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How to Worship with Us - Sept. Edition:

8:00 AM - In-person Eucharistic Service

9:30 AM - Formation Hours (In-person and on Zoom)

10:20 AM - Children's Chapel

10:30 AM - Livestream and In-person Eucharistic Service

On Facebook: **Holy Eucharist Rite II Livestream** - you do not need a Facebook account to watch the service - click “Not Now” when prompted to create an account. www.facebook.com/standrewsammarillo/live

Watch a recording of the 10:30 service on our website starting at NOON on Sundays.

ANY TIME

Watch a Recording of the Most Recent Livestream (on our website standrewsammarillo.org/livestream)

SEPTEMBER MESSENGER



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I won’t forget it.

A panoramic view from one of the corners of our courtyard.

I just wanted to take it all in. Friends old and new eating, drinking and laughing together, children running wild, the band playing, people dancing, and all kinds of smells wafting over from the food trucks.

Thank you, St. Andrew’s.

Thank you for showing up, for inviting, for leading, and for loving.

In the life of any church there aren’t always “successes”, and we often scrutinize over whether certain ministries or events are “successful.” That way of thinking and talking is rooted in our Western preoccupation with productivity and our tendency to create binaries. Good/Bad, Right/Wrong, Sacred/Profane, Success/Failure. I’m wondering if we need to transform the way we think about all that, especially when it comes to ministry.

Because the Church isn’t called to be successful, we’re called to be faithful. And St. Andrew’s, I believe you were faithful this summer at all our Truckin’ events. Not only were you faithful in the way you engaged our community and embodied Christ’s love in your hospitality and generosity, you were faithful in living out St. Andrew’s guiding values to Worship, Serve, Connect, and Pray. All of which we did together at each event.

So, thank you for being faithful.

Thank you for taking care of one another and being an outwardly facing church.

What’s an outwardly facing church you ask?
Well, those are the ones that grow in all kinds of different ways.

More on that later.

Until then, please know it’s a privilege to be your Rector, to serve along side you, and to witness you be the beloved community of faith you are.

Grace & Peace,

Fr. Jared +

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

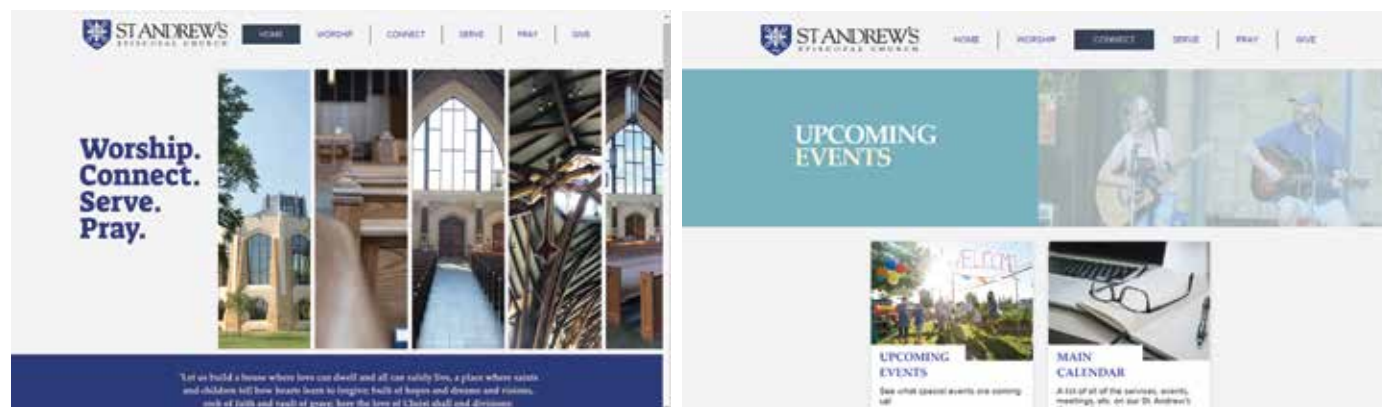
One of the greatest joys of being Junior Warden is getting to see up close the level of commitment we have in our St,. Andrews community to living into our mission. Several visitors at our Truckin' events commented to me how beautiful and welcoming they find our space. Here are a few of the people we have to thank for that..

