

CROSSROADS



Fr. Chris writes...

My dear people,

Grace and peace to you in Christ Jesus! It has been a while since our last Crossroads. With the preparations for Holy Week, the April issue just fell by the wayside, but we still have lots happening around St. Andrew's!

While still in Eastertide, we're edging towards the end of the school year and our transition to summer. Many of our acolytes have weekend commitments through the summer, so we won't be seeing torchbearers on Sunday mornings for a few months. Maybe a few adults would like to try it? Likewise, the choir is beginning their summer hiatus, but of course we'll still be singing on Sundays!

Even though some things taper off during the summer, we still have plenty of new things at our parish. The new roof, upgrades to the PA system, and the replacement of our Johannes organ are some of those things. The installation of the organ has caused some controversy. Your Vestry is hearing your thoughts and weighing our options. We hope we can meet our goals of worship in a beautiful space aided by fine instruments, while honoring the gifts of all our donors and heeding the requests of our community. We're committed to finding the best solutions.

We will also begin Summer in the Spirit soon. This is a series of events and opportunities for you to grow in your spiritual self-knowledge, to explore rich facets of our Christian tradition, and to discern our parish's mission and identity for the future. Look for the article later in this issue.

Summer is coming; see you at church!

Faithfully,

Chris+

May 2014

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Summer in the Spirit

*Igniting the Heart of St. Andrew's
Inspiring the Hearts of Our People*

How do you approach God? What are your Spirit-given gifts? How do you participate in the life of our parish? What is our history together? What is our future? This summer, we explore these vital questions through a series of events and opportunities called **Summer in the Spirit**. Here are the events:

Pentecost Tongues of Fire Chili Festival – Bring your favorite chili recipe to fellowship hour after church on June 8, and wear red!

This will be our kickoff event for Summer in the Spirit

Discover Your Spiritual Type – Find out if your spirituality is Head, Heart, Mystic, or Social Action! Come to this short workshop at the end of fellowship hour on June 22.

Spiritual Gifts Workshop – The Holy Spirit has given you unique gifts for ministry. If you wonder what your gifts are, come to this evening session to find out and share the results with other attendees. Wednesday, July 9

Holy Conversations – Over 3 evenings in August, we will gather to tell our stories about the things we treasure, the times we've been hurt, and our hopes and dreams for the future at St. Andrew's. This is a very important event for our parish, so try your best to come to Holy Conversations. Times TBA.

Summer in the Spirit also includes a **Congregational Life Survey** available from mid-June through July, a **Top 20 Greatest Hymns countdown**, and a chance to vote on a book for a **book-study** group.

It's going to be a full summer of discovery, of fellowship, of shared vision, and of fun. The full schedule and more details will be posted and published far and wide. Get involved, invite your friends, and come alive in your faith this summer!

Fr. Chris recognized locally and by the diocese

The members of the Ministerial Alliance, a monthly meeting of clergy from around Lyon County, have elected Fr. Chris as their president for a one-year term beginning May 1.

In the diocese, the chair of the Board of Examining Chaplains asked Fr. Chris to sit on that body. The Board supervises the academic development of seminarians.

Vacation Bible School is coming in June

God's love for us through music-making

St. Andrew's is joining forces with St. Mark's Lutheran, Emporia Presbyterian and First Baptist churches to enrich the summer with another week of great Vacation Bible School for all ages.

Children, tweens and adults will get together each evening from Sunday, June 22, through Wednesday, June 25, and again on Sunday, June 29, at the Presbyterian West Campus (formerly Westminster Presbyterian).

Each of the first four sessions will begin with supper at 5:30 p.m., continue with classes for all ages and end with prayer at 7:45 p.m. Participants will combine their crafty, theatrical and musical talents in a week of learning about God's love and plan for us.

The June 29 session will bring everyone back together to worship and to view the VBS production.

Please note: St. Andrew's still needs someone who'll volunteer to be our liaison to the VBS. If you can fill this important position, please let Karen know!

Congratulations, Class of 2014!

Allie Mitchell, Emporia High School.

Diana Smith Moore, Newman School of Nursing, Emporia State University.

Remember your pledges through the summer!

Expenses of running St. Andrew's do not stop during the summer. Please remember to keep your pledges current.

