. Robello	J. Hubert		A. Jacob
Greeter 1	D. Mai	A. Brownlee	J. Hubert	D. Mai	N. Romine	A. Brownlee	J. Runge
Greeter 2	S. Mai	B. Clamurro	I. Lackey	S. Mai	B. Clamurro	B. Clamurro	J. Hubert
LEV 1		G. Mason	S. McKinney	P. Kelley	G. Mason	J. Hubert	S. McKinney
LEV 2		B. Barnes	J. Hubert	L. Bonney	S. McKinney	B. Barnes	G. Mason

**Please remember that you are responsible for finding a substitute if you are unable to serve**

### More Photos From the Rector

*Clockwise from right: Frs. Kelley and Antony concelebrate Holy Eucharist at All Saints Parish in Maai Mahiu.- The medical team begins their work outside of the clinic with prayer and the blessing of hands.— Fr. Kelley and Carolyn make some new friends at a school for internally displaced children.— The Lackey's with their Maai Mahiu counterparts, Fr. Antony and Eunice Ngugi.*



### Where, oh where, oh where is Karen?

If the office seems a bit empty these days, it's because Karen Whittlesey, our able administrator, is recuperating at home after knee replacement surgery. She expects to be back by the end of the month. Until then, we'll muddle along, doing the best we can – wishing her the best.

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## From the Senior Warden

July was a busy month at St. Andrew's. This is what I can tell you about July:

A nice lady and a good guy straightened up an upstairs room, so the Sunday school can have its own chapel. A young man (out-of-town member) stopped by one day long enough to discover that both restrooms needed some spot painting – and so he painted. Some kind soul organized the toys in the nursery – again. A group of thoughtful people from the congregation, welcomed the Lackey family home with a large sign in the parish hall, and one of them provided a breakfast casserole. The 8:30 a.m. Sunday service is booming. Donna Eudaley reports that if about two more people show up, the service will have to move out of the chapel! July 11 ushered in a small crowd in the nursery. Four children plus a baby made things fun. The attendance can range from 0 to 7. July 11th: Another successful Feed the Flock. Generous folks took time to make sandwiches, salads, cookies and such to share with others. July 12th: A husband and wife team (from another church) showed up to pull weeds around the Tower Room entrance. Why? Because it needed to be done and the wife had childhood ties to St. Andrew's. People keep signing up for coffee hour. Bless them! The college students, who, will be back soon, are grateful for a chance to participate with members of the congregation in after-service Wednesday night dinners. Several adults and their children attend the Sunday school and the adult forum, which will start back up soon. Watch the bulletin for the date and time. Several young members join in the Children's Chapel (which is on-going) during the 10:30 service.

Several people have already paid up their pledges for the year and most others are getting them in on time. How do you like St. Andrew's men's choir? I hear that the women have formed one also – and stay tuned for more church talent to come.

**Warning:** Do not let your children play on the sign in the front yard. One leg of the sign has been eaten away by termites and rot, while the cement holding the other leg is cracked. The sign is shaky and unstable.

—Sue Wilson

## From the Parish Treasurer

It is already the end of July! The year is flying by quickly. We are fast approaching a new school year and before we know it a new Church year. I wanted to give you a mid-year update on the Church finances.

With the July 18 collection, we have received \$58,642 in pledge receipts. When this is compared to our 2010 budget, we should have collected \$69,808 in pledge receipts. We are running behind for the year \$11,166.

As a result of the lower pledge receipts, we transferred \$5,000 from our endowment funds in May, \$7,000 in June and we will have to transfer \$11,000 in July to keep our operating bank account in the black. Our budget for the year for our endowment transfer is \$20,000. We have already exceeded our budget by \$3,000.

Summer is a particularly difficult time for Church finances. Many people are on vacation and the pledge receipts are smaller. However, our bills continue to come in. In July, we receive our quarterly insurance bill (\$3,775) and the quarterly pension bill (\$2,318) besides the normal monthly expenses. Additionally, the electric bill in July is much higher due to air conditioning. Last month the electric bill was \$515 and I anticipate the bill to be closer to \$900 because of the extreme heat we have had in July.

Our monthly bills have averaged \$13,092 each month as of the end of July. This compares to the monthly budget of \$12,501. This averages about \$591 over budget each month. Prior to July, the average monthly expense for the first six months was \$12,479 which is under the monthly budget of \$12,501. These two large expenses we had in July have really affected our finances.

I've thrown out a lot of numbers so if your eyes are crossing, I apologize. This update on our finances is a plea for your help. I am asking for your support to help us meet our budgeted obligations.

—Mary Mingenback

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While Karen is away, church office hours will vary.

You may contact the church office at (620) 342-1537 or [office@standrewsemporia.org](mailto:office@standrewsemporia.org). You may also leave a message through our website at [StAndrewsEmporia.org](http://StAndrewsEmporia.org).

August 20 is the deadline for information to be included in the September Crossroads. Please drop off any information at the church office or e-mail it to [office@standrewsemporia.org](mailto:office@standrewsemporia.org)



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