

Heather Clausen...

Emery has been a member of St. Andrew's her entire life, as she was baptized in July 2012. My Dad, Terry, has also felt very welcome here.

During our time at St. Andrews, I have enjoyed being a part of the Relay for Life team, working in a small way with the amazing Book Fair we have quarterly, and teaching in the church school.

I pray that in the next three years, St. Andrew's continues to grow as a parish, continues to stream church services, and supports the spiritual and emotional wellness of each of us. We are blessed to know each of you.

Carl Slaughter...

I filled the role of Acolyte master, Verger, and master of ceremonies for several years at Saint Andrews. I enjoy being an active participant as part of the laity of the church and find it fulfilling to be part of the regular liturgy. I have served at the altar in various capacities including, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lay Eucharistic Visitor, Lay Reader, Acolyte, Thurifer, and Verger.

At my core I feel compelled to be helpful to others and do my best to fill the need of others with the gifts that have been given to me by God. I have a technical mind and enjoy solving problems and fixing things.

This feeling of needing to help lead me to ask the question is there more I can give of myself. I felt drawn to ordained ministry. At the time (mid 2001) I sought the guidance and counsel of the parish rector and priest, who organized a discernment committee that guided me through the process. This process led me to an even deeper understanding and appreciation of what it meant to be ordained. My feeling of "call" was focused on serving as a vocational supply priest.

Through the process I attended a two year and accelerated education course offered through the

Springfield School for Ministry. For various reasons I did not complete the final testing process and due to various emotional and political reasons my wife and I left St. Andrews in 2006.

We began attending The Episcopal Parish of Alton in 2006, where in time I began serving in the same capacities as I had at St. Andrews.

We never quite felt at home with the Episcopal Parish of Alton. In 2019 we returned to St. Andrews and in 2020 we transferred our membership back to St. Andrews.

I continue to discern God's call for me and for what I can do to serve.