



THE CROSSROADS

From the Desk of the Rector

A reset button is one of the greatest inventions in the technological age. I now spend a significant chunk of my time on my computer either writing something, doing research, communicating with folks via e-mail and Facebook, or just listening to music and playing spider solitaire. Oftentimes I can get so many projects going over the course of two or three days that eventually I sit down at my desk and the whole system runs at the speed of cold molasses or it has frozen up altogether. Eventually, it is just best to push the power button and start over.

Very often, I can look around my life and see something similar happening to me. I find my prayer life pushed out of the way by the things that I have justified as more important, more productive. I discover myself justifying my indulgent behaviors and then stuffing my life full of things that I don't need and that are often self-destructive. I find myself excusing my indifference toward others and then building up walls of suspicion, anger and self-righteousness. And then before I know it, all of these things have become my idols, little gods that eventually consume and own me. And then I am stuck.

Christians have a "reset button," too. It's called Lent. The Ash Wednesday rite reminds us of Lent's history and purpose. It says, "This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had

been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word."

Lent is an opportunity for us to shut down and start over again in our spiritual lives. It provides for us an intentional time of closing out all of the things in our lives that have bogged down our relationship with God and has slowed us in our call to love our neighbors as ourselves. I hope that you will use this Lent as an opportunity to reboot.

I want to follow up on the sermon that I printed in last month's Crossroads. Thanks to all of you who increased your pledges, St. Andrew's has a tight but balanced budget for 2009. While I have now heard of more than one congregation that will be losing clergy or may be closing because of a lack of operating funds, we will not be one of those congregations. Your increased financial commitment reflects a reaffirmation that, despite the anxiety and gloom around the economy, St.

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Fr. Kelley J. Lackey II, Rector of St. Andrew's

Keeping a holy Lent

St. Andrew's is offering a number of events to enhance Lenten devotions and preparation for Easter. During Lent, Gary Mason and Millard Harrell are leading Evensong (Evening Prayer) at 5:00 p.m. every weekday but Wednesday at St. Andrew's.

They encourage people to stop by on their way home from work or to come to the church as time allows to share in the traditional worship from the Book of Common Prayer.

Stations of the Cross

St. Andrew's and Sacred Heart continue to share weekly services tracing the Way of the Cross. The service will begin at 7 p.m. each Friday, alternating between the two parishes. Dates for St. Andrew's are March 13 and 27; on March 6 and 20 and April 3, the service begins at St. Andrew's.

Parishioners who want to precede the Stations of the Cross with Evening Prayer will have enough time to attend the 5:00 p.m. service at St. Andrew's before the Stations service begins.

'Christ on Trial'

Study of *Christ on Trial: How the Gospel Unsettles Our Judgement*, by Rowan Williams, continues at 10 a.m. each Sunday in the parish hall.

Time for baptisms is almost here

Baptisms are traditionally part of the Great Vigil, on Easter Eve. If you are interested in scheduling a baptism, please get in touch with Father Kelley as soon as possible.

Church Women United plans World Day of Prayer

"In Christ there are many members, yet one body" is the theme for the 2009 World Day of Prayer. The Emporia service, sponsored by Church Women United, begins at 2 p.m. Friday, March 6, at the Emporia Presbyterian west campus, 1702 W. 15th Ave.

World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical movement that brings women from around the world to common prayer, following a service developed by the women of a different country each year. The 2009 service was developed by the women of Papua New Guinea.

Offerings from participants in the service provide grants to help peace and justice projects in the United States and around the world.

Food basket still needs donations

The shopping cart outside the parish hall is a reminder that people in our community are still in need of groceries. Please remember to add something to your shopping cart to share with the Salvation Army's food pantry. This is a great time to take advantage of those buy-one-get-one bargains.

Remember that our donations should be non-perishable goods and that non-food items are always needed, too. The food-stamp program doesn't allow for purchases of such things as toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper and other items most of us would be lost without.

Looking ahead

- March 4** Parish Life committee will meet at 5 p.m. in the parish hall.
- March 6** A **World Day of Prayer** service begins at 2 p.m. at the Emporia Presbyterian West Campus, 1702 W. 15th Ave.
- March 8** **Daylight Saving Time** goes into effect at 2 a.m. Set clocks **ahead** one hour before going to bed on March 7.
- March 12** The **vestry** will meet at 7 p.m. in the conference room. All vestry meetings are open to everyone and parishioners are welcome to attend.
- March 24** The women of St. Andrew's will gather for their **monthly luncheon**, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Coburn's restaurant. These are casual events; participants are encouraged to come and go as schedules allow.

Vestry hears financial report, plans plumbing project

At their February meeting, St. Andrew's Vestry members learned that the parish had received two additional pledge increases, bringing this year's total to approximately \$125,000. Treasurer Mary Mingenback told the vestry that there had been no need to transfer money from endowment funds to meet January expenses. She noted that some parishioners have paid their 2009 pledges in full, cautioning that this makes income appear more robust.

