

CROSSROADS



Fr. Chris writes...

There's just the slightest hint of a chill in the night air, and we're a few weeks into football season. That means we're nearing the time in our church life when we start talking about stewardship. It's time to talk about money and participation. In the Episcopal Church, we tend to handle our finances through pledging; every household in the church commits some portion of their money to the life of the parish. We use pledges, bluntly, to set and meet our budget.

It wasn't always this way. In the early church, people met in somebody's house. They would bring along food and drink to worship. A loaf of bread and some wine was picked out of the pile to use in the Holy Eucharist. The rest was distributed among the poor and the widows, with the priest keeping a little. As time passed, and the church grew in numbers, church communities started to buy up land, which was of course the source of most wealth. People would leave a significant proportion of their property to the church when they died. As always, church benefited from rich patrons (like kings, dukes, and - in time - merchants) who would cover many of the expenses for the parish.

Up until the 20th century, protestant churches (including the Episcopal Church) raised funds through "pew rents". Essentially, the pews in church would be auctioned off or rented for a year. Naturally, the more a family paid, the more prestigious their pew would be. Everyone would be able to tell your family's social status by how close to the pulpit you sat.

Now, it seems contrary to the gospel to have that sort of obvious inequality in churches, and in the 19th century some congregations rebelled against the practice (particularly high-church Episcopalians and Anglicans). It was only at the beginning of the 20th century that churches discovered the concept of stewardship, of pledging, and of the tithe. Tithing is paying 10% of your income to the church, and while it's based on writings in the Hebrew Scriptures, it wasn't formally part of Christian practice until the last 110 years or so!

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Faith Formation classes continue

Adult Faith Formation classes continue to meet at 9:45 each Sunday morning in the Parish Hall. For the next several weeks, we will discuss a variety of topics:

- Sept. 29 Anglican History 2: Henry's heirs, Edward, Mary, and Elizabeth
- Oct. 6 Anglican History 3: Anglicanism stabilizes and spreads
- Oct. 13 How We Read Scripture, part 1
- Oct. 20 How We Read Scripture, part 2
- Oct. 27 The Communion of Saints and the Repose of the Dead. With the feast of All Saints and the commemoration of All Souls coming up, we discuss Christian beliefs about sainthood and the afterlife.

Remember, this gathering is BYOC -- Bring Your Own Coffee.)

Look for more information and descriptions on posters, in bulletins, and on the parish website at <http://www.standrewsemporia.org/faith-formation.html>.



St. Francis' Day brings traditional blessing, supper

Dogs and cats, birds and horses -- all creatures great and small will be welcome at St. Andrew's to celebrate St. Francis' Day on Friday, Oct. 4.

We'll remember the life of Francis of Assisi with a Blessing of the Animals at 6 p.m. on the lawn, weather permitting. A vegetarian supper will be served in the Parish Hall. Check the Sunday bulletin for more information about the supper.

Please be sure that your creatures are leashed or caged, as needed. They need to be under their human companions' control.

Sunday readings in October

Oct. 6 Ps. 37:1-10, Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4, 2 Tim. 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10.

Oct. 13 Ps. 111, 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c, 2 Tim. 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19.

Oct. 20 Ps. 121, Gen. 32:22-31, 2 Tim. 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8.

Oct. 27 Ps. 84:1-6, Sirach 35:12-17, 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18, Luke 18:9-14.

Looking ahead

**** Designates that you'll find more information elsewhere in this Crossroads.**

Sunday, Sept. 29 Members of St. Andrew's join in the CROP Walk to alleviate hunger in our community and around the world. Walk or pledge, as you are able. (See June Hubert for details.)

Monday, Sept. 30 A Eucharist commemorating **St. Michael and All Angels** is celebrated at noon in the Lady Chapel.

Tuesday, Oct. 1 Monthly **prayers for the faithful departed** begin at noon. (For more information about this tradition, see guildoffallsouls.net online.)

****Friday, Oct. 4 St. Francis Day.**

****Saturday, Oct. 5, and Sunday, Oct. 6** The **Presiding Bishop** is in Topeka.

****Sunday, Oct. 6** Designated checks and loose offerings are used to support our "adopted" daughter, **Jazel Marie**.

Thursday, Oct. 10 The St. Andrew's **Vestry** meets at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room. All interested parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Sunday, Oct. 13 -- Worship at **Presbyterian Manor** of Emporia begins at 2 p.m. All parishioners are urged to attend, to share worship and fellowship with St. Andrew's parishioners who reside at the manor, as well as other residents who attend.