First, since the last Messenger we have beautiful new doors in the Parish Hall. Please thank David Stidham for making that happen. Thank David also, along with Courtney for their work to get a sound system in the Columbarium and a camera in the back of the Nave. Thank our Senior Warden, Barbara Whitton for the beautiful flowers at the entrance to the Nave and thank Dean Kennedy for helping Barbara keep them watered. Thank Barbara also for the south lawn garden and several volunteers, especially Barbara Jensen, for keeping that watered and weeded. Thank Neal Nossaman and Greg Welch for keeping the roses pruned along Bryan Street. And thank Will Holton for his architectural advice as we look for ways to keep Lowndes Hall from flooding. And don't forget to thank Annette, whose persistence on the phone actually gets needed contractors to show up. Finally, thank you in advance to all who will show up on August 28th to clean up flower beds and clean out the area behind the kitchen.

The other part of my job is to help think through improvements we can make to our whole plant. We now have mats at the entrances to all our doors, and the doors to the Nave have been made less drafty. Now we are looking at Lowndes Hall and planning how to create a handicap/family bathroom and a brides room. Will Masters is helping us plan for fruit trees on the south lawn, probably apples that will be readily available for our homeless neighbors to enjoy. And we are beginning to think about how Lowndes Hall can be used to serve more people during the week. Please feel free to share any ideas you have, and thank you, all of you for being an irreplaceable member of our St. Andrews community.

Mary

St. Andrew's has a newly remodeled website! Check it out at: standrewsamarrillo.org



THE NEW ROTA

We started using new Ministry Scheduler Pro software the week of August 8, 2021. We have had a few issues, but it is going well.

This new software allows us to schedule all our ministries by date, time, and place. We can send an email to each volunteer about a week before each new scheduled period. The next schedule will begin August 29, 2021 and run to October 31, 2021. We will send you a preliminary schedule before the new dates begin. If you need to find a substitute or request a change, please do so as soon as possible. We hope to have the final schedule emailed to everyone by August 25th. Changes can still be made after that date if necessary. About 6 days before you are due to serve you will be sent an email reminder and about 60 hours before you are due to serve you will be sent a text reminder. We will no longer send post cards and make telephone calls as reminders.

The new software also gives us the ability to just notify one ministry group of an impending change or need, such as Ushers needed for a funeral or email instructions to the Breakfast Teams that we will be serving outside.

The look and feel are different, and I am sure we will have some mistakes, but it will save us countless hours that we can use to better serve our parishioners. It also saves us money from postage.

You should have received an email with a link to the new Ministry Scheduling Pro system that will have your username and temporary password and a link to change your password. It will also have a link to download the MSP app on your smartphone, iPad, or computer.

Please download the software and start using it to find your substitute when needed or to let us know the changes you need to make to your schedule.

If you have any problems with getting it installed or being able to use it, please contact one of us.

Annette Mullins
Parish Administrator
806-376-6316 or (Cell) 806-335-5518 text or call

Leesa Wood Calvi
ROTA Scheduling Coordinator
(Cell) 806-570-5676 text or call



MINISTRY FAIR: IF IT IS YOUR MINISTRY . . .

The catechism of the Episcopal Church asks the question “Who are the Ministers of the Church?” and answers “The ministers of the church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons.” In other words, “Who are the ministers of the church?” “We ALL are.”

It is perhaps not surprising then, that St. Andrew’s has a very high-participation parish culture. The majority of our parishioners are very involved in doing ministry within the church, within our community, and in the wider world.

As part of that “total ministry” culture, each year in September, our parish has a “Ministry Fair.” At the fair, different ministry and non-profit groups have tables or booths with decorations and handouts about their work. For instance, we have a group that knits “prayer shawls” for babies and for people struggling with long term illnesses. This group might have a booth that features a couple of shawls that they’ve knitted and pamphlets about their ministry. They would likely also have a sign-up sheet, so that they can connect with interested people.

At this Ministry Fair each year our people are encouraged to ask themselves the question “What is my ministry?” Getting to talk to representatives from the different ministries and nonprofits helps each member discern the answer to the question of where they will devote their time, talents, and treasure in the upcoming year.

This year’s ministry fair will be held from 6:00 - 8:00PM on Wednesday, September 8th in our St. Andrew’s courtyard. Join us at 5:30 for Holy Eucharist/Holy Unction in the children’s chapel.