Looking ahead - May 18-June 15

Sunday, May 18 Outreach Sunday. Bring canned goods and other non-perishable food items, as well as personal-care items, for the food pantry. Designated checks and loose change in the collection plate will also go, through this ministry, to help neighbors in need.

Monday, May 26 Memorial Day marks the unofficial start of summer vacation. Please take a few moments from your holiday to remember those who have died in the service of their country. Office is closed.

Tuesday, May 27 The women of St. Andrew's gather for their monthly luncheons, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Amanda's, Seventh Avenue and Commercial Street. Pay your own way; come and go as your schedule permits.

Wednesday, May 28 No service at 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 29 We celebrate Ascension Day with a Eucharist at 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 1 "Jezel-Marie Sunday." On the first Sunday of the month, loose change and designated checks in the collection plate are used to help support our "adopted" daughter in the Philippines.

Tuesday, June 3 Fr. Chris leads prayers for the faithful departed in the Lady Chapel at noon.

Sunday, June 8 Pentecost

- Pentecost Tongues of Fire Chili Festival Summer in the Spirit kicks off with a chili festival in the parish hall. See more about our exciting summer program on page 2.

- Our monthly visit to Presbyterian Manor will begin at 2 p.m. All parishioners are invited to join our members who are residents of the manor, as well as other residents who share the worship and Eucharist.

Thursday, June 12 St. Andrew's Vestry meets at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room. All interested parishioners are welcome to attend.

Sunday, June 15

- Father's Day. St. Andrew's will celebrate fathers with "manly snacks" and beer at coffee hour.

- Outreach Sunday. See entry for May 18.

Recurring events

Sundays Holy Eucharist, Rite II said, at 8:30 a.m. and Rite II sung at 10:45 a.m. Faith Formation for adults resumes at 9:45 a.m. in the parish hall.

Mondays through Thursdays Mattins (Morning Prayer) said at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesdays A service begins at 6 p.m. During the summer, a time of fellowship follows in the parish hall or at a meal in a local eatery.

Saturdays Loaves and Fishes ministry serves a no-cost lunch to the community from noon to 1 p.m. in the parish hall. St. Andrew's parishioners are encouraged to join in for good food and conversation and to practice our ministry of hospitality to the larger community.

In our daily prayers we celebrate and remember

May Milestones

Births Elaine Edwards 5, Gabe Lackey 9, Judy Heasley 14, Kelley Lackey 16, Mel Storm 18, Diane Valentine 21, Richard Basler 24, Eric Edwards, 28.

Baptisms Ian Brinkman 11, Lee Fowler 13, Anna Basler 24.

Confirmations Kelley Fowler 2, Gould Garcia 2, Colleen Mitchell 6, Janet Ayers 14, Diane Valentine 14, Eddie Gilpin 26.

Anniversaries Nick and Ann Jacob 24.

The faithful departed Edna Calvin Newman 1, Wilbern Parker 1, J. Stanley Hagan 2, Anna Marie Crocker Howard 3, Betty Warren 3, Lulu Stanley Cogston 10, Marie Drescher 10, Marion Tibbals Hartung 11, Elizabeth Ann Martin 11, Geraldine Walker 11, Leahman Faulkenbury 15, John Crocker 17, Barbara Eileen Dodson 19, Glen Gilpin 22, Carl Hill 22, Leota Wells DeLong 24, Mary Alice Davis 25, Shirley Bannon 27, Pat Crofoot 27, Bob Toms 28, Sarah Chandler Berryman Price 30, Carol Louise H. Rothfelder 30.

June Milestones

Births Jeff Hawes 6, Marcia Law 12, Sue McKinney 14, Dennis Murphy 19, Fred Adams 20, Nolan Jacob 29, Christina Noble-Speedie 30.

Baptisms Eric Edwards 4, Mary Mingenback 18, Rick Mitchell 19.

Confirmations None this month.

Anniversaries Gould and Nancy Garcia 7, Kevin and Julia Williams 10, Jared and Jordan Kline 10, Bill and Gay Barnes 12, Rick and Marcia Law 14, Jason and Susan Brinkman 23.

The faithful departed William E. Teichgraeber 3, Marie Romer 8, Bertha Pedroja 11, Rea Clark Haynes 12, Vivian Cawood Kessler 12, W.S. Dickensheets 17, Wylie Price 18, Homer Dorsey Gibson 19, Mary Smith 22, William R. James 25, Leone G. Broderick 26, Bernice Allen 28, Fred P. Day 30.