Thursday, Oct. 17 A Eucharist commemorating **St. Luke** is celebrated at noon in the Lady Chapel.

Sunday, Oct. 20 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 also go, through this ministry, to help neighbors in need.

Tuesday, Oct. 22 The **women** of St. Andrew's gather at 11:30 a.m. at Amanda's for their monthly come-and-go luncheon.

Recurring events

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

Weekdays Evening Prayer is said at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel every weekday except Wednesday.

Tuesdays Choir practice begins at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Wednesdays A service begins at 6 p.m.; a simple supper follows in the parish hall. There's no cost for the supper, but parishioners are asked to bring a dish to share. The main dish is supplied.

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. Kitchen volunteers are welcome and needed.** See Don Bailey or Deborah Cotterman.

Fr. Chris writes, cont.

Despite all the different ways we've raised money for the church through the centuries, pledging is currently the most stable and reliable. The truth is we have a budget that takes us through the year, and St. Andrew's has expenses that need to be paid. The other truth is that God has given you everything you have. If you give 5% back to the church for our Godly work, it still means you get to keep 95% of what God has blessed you with. That's not bad, is it?

Stewardship is about more than money, of course. Stewardship is the spiritual practice of taking a big look at your whole life. How are you spending your time? How are you spending your money? Are you healthy? Are you balanced? Are you fulfilled in your work? Are you content? Does the pattern of your life reflect your deepest values and passions? These are all spiritual questions. God nudges or pulls or pushes each of us into our own individual role in the divine plan. Stewardship is simply a buzzword for our willingness to cooperate with that divine plan.

The parish community of St. Andrew's is part of that divine plan, too. We're just emerging from a turbulent year. Perhaps you have been holding back on your commitment to this fellowship. Perhaps you've been waiting to see what the new priest is like. Perhaps you're waiting to see how the parish rebuilds before you decide to get involved. But I say to you: Get involved! Now's the perfect chance to help St. Andrew's to grow in the ways in which you believe it can grow! Celeste and I will be making our pledge. Start to think about your own. And start to think about increasing it if you can.

It's not just about meeting budgets. It's about providing a strong witness to a saving faith in Jesus Christ. It's about being a beacon of hope. Our Anglican Christian tradition has a gospel to preach, and there are hundreds in our town who need to know Jesus Christ as we know him. The stronger our stewardship, the brighter that beacon shines.

Faithfully,

Chris+

We're on Facebook and Twitter!

Find us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/standrewemporiam—note no “s”) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/standrewemporiam). We'll be posting news and events there as well as in the Sunday bulletins and monthly Crossroads.

A change of sextons

Goodbye, Richard; hello, Mary

It's likely that many of us will be seeing a new face at St. Andrew's. Mary Austin is our new sexton, replacing Richard Sandstrom.

Mary has worked on-call for the Emporia school district, so she may be familiar to parishioners who have children in the public schools.

Richard has returned to school at Emporia State University, where he also has a part-time job. At their September meeting, vestry members thanked Richard and commended him for his service to the parish as both sexton and tech guy.

SOS hosts domestic violence summit Oct. 4

Twice a year SOS offer summits for people to learn more about domestic violence and child abuse. The Oct. 4 gathering will focus on assessment and risk management.

This summit is of particular interest to police, prosecutors, victim advocates, child welfare workers, health care givers, abuser interventionists, legal services providers and high-risk teams. The presenter, David Adams, is a co-founder and co-director of Emerge, the first counseling program in the nation for men who abuse women.

The flyer on the board has more information and a registration form.

SOS work to improve the lives of those affected by sexual and domestic violence, child abuse and neglect through four programs: SOS Crisis Services, SOS Child Visitation and Exchange Center, SOS CASA of the Flint Hills, and the SOS Child Advocacy Center.

Coffee hour sponsors needed

An important part of fellowship at St. Andrew's is the time we gather after the worship service for 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.

