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## St. Andrew's news for June 26 2020

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### *St. Andrew's Vision Statement*

**We are a Christ-centered community,  
joyfully making a difference by....**

**Worshipping, Loving, Welcoming, Including, Supporting**

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Have something you want in this electronic newsletter? [E-mail Erin](#)

[Daily meditation: Forward Day by Day](#)

[Read through the bible, click here for a daily resource.](#)

**Please send prayer requests to [Erin](#). I will publish them in the service prayers of the people, and here, starting next week.**

Fr. John will be on vacation from Wednesday, June 24th through Saturday, July 11th. In case of pastoral need, please contact Fr. Bob Gross.

Thanksgivings and prayers for this coming week:

Birthdays: Liz Hudson, Polly Goecke, Ramona McIver, Sue Woodson, Shirley Ortman

Anniversaries: Don and Bebe Miller

Prayers: John Mabry, Gregg Headrick, Sheila and Henry

Send prayer requests to Erin Rhian: [erin@standrewsomaha.org](mailto:erin@standrewsomaha.org)

It is as yet unknown when we will be able to return for public worship. All Episcopal Churches in the Diocese of Nebraska are under the same guidelines for re-opening. One guideline is that percentage of positive cases need to have decreased for two weeks in a row in the counties that your parish has members who attend. For us, that includes Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties.

It will be a joy to be able to worship with more than just a few and a camera. But when we return, you can expect the following based on the guidelines from the diocesan office:

Social distancing of six feet between persons or family units. This will, of necessity, limit the number of people attending a service.

Face masks will need to be worn. There may be an exception for a clear medical reason once seated, but coming in and going out, all must wear a mask. This is not negotiable.

No passing of the offering plate. No passing out bulletins. No physical contact during the peace.

Building use will be limited. Seats will need to be assigned. A reservation system may be used to limit attendance for proper social distancing. The used areas of the church will be disinfected between services which, to start, will only be at 5 PM on Saturday and 10:30 AM on Sunday. Both services will be in the main church.

There will be no "coffee hour" after the service and no food will be served.

There will be no group singing.

The distribution of the Eucharist will look different.

Hand sanitizer will be readily available.

The services will be broadcast online indefinitely.

Once we are closer to reopening, a letter will be sent to everyone in the parish directory outlining in more detail what to expect. Our reopening committee continues to work on best practices based on the guidelines.

This Sunday's complete service [can be found here](#). Our guest preacher this week is The Rev. Tom Williamson who is an ordained Disciples of Christ minister. Tom and his spouse, Elizabeth often attended the 5PM Saturday service.

To view our service online [go to this link](#) and look for the word video on the left hand side. A reminder that you do not need a Facebook account to view the service. Also, the service is recorded, as are all of our services, and can be viewed at any time. We do hope you will join us for the live service that starts every Sunday at 10:30 am.

Your continued support of St. Andrew's is appreciated! Please continue to mail in a check, set up bill pay with your bank, call the office and have your donation taken out automatically each month and/or donate through [PayPal](#)

Looking for spiritual nourishment during the week? A variety of online services are offered by various Episcopal churches around the diocese from Morning Prayer to Compline. Enrich your soul! [Click here for a complete list](#)

Each Sunday from 9 AM to 10AM we host a virtual coffee hour. This is a chance to reconnect with people at St. Andrew's. There is no particular agenda, other than to reconnect and see one another. Here is the information you need:

**Consider joining even if you never have before. It's a good way to connect with our church members for an informal conversation.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/496764969>

Meeting ID: 496 764 969

You do not need these numbers below unless you intend to use a telephone.

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**Please Join the Family of St. Andrew's  
In Omaha, Nebraska  
For 1 minute of Prayer from Anywhere  
Every Monday at 12:00  
A simple, sincere, short specific prayer**

**Gracious God, guide our scientists to develop a vaccine for  
Covid- 19 Amen.**

### **PRAYER CHANGES THINGS!!**

#### **UPDATE FROM ST. MONICA'S GUILD**

The Ladies of St. Monica's Guild want to thank everyone for their continued support for our Welcome Bag Project for the women entering substance abuse treatment at the St. Monica's Home in Lincoln. Due to the pandemic, we were unable to make a delivery of our filled bags in June like we would have in normal circumstances. However, our group is very committed to our ministry to help these women, and we have made a donation of \$500 from the St. Monica's treasury to the St. Monica's Home to help them purchase any items they need to fill in the bags until we are safely able to resume our deliveries. In the meantime, if you have any items collected for our Welcome Bags, please hold on to them until we are able to worship together again, at which time they can be placed in the St. Monica's bin outside the office. Thank you!



#### **REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW BY DAN SITZMAN June 28**

There are friends whom I do not get to see often, so when we have an opportunity to get together every few years, there is a lot to talk about. Those are times where the conversation continues with few pauses and so much is covered. Even if social media posts and Christmas letters provide a window into each other's lives, being face-to-face provides an opportunity to share details, ask questions, consider options for the future, and laugh about connections to a shared past.

Among the articles, essays and stories I have read recently, I was struck by a national sports writer who blogged that the past three months feel like a run-on sentence. Routines have been cast aside and re-invented. We have been separated from our church family. Many of us have only conversed with co-workers over video conferencing. While travel outside the home has been limited, so much has happened at the national and local levels to consider our past and future. Each of us has also had much happen, from learning a new skill, to completing a project, to confronting pain and loss without the typical support systems in place. Like a run-on sentence, it may help to go back and re-read the passage, trying to find the meaning, or it may be better to forge on and hope the next pages make more sense.

As the conversations continue about options for the future, grant me the patience to pause and reflect, and the strength of peace and love to move forward with what needs to be addressed.

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