UPCOMING EVENTS SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

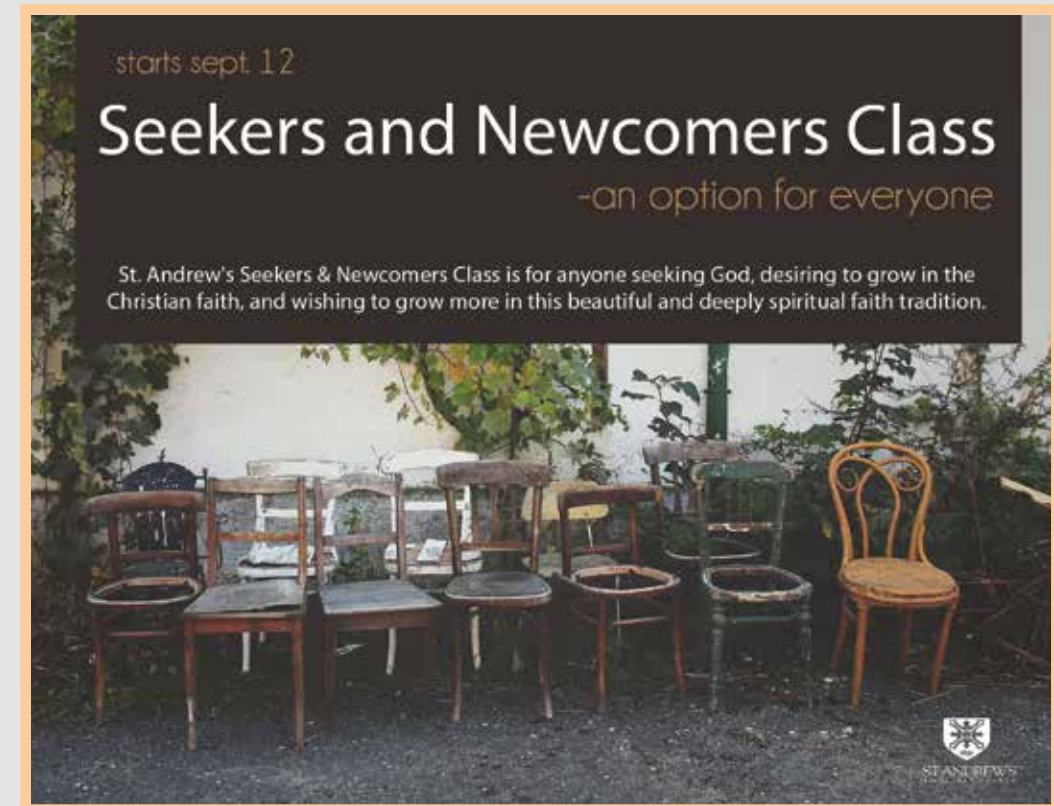
- **No Sunday Morning Formation - Sunday, September 5**
 - There will be no Sunday morning formation classes on Labor Day Weekend.
 - There will be no Children’s Chapel.
 - Breakfast will be served starting at 8:45AM, and folks are encouraged to come eat and hang out before the 10:30 service!
- **Office Closed - Monday, September 6.**
- **Rally Wednesday - Wednesday, September 8 - 5:30PM**
 - Think “Rally Day” meets Cinco de Mayo meets Truckin
 - Ministry Fair and Formation Kick Off Party
 - Holy Eucharist/Holy Unction in the chapel at 5:30PM.
 - Parish Family Picnic - bring your own, or catch the food trucks.
 - Ministry Fair and Formation Kick off will follow the picnic.
- **New Formation Options - Sunday, September 12 - 9:30AM**
 - Our Fall formation series will start on September 12.
 - This will also be “promotion Sunday” for some of our kiddos.
 - Small Groups will launch starting this week.
- **St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals - Sunday, October 3**
 - Bring your pet or a picture of your pet for a special pet blessing.
- **Oktoberfest - Wednesday, October 13 - 6:00 PM**
 - Holy Eucharist/Holy Unction in the chapel at 5:30PM.
 - Parish Family Picnic at 6PM - bring a side or dessert to share.
- **Diocesan Convention - October 28-30**
 - St. Andrew’s is the hosting parish.

Summer Truckin'

Aug. 11, 2021



ADULT FALL FORMATION



We are open to all adults and youth, whether you are brand new to church or are a long-time member. This is a "come and explore" opportunity, with no obligations placed on anyone who attends. For those wishing to be baptized, confirmed, received or reaffirmed in the church - whether adults or youth - this class will serve as great preparation! Join us on Sundays at 9:30 in St. Sophia's room!

Check out our September and October Topics:

September 12 - Class intro and "The Anglican Way"
 September 19 - What is this Episcopal thing?
 September 26 - The Sacraments - an overview
 October 3 - Baptism: Our Beliefs and Practices
 October 10 - The Eucharist: Our Beliefs and Practices
 October 17 - Confirmation - What is it?
 October 24 - "I will bless you and you will be a blessing" - Marriage in the Episcopal Church
 October 31 - "In Mind and In Body" - Confession in the Episcopal Church

Walking the Way of Love with Saints and Sages

September 12-October 17
 Sundays from 9:30-10:15 a.m.
 St. Catherine's Room and on Zoom



In this class, we will be introduced to a diverse group of saints, theologians, poets, and thinkers who can help us walk in the Way of Love. This group will include saints and sages from centuries past, saints and sages of the twenty-first century, and saints and sages of color to continue our Beloved Community focus.