Our parish family and friends

In Memoriam: 'Jerre' Edwards

Longtime parishioner Geraldine "Jerre" Edwards, 89, died Thursday, Sept. 5, at a hospital in Springfield, Mo. She moved to Missouri after the death of her husband Lloyd, whom she married on July 3, 1946, at St. Andrew's. They were married for 55 years.

Jerre taught at Emporia State University, where she earned a master's degree in business administration. She also was a folk-dance teacher and the faculty adviser for Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority.

The funeral and burial were in Springfield.

Another parishioner is recognized at the county fair

In addition to those creative parishioners who received ribbons for their handiwork at the Lyon County Fair last month, we need to add the name of fabulous knitter Bob Basler. Bob received a red ribbon for his full-size pink afghan and a blue ribbon for a yellow baby afghan. Congratulations, Bob!

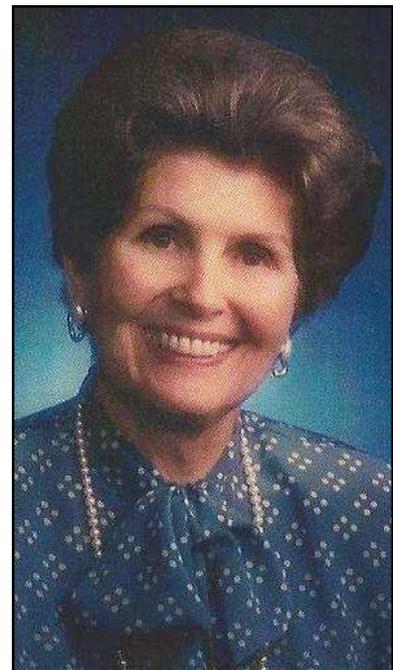
Concert series honors Marged Amend's mother

The ESU Department of Music and ESU Foundation have inaugurated a recital series, underwritten by Doug and Marged Amend, to commemorate Edith Lessenden Chandler, Marged's recently deceased mother.

Edith was intimately involved and recognized for her work with classical music, founding the Topeka Symphony League and writing the symphony's newsletter for 15 years.

The first recital, by American pianist Steven Spooner, is Sunday, Oct. 12 at Heath Recital Hall at ESU, and the second is presented by Italian pianist Marco Tezza on April 27, 2014. (Both recitals will also be presented in Topeka.)

There's a brochure on the table that has more information about her and the pianists.



Edith Lessenden Chandler

October Milestones

In our daily prayers we celebrate and remember



Alfred the Great, who lived in the 9th century, was a great scholar who believed that God had entrusted him with the spiritual as well as physical welfare of his people. If the Christian faith fell into ruin in his kingdom, he was answerable before God. Alfred's ultimate responsibility was the pastoral care of his people. St. Alfred the Great is commemorated on Oct. 26.

Births

Oct. 2	Janet Ayres
Oct. 4	John Brownlee
Oct. 5	Walt Viggiano
Oct. 8	Kelley Fowler Eddie Gilpin
Oct. 11	June Hubert
Oct. 13	Doug Amend Ben Wiebeck
Oct. 15	Jacque Heckman- James
Oct. 17	Dobby Bailey DeLores Johnson
Oct. 27	Nancy Wilhelmson
Oct. 30	Patrick Davis Carolyn Noblitt
Oct. 31	Jacob Moore

Baptisms

Oct. 7	Nancy Pontius
Oct. 13	Bob Basler
Oct. 17	Ruthann Resch
Oct. 28	Gloria Stewart

Confirmations

Oct. 8	Shirley Crist
Oct. 20	Anna Basler Bob Basler
Oct. 21	Elaine Edwards Mary Mingenback Tom North

Anniversaries

Oct. 1	Eddie and Nancy Gilpin
Oct. 8	Harry and Eleda Bird
Oct. 15	Fred and Pat Adams
Oct. 20	Grant and Melissa Geis

