



# THE CROSSROADS

## From the Desk of the Rector

*Hospitals, Theaters and Gyms...Oh, My!*

"Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable garland, but we an imperishable one." (1 Corinthians 9:24-25)

Last month in this column I wrote about the Church as a family home versus a museum. I also watched quite a bit of the Olympics over the past weeks. Last month's reflections and the Olympics got me thinking about some of the other ways that we sometimes think of the Church. One's basic approach to the Church indicates a lot about one's spiritual life and health. While there are many ways that we can find ourselves thinking about the Church, it occurs to me that there are at least three major metaphors that describe ways that people approach their relationship with the Body of Christ, as a hospital, a theatre, or a gym.

**The Church as hospital:** In this model, folks show up to the church sporadically when they feel they need an occasional check-up or treatment for some spiritual illness in their lives. Folks who treat the Church as a hospital usually show up for a Christmas or Easter check-up out of some sense of annual obligation and then they are not seen again until the next year. Other individuals show up when something has happened in their lives that has troubled their souls and made them feel vulnerable in some

way. The good news is that they re-engage God and the Church. The bad news is that quite often as soon as the crisis and sense of vulnerability pass, those people check out and are not seen again until the next emergency.

**The Church as theatre:** Simply put, some people show up on Sunday morning to be entertained. While theatre is a somewhat appropriate metaphor for the liturgy, let me clarify why seeing the Church as theatre is inadequate. The word liturgy comes from the Greek word that means "the work of the people." That's why the people who sit in the pews are "the congregation," not "the audience." When people come to church and expect to be entertained while they sit passively in "the audience" and watch the priest, servers and musicians perform, they are shirking their responsibility to actively participate in the worship of God. If they like the way the ritual, the music and the sermon are performed, they may come back and see another show next week. If it wasn't their type of show, they will say that they really didn't like what they saw and they can find God (i.e., entertainment value) elsewhere. Furthermore, they really will not be involved in the life, fellowship and ministries of the congregation because for them, their lives in Christ begin when the curtain rises with the opening procession of the Holy Eucharist and end with the curtain call at the dismissal.

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## Children's chapel, other activities to begin September 7

Beginning September 7, children from 4 years through 4th grade will be able to experience the Sunday liturgy at their level. Cori Anderson, who is leading a **children's chapel**, says, "Children's chapel offers an opportunity for reflection and spirituality on a child's level. It is not an extension of Sunday school, nor is it a nursery." The liturgy will include a homily that children can relate to, based on the readings of the day.

Children will start with their parents, leaving after the Collect and before the first reading to go to the chapel, re-joining their families for the exchange of the peace.

Parents with children under 6 should determine whether their children are ready for chapel or should remain at the nursery.

**Sunday School** starts off the new year September 7. Colleen Mitchell and teachers are planning a "welcome back" at the regular Sunday School time (10:00-10:45). Kids will meet the teachers, teachers will meet the kids, kids will register, and all will enjoy a scavenger hunt and snack. The fall church school season begins September 14.

While the children are at Sunday School, an **adult forum** will be held in the parish hall.

Although the **choir** has been exercising their vocal cords for two weeks, September 7 marks their official return to Sunday morning Eucharist. The choir, under the direction of Andrea Garritano, will sing at the 11:00 a.m. liturgy. You can talk with Andrea if you might like to join the choir.

## It's family night at Soden's Grove

Come enjoy a ride on the train and have a sweet treat on September 8 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. There will be free train rides at Soden's Grove from 7:00 to 8:00 for the young and the young at heart. Please bring your favorite dessert to share with everyone. The shelter at Soden's Grove will be available from 7:00 to 9:00 for eating and family fellowship. Please contact Ann Jacob if you have any questions. —*Ann Jacob*

## Training set for nursery workers

If you think that helping out in the nursery one or two Sundays a month is a special calling, you are invited to attend a special training session, led by June Hubert, on Tuesday, September 9, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The diocese mandates that all childcare workers must receive this training, so your attendance is important. If you haven't done so already, let June know you are interested.

## Items and help still needed for rummage sale

There is still room for gently-used items for the St. Andrew's rummage sale, to be held September 6 in conjunction with the Emporia-wide Great American Market. You can leave items by the coat rack outside the office. Please put prices on them. Cori Anderson, who is coordinating the event, could use more workers to help move things into the parish hall and remove unsold items. You can reach her at corianderson@cableone.net. This is a fundraising event for St. Andrew's, so please give generously of those items you no longer use, need, or want.

## Women meet for lunch

The women of the parish continue to meet for a Dutch-treat lunch and fellowship on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The September 23rd gathering will be at Amanda's Bakery and Café, 702 Commercial. Come any time starting at 11:30 and stay as long as your schedule permits.