The vestry has also approved a project that should provide hot water to the bathrooms and may alleviate the situation with cold water in the sacristy. The improvements will cost in the neighborhood of \$500. Eddie Gilpin, junior warden, is overseeing the project.

The vestry will "retreat" at St. Andrew's on March 13 and 14. Some will attend the Lay Leadership Academy on March 7 at the cathedral.

Coffee hour book awaits your signature

Volunteers needed to serve as hosts

The signup book for coffee hour has lots of empty spaces, waiting for volunteers to serve as hosts.

Coffee hour is an important time for most parishioners, as it gives us the opportunity to greet guests, get to know them and renew our relationships with one another.

Serving as a host isn't difficult and it's great if we all take our turn. Please check the notebook on the kitchen counter and choose a date that works with your schedule.

Thanks to ...

... Don Bailey and the enthusiastic crew of cooks, servers and clean-uppers, who made this year's pancake supper an evening of good food and company, for St. Andrew's and the larger community.

... Patrick Kelley, whose photographs provide lasting memories of worship and fellowship at St. Andrew's.

... Jim and Ruthann Resch, June Hubert, Helen Call, Sue Wilson, Gay Barnes, Shirley Schoap, Kathryn Lackey and Gary Mason, who worked together to prepare and serve a meal to the Glasgow family.

Vestry to meet March 12

The Vestry will hold its monthly meeting on March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. All parishioners are welcome to attend.



We think that
Paradise and
Calvarie,

Christ's Crosse, and
Adams tree, stood in
one place;

Looke, Lord, and
finde both Adams
met in me;

As the first Adams
sweat surrounds my
face

May the last Adams
blood my soule
embrace.

—From Hymn to God,
my God, a poem by
John Donne, 1572-
1631. His day is
celebrated March
31.

In our daily prayers we celebrate

Births

- March 1 Kevin Williams
March 7 Florence Colaw
March 8 Barbara DeBauge
March 9 Delaney Elizabeth Adams
March 10 Cade Amend
Sabra Amend
March 11 Shirlee Ebberts
March 12 Kathryn Lackey
March 18 Anna Basler
March 19 Megan Gilpin
March 22 Ann North
March 24 Jean Runge
March 25 Elise Hauth
March 28 John Bannon
Blake Mitchell
March 30 Sue Wilson
March 31 Tyson Fowler

Baptisms

- March 1 Jenny Harder
March 3 Jordan Crofoot
March 8 Patrick Kelley
March 10 Larie Schoap
March 17 Justin Davis
Hannah Harder
Carolyn Lackey
March 21 Harry Bird
March 22 Andrew Troyer
March 29 Jean Runge

Confirmations

- March 1 Larry Eudaley
Jenny Harder
March 14 Barbara Walker
March 17 Shanda Hendricks
March 18 Nancy Toms
March 22 Barbara MacGregor
March 26 Grady Fowler
March 29 Larry DeBauge
Nancy Garcia
March 31 Jean Runge (received)

Milestones

Marriages

- March 6 Dave and Shanda Hendricks

We remember

- March 2 Rosamund B. Shulley
March 3 Mary E. Martin
March 4 Jason Austin
March 5 Alfred Christie
March 6 John C. Gladfelter
Zelma Louise Hilton Noble
March 7 Reva Herman
March 8 Lloyd B. Price
March 9 Gertrude E. Leonard
Lyle G. Noyes
March 10 Anna Preston Canby
Mabel E. Harmon Corbett
March 16 Lloyd Edwards
March 18 Dorothy Fisher Kimbell
March 19 Clinton Henning
March 20 Elmer Jones
March 21 Maxie Bird
March 22 Mildred Purviance
Bertha Newman Sprague
March 23 Lucetta Stover
March 28 Olevia Anderson Hunt
Georgia Morrison
March 29 Nillie Ruth Markle

St. Andrew's Prayer List

Those needing strength and healing:

Reese Naylor, Briley Naylor, Bill North, Terri Landeck, Tim Mai, Vazia and her family, Jud Lackey, Alphonso, Yolanda, Christine, Patricia, Mary Barnes, Donna Eudaley, Jeremy Schadel, Diane Valentine, Price Smith, Karla, Rosie Bennett, Bob McDonald, Bob & DeLores Johnson. ***Loved ones in the military:*** Gregg Etter, Bob Garven, John, Eric Muecke, Christopher Little, Molly, Aaron Riley, Michael Flory, Daniel Pearson, Chris Milan, Ewardo Mendoza., Daniel Pearson, Chris Milan.