BELOVED COMMUNITY “PARTNERS IN EDUCATION” WITH MARGARET WILLS

The first thing to say is “Wow, St Andrew’s!”. Your donations of school supplies and checks were so beautifully generous! The students of Margaret Wills Elementary are going to feel very loved. Delivery of the supplies was met with lots of gratitude from Principal Elliott and her staff. During our maiden attempt to gather school supplies, we were able to solicit and accept the donations of school supplies for 300 students.

Consider the remarkable gift YOUR generosity has given to these students, staff and families of Margaret Wills. These gifts make a difference. YOU have made a difference. For many families and teachers, getting enough supplies is difficult, for some it may be impossible. But this year, these 300 students have what they need to begin the school year. We will do further drives and more requests for money donations later in the school year.

This small, but mighty group, began as a book club responding to the Black Lives Matter movement and has been reading and discussing high interest books that involve the struggle of many American Christians. This includes systemic and individual racism along with the socio-economic and education disparities in Amarillo. After months of research and consuming information, it is now time for action. Social action that we know can serve to improve and empower the people in the neighborhood around St. Andrew’s. We came up with the idea of sponsoring a school with a diverse population as a way to serve the community. Margaret Wills was recommended to us as St. Andrew’s School already has a Weekend Backpack Service Project there.

We now intend to make this an ongoing "Partners in Education" project with a three year commitment. We hope to continue to act as a volunteer PTA (VTA). There are opportunities to serve the students and staff of Margaret Wills aside from the supply of donations and monetary giving. We also need donations to provide support (cards, snacks, gift cards) to the teachers, and volunteers to work in the school as a volunteer tutor and help in the classrooms. Here is the link to Register as a Volunteer in Amarillo AISD. It is run by a site called Relatrix <https://amarillo.ezcommunicator.net/edu/amarillo/ezcomm/VolunteerRegistration.aspx?app=0> Approval is very fast. Then all you need is a driver’s license when showing up at the school.

If you haven’t discovered your ministry at St. Andrew’s, consider joining in the work the Beloved Community is embarking on. We have a table of plenty in our loving groups of believers, help us crowd the table more as we share our abundant skills, hope, dedication and, of course, love.

Questions will need to go to: **Mary Emeny- maryemeny@gmail.com**
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FINANCIAL UPDATE

August 19, 2021

Dear Church Community:

Each Sunday it takes a great deal of coordination and cooperation for us to properly serve our Church Community. Our staff, our clergy, and all our ministries spend hours preparing to come together on Sunday to “Worship, Serve, Teach and Pray” together. It is a time of “Love, Beauty, Hospitality, and Inclusivity”. It is a time to share our gifts, including financial, with the church.

Additionally, the clergy, staff and volunteers plan all the events and additional services like: “Truckin at St. Andrew’s”, weddings, funerals, and other services related to the Church. We have numerous ministries and volunteers who provide services at other times besides Sunday that are equally important.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS AND TO OUR EXCELLENT STAFF. WE ALL LOVE OUR CLERGY, WHICH INCLUDES PRIESTS AND DEACONS. LET THEM KNOW.

As of July 31, 2021, we had a total of \$567,947.39 that had been pledged. The Finance Committee had set a goal of \$678,000.00 in pledges during the planning time in November of 2020. The estimates and goals were made based on prior years averages with an increase of 5% for 2021. As you can see, we were short in reaching our pledge goal by approximately \$120,000. The Finance Committee also estimated that contributions and other non-pledged income would be \$135,250.00. The expenses were estimated to be \$916,255.00, which still leaves us about \$100,000 short, which would be taken care of by a loan to the church by the Trusts. At the end of July, we were approximately \$16,895.00 under budget on actual pledges and \$22,500 under on contributions and other non-pledge income. Expenses for the year are approximately \$87,000.00 under budget for the first 7 months. We had to borrow from the Trust due to the under-budget numbers and the cash flow. Our controllable expenses still are on or below budget. We are being good stewards of what we are being given. The Finance Committee and the Vestry reviews all the finances at the end of each month and adjusts items as needed.

We will be starting our stewardship season for 2022 soon, please be prayerful about your commitment to God and St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church.

Psalm 24: 1The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; 2 for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

Peace and Blessings,
Annette Mullins
Parish Administrator