## Looking ahead

- Sept. 6**      **St. Andrew's rummage sale.** St. Andrew's will hold a rummage sale in conjunction with the Emporia-wide Great American Market .
- Sept. 9**      **Training for nursery workers.** June Hubert will offer training at 7:00 p.m. See article p. 2.
- Sept. 10**     **Vestry meeting.** All parishioners are welcome to attend monthly meetings of the vestry at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.
- Sept. 23**     **Women's luncheon.** Dutch-treat lunch, beginning at 11:30 at Amanda's Bakery and Café.
- Sept. 24**     **Financial Peace University.** Small group study on becoming debt-free begins at 7: 00 p.m.
- Sept. 28**     **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.
- Oct. 1**        **Celebration of St. Francis Day.** Blessing of the Animals.
- Oct. 4**        **Episcopal Church Women.** The ECW will gather at Good Shepherd, Wichita, to learn a new meditative way to pray from Sybil MacBeath, author of "Praying in Color." Information is available in The Harvest and at [www.episcopal-ks.org/ecw08](http://www.episcopal-ks.org/ecw08).
- Oct. 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.

## Stewardship drive to kick off soon

A few weeks ago the Stewardship Committee of St. Andrew's met with Char DeWitt, director of development and stewardship for the Episcopal diocese of Kansas, to discuss "Casting into Deep Waters: finding and sharing the abundance within your congregation." This is a four-week personal-giving journey that explores the three depths of giving in an annual stewardship program. It is an encouragement to explore the joy of giving, to experience life that is abundant and full of hope, and to see how moving from the shore to deep waters is about spiritual change. This is an inspiring offering that includes children in the program. The committee is excited about the program.

You will be receiving a letter on October 1 that will be fully descriptive of the program and will be the kick-off of the four-week program to follow.

The members of the Stewardship Committee are Jacqueline Heckman-James, chair, and Deborah Cotterman, Jim Heasley, Rick Mitchell, .and Sue Wilson. —*Jacque Heckman-James*

## Financial Peace University to be held at St. Andrew's

The Financial Peace University is a scripturally-based small group study that teaches families how to "get out of debt, build wealth, and give like never before." Produced by Dave Ramsey, this 13-week course, which uses videos, will be led by Carolyn Lackey beginning on September 24 at 7:00 p.m. Free previews will be offered Sunday, September 7, and Wednesday, September 10, following the liturgies.

Registration is \$100 per family and some scholarships are available. Deadline to register is September 17. Contact Carolyn if you need more information.



Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

— *Prayer for Peace Among the Nations* (BCP p. 816). The *International Day of Peace*, established by the United Nations in 1981, has been celebrated around the globe on September 21 since 2001.

## Milestones

### *In our daily prayers we celebrate*

#### **Births**

- Sept. 5 Kelsey Hendricks  
Bob Johnson  
Sept. 10 Bob Basler  
Sept. 30 Pat Adams  
Julia Williams

#### **Baptisms**

- Sept. 14 Ivy Ringstrom  
Sept. 17 Brian Dyer  
Ashley Taylor  
Sept. 23 Daniel Hendricks  
Sept. 28 Jim Resch

#### **Confirmations**

- Sept. 16 Keith Foster  
Ivy Ringstrom  
Sept. 17 Alice Azzun  
Gladys Azzun  
Brian Dyer  
Mary Halleran  
Mike Halleran (*received*)  
Nick Jacob  
Jacque Heckman-James  
(*received*)  
David Mai  
Su Mai  
Cody O'Mara  
Ashley Taylor  
Josh Taylor (*received*)  
Beau Wallace (*received*)  
Julia Williams  
Kevin Williams

#### **Marriages**

- Sept. 13 Kelley and Carolyn Lackey  
Sept. 16 Emmanuel and Koseku Azzun

#### **We remember**

- Sept. 1 Beatrice McClure  
Sept. 2 James D. Jones  
Sept. 4 Vergil Ferreebee  
Sept. 6 Helen Firth Bailey  
Sept. 8 Mary Ella Peak  
Sept. 12 Louise Thogmorton  
Sept. 16 Suzie Teichgraeber  
Sept. 17 Bill Heller  
Sept. 18 Catherine Neill  
Sept. 20 George Randall  
Sept. 21 Matthew Perry Day  
Sept. 23 Jerry Keller  
William Gerard Price  
Sept. 24 Bertha Catherine Kufaul  
Sept. 25 Agnes Finney Hancock  
Sept. 26 Wayne Nightingale Cuff  
Granville Holmes  
Clay E. Howerton  
Sept. 29 Edna Austine Stewart

#### **And we pray for ...**

... parishioners who died in August: Phil Martin (August 12) and Laura McWilliams (August 25).

#### **Important date missing?**

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

### **St. Andrew's Prayer List**

(as of August 27)

Reese Naylor, Briley Naylor, Bill North, Opal Glasgow, Marsha Cowan, Ashley, Liz Hollar, Terri Landeck, Mika, Tim Mai, Carolyn Martin & family, Brian Dyer & family, Brad Figbert, Margaret Voorhies, Judy Calhoun, Eddie Mason, Chelisama Fishback, Prue Love Fishback, June Hubert & family, and Phil, Sue, granddaughter Vazia & family; Our loved ones in the military: Gregg Etter, Bob Garven, Matt Bright, John, Eric Muecke, Caleb Bright, Christopher Little, Molly, Aaron Riley, Michael Flory.