The faithful departed

Oct. 2	William Drescher
Oct. 3	Edith Gray Sarah Thomas
Oct. 4	Rebecca Johnson
Oct. 6	Jacob Rothfelder Edna Stowe
Oct. 9	Lena Jones Gladys Pantler
Oct. 10	Marian Howard Bob Johnson
Oct. 12	Isabell Gunkel
Oct. 13	Helen Samuelson
Oct. 15	Benjamin Jones Esther Teichgraeber
Oct. 18	Deanna Hawes
Oct. 19	Mabel Olin
Oct. 20	Marge Frick
Oct. 22	Maggie Ackenhansen Ruth Hamble
Oct. 25	Norma Jones Sylvester Kufahl
Oct. 26	Ruth Hazel Jensen Patricia Jenuine
Oct. 27	Catherine Austin
Oct. 28	A.L. Lewis
Oct. 29	Bessie Russell
Oct. 30	Francis Dotson Lydia McCollough

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

Connecting to the larger church

Presiding Bishop visits diocese

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefforts Schori, presiding bishop, will be in Topeka in early October to celebrate the creation of the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry. She will dedicate the renovated Bethany Place Conference Center and dedicate the land for the proposed diocesan Leadership Center.

On Saturday, Oct. 5, the events will be:

- 1:30 p.m. Public forum in the Grace Cathedral nave. Her topic will be “The emerging shape of the church and the changing face of ministry.”
- 3 p.m. Celebration of the creation of the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry and blessing of the new facilities, beginning in the cathedral and moving outside
- 4 p.m. Public reception in the cathedral’s lower level

On Sunday, Oct. 6, she will preach at the 10:30 a.m. service at the cathedral. Everyone is invited to attend.

Diocese has new campus missionary, interim canon

Two priests have accepted appointments with the Diocese of Kansas. The Rev. Stephanie R. Jenkins is the new campus missionary for the diocese.

Jenkins has been serving for the past year as assistant rector of St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Weston, Mass., near Boston. Before that she served St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Bartlesville, Okla. She also has been a Peace Corps volunteer in Zambia and

executive director of a countywide arts organization in Duncan, Okla., her hometown. She graduated from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass., in 2010. She also is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma.

She will work with peer ministers and adult supporters in parishes, such as St. Andrew’s, that already have campus ministries in place, and also with parishes that want to help provide an Episcopal presence on every campus in the diocese.

She will be based in Lawrence, where she will live with her husband, Richard, a cartoonist, author and educator, and their 18-month-old son, Henry David, whom they call Hank.

The Rev. Meghan F. Froelich will serve as canon interim for administration and transition until a replacement is called for Canon Craig Loya, who is the new dean of Trinity Cathedral in Omaha.

Froelich, a consultant, facilitator and executive leadership coach, has more than 25 years of experience in management, finance, technology, pastoral care and preaching.

As an Episcopal priest, Froehlich has served large and small parishes in rural and urban settings. She has been active in leadership in several dioceses in congregational development, diaconal formation training and preaching enhancement. More recently, she has added hospice chaplaincy to her list of ministry experiences.

Connecting to the larger church

Diocesan youth events coming up, including one at St. Andrew's

ADVENTure The commercialism of Christmas often drowns out Advent and the preparations for the coming of Christ. The diocese of Kansas helps our young people embrace the meaning of the season through a program called ADVENTure. Our youth learn about Advent and the Episcopal Church, make and understand the meaning of the Advent wreath and enjoy time with each other.

This year the diocese has selected St. Andrew's as the location for ADVENTure! Young people (grades 9 through 12) will register at 1:00 on Saturday, Dec. 7, and join us for church on Sunday before they leave. Any of our high-schoolers who want to join them can send in a registration form (on the table in the hall) by Nov. 15. The cost is \$35 (\$45 after Nov. 15).

Happening 88 Happening is an event by youth for youth in grades 9 to 12. It's a weekend retreat, focusing on Jesus and what he taught. There's games, music, great food, and a chance to talk with peers about things that really matter. Happening 88 is Nov. 8-10 at St. Thomas' in Overland Park. There are registration materials on the table and on the diocesan website at <http://www.episcopal-ks.org/youth/happening.html>. Deadline to register is Oct. 28 and the cost is \$50 (\$60 after Oct. 28).

Church-wide resources

Each month, Crossroads will feature two websites for Episcopalian/Anglican organizations. Have a look at them, and maybe get involved!