Dirty Kanza 200 in our parish hall and on our doorstep

The annual Pasta Palooza fundraiser for the Emporia Farmers Market will be held in our parish hall and in the parking lot on Friday, May 30. Cyclists registered for the Dirty Kanza 200, the world-renowned 200-mile bicycle race over the gravel roads of the Flint Hills, will be served locally-raised, grass-fed beef, as well as local produce (and pasta). The limit of serving 500 meals was reached a couple of weeks ago.

Our parking lot and parish hall will be closed to all but the DK200 folks all day.

On Saturday, May 31, the race itself begins and ends right in front of St. Andrew's, with more than 1500 cyclists entered.

The 700-900 blocks of Commercial Street will be closed for the race on Saturday, May 31, from 6 a.m. to midnight; the 600 block will close to through traffic at noon.



Nice weather for roofers - at last!

Work began the last week of April to replace the roof over the nave. The roof, damaged by lightning, will be covered with slate-like tiles in order to retain the sense of the building's architecture.

Due to rains and winds, the crew was forced to stop work for several days. This photo shows the work-crew tethered to the south side of the roof on May 5.

A posting from Andrew Amanda



Andrew Amanda Leigh-Bullard posted this photo and message to Facebook on May 5. They are reprinted with permission.

Well you can tell the program year is winding down. The weather is beautiful, plans are in place for next year and people are already hitting their "lasts" for this year. The great house conversation on good-byes on Friday was another fairly obvious clue.

In the midst of this, I had a major first this Sunday, serving as subdeacon for the first time with the wonderful folks at Christ Church.

In a way this is both a first and a last as that role marks the completion of my primary goal in coming to St. Hilda's.

I left Kansas to learn more about the church, with a specific desire to learn more about liturgy. Subdeaconing was the tangible

representation of that goal, a desire to live out the answer to a question I'd had since confirmation class.

Immersed in the mystery on Sunday I found that the rhythm of the mass carried things along. While I was an emotional yo-yo, bouncing between nervous excitement and exhilarating joy, the intricate dance of movements carried me to where I was supposed to be. I was delighted when in a moment of realization that I knew where all the other acolytes were, seeing in an instant the completeness of how each role fit together. This was an amazing experience and a perfect marker for the things I've learned this year!

St. Andrew's thanks ...

... Dorothy Brinkman, for a \$250 gift to the Loaves and Fishes Ministry from the Jerome Brinkman Memorial Trust.

... Karen Whittlesey, for organizing and producing reams of bulletins for Holy Week worship.

... Rachelle Smith, for stepping up to share the organization for Loaves and Fishes.

... David Mai and the members of the Parish Life Ministry team for providing special treats for Palm Sunday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Day.

... Rick Mitchell and the willing workers who lent their hands – and their backs – for a parish workday.

... Trish Weidert and the Altar Guild for their faithful and often unseen labors.

... Sue McKinney, for posting hymn numbers for our worship services, week in, week out.

... Lynn Bonney, for tirelessly preparing items for Crossroads.

Coffee hour sponsors needed, even in summer

An important part of fellowship at St. Andrew's is the time we gather after the worship service for fellowship and refreshment in the parish hall. Please sign up on the note pad in the kitchen if you would like to sponsor coffee hour on a Sunday. Refreshments can be as simple or ornate as you would like them to be and information and directions are posted in the kitchen.

If you are able to provide food but cannot serve, contact the co-chair listed under the month in the notebook. They will gladly serve and clean up.

Your sponsorship is greatly appreciated by those who look forward to the fellowship of coffee hour every Sunday.

The Rt. Rev. Dean E. Wolfe
Bishop of Kansas

The Rev. Chris Arnold
Priest in charge

Members of the Vestry

David Mai—Sr. Warden

Rick Mitchell—Jr. Warden

Don Bailey

Bill Barnes

Millard Harrell

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WORSHIP TIMES

**Sundays 8:30 (spoken) and
10:45 a.m. (sung)**

**Wednesdays 6:00 p.m., followed by
fellowship and a meal**

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 9:00—noon

FR. CHRIS' DROP-IN HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 9:00—1.p.m.

Other times by appointment



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