(As space permits, the current prayer list will be included monthly on this page.)

# September Server Schedule

	Sept. 7	Sept. 14	Sept. 21	Sept. 28	Oct. 5
Chalice bearer	S. McKinney	J. Runge	G. Garcia	J. Runge	R. Mitchell
Priest server	R. Mitchell	J. Davis	S. McKinney	J. Davis	A. Keller
Crucifer	B. Dyer	G. Mason	J. Crofoot	P. Davis	J. Crofoot
Torch 1	A. Mitchell	B. Dyer	A. Mitchell	E. Williams	E. Williams
Torch 2	W. Dyer	W. Dyer	C. Anderson	C. Anderson	A. Mitchell
Thurifer	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Lector	J. Runge	G. Garcia	M. Mingenback	M. Amend	M. Harrell
Intercessor	R. Call	M. Amend	M. Harrell	B. Barnes	J. Runge
Nursery 1	L. Dyer	A. Jacob	R. Call	S. Brinkman	M. Halleran
Nursery 2	M. Halleran	N. Jacob	H. Call	L. Dyer	J. Hubert
Greeter 1	S. Mai	N. Romine	J. Hubert	S. Mai	N. Romine
Greeter 2	D. Mai	J. Hubert	B. Dyer	D. Mai	B. Dyer
LEV 1	P. Kelley	G. Mason	P. Kelley	G. Mason	G. Mason
LEV 2	B. Barnes	J. Hubert	S. McKinney	S. McKinney	B. Barnes

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

## Another billboard goes up for St. Andrew's



For the month of September there will be another billboard at Merchant and 12th encouraging folks to come to St. Andrew's. This one, which will replace the student-themed billboard displayed during August, emphasizes the "hominess" of the parish and is directed toward non-traditional students and the community at large.

### FROM THE RECTOR, cont.

**The Church as gym: Anyone who has ever joined a health club realizes some things early into their membership. They discover that it is going to be challenging, it is going to make them use muscles they didn't know they had, it is going to make them sore, it is going to take a great deal of discipline to show up regularly and be pushed farther. What comes out of the gym membership will depend solely upon what one is willing to put into it. With the commitment and discipline to continue to be pushed and to grow, ultimately the over-all strength, health and sense of well-being is all worth it.**

**Our spiritual health and the vitality of our faith will be determined by how well we are using our membership in the Body of Christ. Are you making occasional visits to the church's emergency room, coming to be entertained, or are you going for the gold?**

**Pax,  
Kelley+**

### Welcome back, students

St. Andrew's is happy to welcome students back to Emporia for another academic year. We enjoy their presence among us.

Students are involved in the choir, serve as readers, and assist in all aspects of parish life. Some students are active in the Wednesday night Eucharists and fellowship and, once a month, they prepare the community meal. Our campus ministry is headed by our two peer ministers, Anna Guiltner and Andrea Faris.

Please welcome students when you see them in church, take them to coffee hour with you and introduce them around.

As we keep increasing our visibility in the community and on campus, and through the efforts of our peer ministers, we hope that more and more students will find a comfortable place at St. Andrew's.—*Sue McKinney, coordinator of campus ministry*

## From the Senior Warden

When September rolls around my mind turns to several things that I should do before the end of the year. Christmas is on my mind and so is losing the weight I promised myself I would shed.

Another is to ask, Am I pleased with how I have served my church? What am I willing to give next year to St. Andrew's? The vestry, the treasurer, the financial committee, and Father Kelley have handled the financial matters all through the year, but for a couple of months during the year everyone is asked to think about them. What time and resources can you give? The stewardship committee—Jacqueline James, chair, Rick Mitchell, Sue Wilson, Deborah Cotterman, and Jim Heasley—have a program to share with us beginning in October that will help us.

A special meal opened the kitchen for our Wednesday meals after a vacation for the cooks in June and July. Gary Mason, Sue Wilson, and Elaine Edwards prepared curried chicken, sweet rice with nuts, shrimp, and Indian bread using recipes from four-star restaurants that Gary visited when he was in India. Gary has been in India five different times. Meals often were not that grand as he spent much of his time helping Mother Teresa with her mission with the poor. If you have a specialty dish that you would like to share with the Wednesday group, call Donna Eudaley.

—Helen Call

## Daughter and parishioners surprise Mais on their anniversary



Susan and David Mai had no idea their daughter, Erin, had organized a reception on August 16 at St. Andrew's to honor them on their 30th anniversary. In addition to enjoying the reception, replete with wedding cake, their wedding clothes (on dress forms), and champagne, Susan and David renewed their vows at the altar, with about 35 of their friends and family in attendance.

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

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[www.StAndrewsEmporia.org](http://www.StAndrewsEmporia.org)**

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