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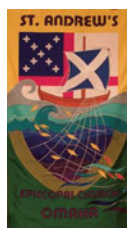
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Please send prayer requests to [Erin](#). I will publish them in the service prayers of the people, and here.

Fr. John is on vacation from Wednesday, June 24th through Saturday, July 11th. In case of pastoral need, please contact Fr. Bob Gross. He will be back this Sunday, July 12. Fr. Bob will be on vacation starting this Sunday through the next two weeks.

Thanksgivings and prayers for this coming week:

Birthdays: Jan Buhr, Keith Ross, Sarah Frink, Anna Trofholz, Wayne Nelson, Jackie Vinci, Alex Allemang, Theodore Puls, Diane Green

Anniversaries: Josh and Amy Urban

Prayers: John Mabry, Gregg Headrick, Sheila and Henry, Peggy, Terry Macholan and Sharon Kryger

Those who have died: Grandma May

Send prayer requests to Erin Rhian: erin@standrewsomaha.org

This Sunday's complete service [can be found here.](#)

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

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THIS IS NOT A TIME TO WORRY

Today is Summer 2020 and things are different. The pandemic doesn't seem to be going away any time soon.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new." As I sit and ponder these words, they seem to take on a whole new meaning. A meaning I don't think even Paul anticipated. Now before the biblical police come after me let me clearly state that I understand the biblical interpretation of this scripture passage, but I also think that the spirit of it applies to what we are experiencing today.

There are so many conflicting reports that we begin to wonder what's truth and what isn't. Recently, I received an email from Br. Conrad Jones, President, Provence III, of the Brotherhood of St; Andrew and I thought you might like to read what he has to say.

1. Worrying Accomplishes Absolutely Nothing.

I don't know about you, but I don't have any time to waste these days. And worrying is a waste of very precious time. Worrying won't help us solve problems or bring about a solution, so why waste our time and energy on it? *Matthew 6:27-29*: Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. (NLT)

2. Worrying is Not Good for You.

Worrying is destructive to us in many ways. It becomes a mental burden that can even cause us to grow physically sick.

Proverbs 12:25: Worry weighs a person down; an encouraging word cheers a person up. (NLT)

3. Worrying is the Opposite of Trusting God.

The energy that we spend worrying can be put to much better use in prayer.

Here's a little formula to remember: Worry replaced by Prayer equals Trust.

Matthew 6:30: And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? (NLT)

Philippians 4:6-7: Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. (NLT)

4. Worrying Puts Your Focus in the Wrong Direction.

When we keep our eyes focused on God, we remember his love for us, and we realize we truly have nothing to worry about. God has a wonderful plan for our lives, and part of that plan includes taking care of us. Even in the difficult times, when it seems like God doesn't care, we can put our trust in the Lord and focus on his kingdom. God will take care of our every need.

Matthew 6:25: That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? (NLT)

Matthew 6:31-33: So, don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. (NLT)

1 Peter 5:7: Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. (NLT)

So, my point is let's all respond to each other in love not hatred. Let's unite not divide. Let's do everything that we can to protect and keep each other safe and well. We can come together and hug each other when we have passed through this "valley..."

Blessings, Fr. Bob

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!

UPDATE FROM ECW

The St. Andrew's ECW is happy to announce that Camille Culp has taken over

the position of our group President. She is taking over following the term of Mae Ahrendsen, who has done a wonderful job and we thank her for all her hard work for the women of St. Andrew's.

At this time, the ECW has three open positions which we are currently seeking to fill. Please read the following descriptions to see if you would be interested in volunteering in any of these roles. Please contact Lisa Hammond if you are interested or have any questions.

Kitchen Chair – the main responsibilities are ordering supplies for our kitchen areas and making sure that those using the kitchen are leaving the spaces clean and ready for the next group. Taking assessment of appliances, kitchen tools, and needed kitchen updates are also part of this role.

Program Chair – This is a fun position for someone interested in finding and providing entertainment and resources to the ladies of St. Andrew's at a few events throughout the year. This person would coordinate with the ECW leadership to find speakers and presenters that we can offer as a resource to connect and encourage the women of our church.

Co-Chair of Reception Committee – The reception teams are a very important part of our church, responsible for helping with events such as coffee hours, funeral receptions, receptions for Bishop visits, and many other celebrations here at St. Andrew's. These teams have been well organized by our Reception Committee Co-Chairs and serve on a rotating basis whenever their turn comes up. Lisa Hammond is currently chairing this committee, but we are looking for a co-chair to help her out as our reception teams involve almost all of the women of St. Andrew's in some capacity. If you would be interested in partnering with Lisa on this committee or would like to participate on one of our reception teams if you are not already assigned to one, please let us know.



REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW BY DAN SITZMAN July 12

In this Sunday's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus communicates by telling many parables to a large crowd. The parable that we hear on Sunday describes seeds scattered on ground in different conditions. By teaching through a story, Jesus helps the listeners connect his message with their own experiences and lives.

Robert Shiller, the recipient of the 2013 Nobel Prize for Economics, is known for his research on the power of stories on the behavior of Americans and Europeans.

"The human brain has always been highly tuned towards narratives, whether factual or not, to justify ongoing actions, even such basic actions as spending and investing," Shiller said in one of his books. "Narratives 'go viral' and spread far, even worldwide, with economic impact." Shiller connects economics,

human behavior, and science by saying that the same epidemic models that trace how disease or viruses spread can be used to describe the word-of-mouth transmission of an idea. Some ideas are great ones and should catch on. But some stories, once they go viral, can have a damaging impact on world economies.

In a year when the novel corona virus continues to spread, while personal finances are challenged, while industries and businesses adjust, reinvent, or succumb, how am I hearing God's word and working to understand it?

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