- Episcopal Relief and Development. <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/> The official international welfare organization of the Episcopal Church responds to human suffering around the world with an annual budget of \$20 million. Plan ahead to do your Christmas shopping through their Gifts for Life catalog

- CAROA Conference of Anglican Religious Orders in the Americas <http://www.caroa.net/> An association of monastic communities in North America. Use this central resource to learn about the men and women who have dedicated their lives to prayer and the Gospel.

Answering a call to minister abroad

St. Andrew's parishioners help teen in Philippines

Did you know that St. Andrew's is providing ongoing support for a young girl living in the Philippines. The Rev. Kelly Demo introduced this program to St. Andrew's while she was working for the sponsoring agency. Sue Wilson, who is the contact person for this project, describes how it came to be a part of our parish.

While she was filling in at St. Andrew's one Sunday morning, Mother Kelly Demo brought some folders about children in the Philippines who needed monetary help. When I saw the picture of Jazel Marie Copas Ellorege, I couldn't resist adopting her for a project. Several others in the congregation did the same with other children. The difference here was that I told the Vestry on Thursday night and the members started shelling out money from their pockets. One man said if I was ever short, that he would fund her for that month. The next thing I knew, we were collecting money in church, so it has become a church project. The parish Outreach Team even has a birthday party for her in January.

Jazel Marie (her first name) likes to be called Marie. Her birthday is Jan. 26, 2001. She attends public school and her favorite subject is English. Her spoken languages are Chavacano, Visayan and Tagalog. Her favorite pastime and talent is dancing and her job helping out at home is cleaning and washing plates. She wants to be a nurse.

Jazel's father is Michael A. Ellorege. He is 37 years old and a construction worker, working intermittently, making \$70 a month. Sometimes he has no work and then he earns a living working on a coconut farm. Then he makes a very low income.

The mother, who is a housewife, is 32. Her name is Jenilyn C. Ellorege. I think there are now four brothers and sisters living in the home. Because of the low family income, the mother has asked the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging for educational assistance.

The money we send helps with "spiritual and values formation, school fees, school supplies, shoes, bags and uniforms, scholarship assistance, death in the family and calamity victim, medical and dental assistance, clothing, birthday and Christmas celebration, recreation and sportsfest." I assume she gets help from others, also.

The family's home is constructed from wood with a roof of palm leaves. The floor is wood also. They have electricity, water (from a community well), a latrine and a kerosene stove. They sleep on mats on the floor. They live in Zamboanga, which is the tip of the island closest to Malaysia

We receive sweet, appreciative letters from her each month.

—Sue Wilson

Regular worship times, office hours

Worship times. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 8:30 and 10:45 on Sunday. Adult forum is at 9:45. Fellowship and refreshment follow the 10:45 liturgy. Mid-week worship is at 6 p.m. on Wednesday. Informal dinner and fellowship follow.

Office hours. The office is staffed Monday-Thursday, 9-noon. You may contact the secretary at 620.342.1537 or office@standrewsemporia.org. You may also leave a message through our website at standrewsemporia.org.

Priest's drop-in hours. Fr. Chris Arnold is available between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday and other times by appointment.

Special Service schedule

In addition to our regular liturgies on Sundays and Wednesdays, there are a few special mid-week services coming up. They are:

Tuesday, Oct. 1	Noonday Office of the Dead. The first Tuesday of each month we pray a brief prayer service for the faithful departed.
Friday, Oct. 4	Feast of St. Francis and blessing the animals and their caretakers at 6 p.m. on the front lawn if the weather is good, or in the nave.
Thursday, Oct. 17*	Feast day of St. Luke. The apostle is commemorated at noon in the Lady Chapel.

* indicates that the feast day has been transferred to Thursday from either a Friday or Saturday.

October 20 is next Outreach Sunday

You can help alleviate the problem of hunger in our town by placing just one or two non-perishable items a week in our food basket. Look for the baskets in the hall or at the back of the church on the third Sunday of each month. Food and personal care items are brought to the altar for a blessing during the offertory. If you forget to bring a food item, your checks (as designated) or cash (placed in an envelope and designated as your gift) are welcome.

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

The Rev. Chris Arnold
Priest in charge

Members of the Vestry
Patrick Kelley—Sr. Warden
Rick Mitchell—Jr. Warden
Don Bailey
Bill Barnes
Jordan Kline
David Mai
Nancy Pontius
Jean Runge
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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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