(As space permits, the current prayer list)

March Server Schedule

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29	April 5 Palm Sunday
Chalice bearer	S. McKinney	R. Mitchell	P. Kelley	J. Runge	J. Davis	R. Mitchell
Priest server	P. Kelley	S. McKinney	R. Mitchell	J. Davis	S. McKinney	P. Kelley
Crucifer	G. Mason	-----	-----	-----	-----	J. Crofoot
Torch 1	W. Dyer	-----	-----	-----	-----	W. Dyer
Torch 2	C. Anderson	-----	-----	-----	-----	A. Mitchell
Thurifer	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Lector	M. Mingenback	M. Amend	L. Bonney	M. Mingenback	M. Amend	M. Harrell
Intercessor	B. Barnes	L. Bonney	M. Harrell	P. Kelley	B. Clamurro	B. Barnes
Nursery 1	J. Scheuerman	A. Jacob	A. Jacob	L. Bonney	J. Scheuerman	S. Brinkman
Nursery 2	S. Brinkman	N. Jacob	N. Jacob	C. Lackey	J. Hubert	L. Lingenfelter
Greeter 1	N. Romine	D. Mai	J. Runge	T. Ulan	J. Runge	J. Hubert
Greeter 2	C. Marriott	S. Mai		T. Ulan	C. Marriott	J. Runge
LEV 1	S. McKinney	G. Mason	P. Kelley	J. Hubert	B. Barnes	P. Kelley
LEV 2	L. Bonney	S. McKinney	L. Bonney	G. Mason	S. McKinney	L. Bonney

Please remember that if you are not able to serve you are responsible for finding your own substitute.

FROM THE RECTOR, cont.

Andrew's has chosen to live in the faith and hope that we have in Jesus Christ. While pride is one of those things that we try to combat in the season of Lent, I feel no sin in wanting to say that I am very proud to be your rector and I am proud of the ways that I see you allowing God to work in and through your lives.

**Pax,
Kelley+**

Care Points benefit St. Andrew's

If you spend more than \$25 at Country Mart, the cashier will offer you Community Care Points. Say "yes" and drop off the certificate at the parish office. Your effort will help our parish.

Encourage your friends to pass their Care Points along to you, if they don't have a ready use for them. If we tell our friends and they tell their friends and *they tell their* friends ... and so on, well - you get the idea.

From the Treasurer

The following pledge receipts have been received for February 2009.

Pledge Receipts for February 1	\$3,948.62
Pledge Receipts for February 8	\$3,167.80
Pledge Receipts for February 15	\$4,243.60
Pledge Receipts for February 22	<u>\$1,022.10</u>
Total February Receipts	\$10,749.40
Amount Needed to Meet Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$11,591.00</u>
Deficit for February	(\$841.60)

—Mary Mingenback

Daylight Saving Time begins

It's time to 'spring ahead'

Set your clocks one hour ahead at bedtime on Saturday, March 7.



ESU students Michelle Pauley (above left) and Andrea Faris (above center) and Patrick Davis (above) help cook and serve pancakes and waffles at the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper Feb. 24. Cole, Chad and Christopher Anderson (left) enjoy their supper. The event, coordinated by Don Bailey, raised \$700 for St. Andrew's while serving 195 people

From the Senior Warden

Make a meaningful promise

We are ankle-deep in Lent, having received the ashes and joined Sacred Heart in the first service of Stations of the Cross. Some of us have made Lenten promises, not unlike New Year's resolutions, and they, too, lie broken. If you need real keepers, here are helpful suggestions:

St. Andrew's could really use Sunday school and nursery teachers. As it is now, if one of the teachers has an emergency, then we simply shut down. Children may arrive and find the door closed that day. And, if you are worried about preparation, the church supplies detailed lesson plans, complete with song and finger plays, which complement the Sunday sermon. Add a cookie and the deed is done!

If teaching simply is not your thing, try the choir. Surely, out of the many beautiful selections, there are several notes you can hit.

The Wednesday night community dinners provide another opportunity. You can join other dedicated parishioners who prepare these meals, 12 months a year. The fellowship is wonderful and that has given us many opportunities to enrich our lives together.

If the preceding aren't possible, try Altar Guild, greetinging, carrying the sacrament, sending cards or delivering flowers (or both) to shut-ins, escorting a guest to coffee hour, driving the elderly to and from church, tending yard plants, and shoveling snow. Ask people in charge or create a job.

The work is fulfilling but the bonding with church folk is priceless.—Sue Wilson

Sponsor flowers, music and candles for Easter

Please complete the form if you would like to contribute toward flowers, music, candles and other enhancements to our Easter worship. You may drop it in the collection plate. The form should be in the office by April 6 to assure inclusion in the Easter bulletins, but your donations are welcome at any time before Easter. You may also call in your contribution (342-1537) and drop a check by the office at your convenience before Easter. There are also forms on the table on the hall. Thank you.

Please print clearly.

Name _____ Phone _____

In memory of

In thanksgiving for

In honor of

Amount enclosed _____

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

**The Rev. Kelley J. Lackey II
Rector of St. Andrew's**

March 20 is the deadline for information to be included in the April Crossroads. Please drop off any information at the church office or e-mail it by noon that day to office@standrewsemporia.net

**Visit the parish website at
www.StAndrewsEmporia.org**

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