



THE CROSSROADS

From the Desk of the Rector

Jesus said, "So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." (Luke 14:33)

I grew up spending almost every weekend at the creek on my grandparent's place near the Neosho River in Southeast Kansas. It was a place that I went hiking with my 90-year-old great-grandmother as she told me tales from her childhood and taught me how to climb through barbed wire fence to the neighbor's place. It was a place that I mined for arrowheads, weird rocks, rusty farm implements and cow bones. It was the place whose mud claimed more than one of my grandfather's tools as I feebly attempted to build a boat, dam or cabin. It was a place whose banks held the unmarked graves of early settlers, Osage Indians and several of our family pets. It was my happy place then and over the years, it is a place to which my mind returns when I need a mental vacation.

Oftentimes when I go home to visit I will take the kids and go stand at the edge of the creek and just look around thinking about the past, the present or nothing at all. It is a part of me and I have always taken for granted that it would always be there and all I would need to do is just take a walk out the back door after dinner to be there. After all, that creek is mine and has been since I was a little boy.

It was therefore sobering as I walked back to the edge of the creek for the last

time a few weeks ago to say goodbye to my happy place. My grandparents are moving into town to a more manageable-sized house and have sold their home, along with my creek, to a family with two little kids of their own. One more of my illusions about what is permanently mine was shattered as I came to the realization that all that was left to do was to commend "my" creek to these new little children who may soon be exploring it with the same sense of permanence and ownership that I once had. Ultimately it was another reminder to me that even the most sacred parts of my life are subject to disappear and that anything short of Christ that I depend on for my security or identity will fail.

One old chestnut of a hymn not found in our hymnal reminds us of our need to offer up freely every last bit of our lives to Christ and put our identity, our trust and our hope in him. "All to Jesus I surrender; all to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live. I surrender all, I surrender all; All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all."

Jesus did not tell his followers that they could not become his followers unless they gave up all of their possessions because he wanted all of their stuff. He did not tell them to give up all of their possessions because having things is inherently bad. He was telling them that they could not become his disciples as long as there was anything else that they confused with him.

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

Bishop Wolfe to visit Sept. 27

Dean Wolfe, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, will make a visitation to St. Andrew's on Sept. 27. The re will be no 8:30 Eucharist that day. His schedule follows:

9-10 a.m. Meet with vestry.

10-10:30 a.m. Presentation by the bishop in the parish hall.

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist. A potluck covered dish dinner to honor Bishop Wolfe and our confirmands follows in the parish hall. Call the office if you are planning to bring a dish (342-1537).

Anyone wishing to be baptized, confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church while Bishop Wolfe is here needs to get in touch with Fr. Kelley right away.

Annual CROP Hunger Walk planned

The CROP Hunger Walk is an international program to help with relief from hunger. A full 25% of proceeds stays in the community to help with local charities.

Registration for the 4-mile walk through town begins at St. Andrew's at 2 pm; the walk leaves the church building at 2:30, making its way through downtown Emporia, following a cross-shape route. Walkers are welcome, but everyone is encouraged to make a financial pledge to a walker. CROP provides money to abate hunger worldwide and here in Lyon County. Pledge forms are available on the hall table. Contact Karen at office@standrewsemporia.org if you have any questions.

ESU students offer faith, film and food

All ESU students are invited to join the Episco-WHAT's for an evening of dinner, movie and discussion at St. Andrew's. So far three Sunday dates are set: Sept. 27 (movie: Lars and the Real Girl), Oct. 25 (Wall-E) and Nov. 22 (Choclat). You can contact peer minister Sarah Kidder with questions: skidder@emporia.edu.

St. Andrew's thanks ...

... Colleen Mitchell, who faithfully coordinated our Christian-education program for the past three years. Colleen has recently stepped aside, making room for another parishioner to come forward and keep this ministry going.

... Donna and Lawrence Eudaley, who have incorporated the Wednesday evening Eucharist and supper into their weekly schedule. In their quasi-leadership roles of this informal gathering, the Eudaleys strengthen the bonds between St. Andrew's and Emporia State University students.

... Cori Anderson, who spearheaded the Blessing of the Backpacks from idea to reality; to Nick Jacob, who plied his considerable grilling talents to feed the multitude; to Nancy Romine, Jessica Scheuerman and DeLores Johnson, for shopping and cooking.

... Don Bailey, Rick Carson and Darrell Hammond, Antonia Felix, Stanford Felix and Elizabeth Laskarzewski, who shared their musical gifts with us this summer while the choir was on break.

... Sue McKinney and Sarah Kidder, peer minister, and other students involved at St. Andrew's, who participated in the Faith Fair at Emporia State University and saw to it that ESU students know that our red doors are open to welcome them during the school year.

Looking ahead

- Sept. 8** 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. Please note: This month's meeting is moved forward from the usual date.
- Sept. 12** St. Andrew's will hold a "garage" sale in the Parish Hall during Emporia's annual Great American Market. Your donations and assistance will help raise money to bolster the parish budget. Check the sign-up sheets on the Parish Hall doors and decide where your talents are the best fit. Shopping begins at 7 a.m. on Sept. 12.
- Sept. 13** The St. Andrew's choir will be back in voice after the summer break. The first rehearsal begins at 10 a.m., before the 11 o'clock Eucharist. Anyone interested in lending their talents to this ministry is welcome to let Karen know in the office (office@standrewsemporia.org). The student budget, which has helped supplement our choir in past years, is not well funded this year, so every voice can make a real difference.
- Sept. 18-
Oct. 10** Emporia Clean Sweep Days will be held over four weekends for free Dumpster drop-offs throughout the city. See article in this Crossroads..
- Sept. 22** 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 Dutch-treat events and participants are encouraged to come and go as their schedules allow.
- Sept. 27** Bishop Wolfe will visit St. Andrew's. Anyone who is interested in being confirmed during his visit should talk with Fr. Kelley right away. Bishop Wolfe will join parishioners for a covered-dish luncheon after the 11 a.m. Eucharist.
- Sept. 27 is also the date for the CROP Hunger Walk, an annual event that raises money to fight hunger. See article on previous page.
- ESU students, Episco-WHAT's, hold their first faith, film and food evening on Sept. 27. All ESU students are welcome.
- Oct. 2** First Friday is a monthly celebration for all parish families, with or without children, and a great time to invite guest to join in the fun.
- Oct. 3** Episcopal Church Women holds its annual gathering in Overland Park.
- Oct. 7** The Blessing of the Animals is a traditional time to celebrate St. Francis Day. Watch for details and plan to bring an animal friend to this get-together.

What happens Wednesday evenings?

Wednesday evening Eucharists and suppers are back in full swing, bringing students into St. Andrew's, welcoming them to make our parish their home. Everyone is welcome to join this informal service and potluck dinner. It's a chance to meet our students and to get better acquainted with fellow parishioners. If you're interested in helping support this hospitality ministry, give the office a call at 342-1537. Better yet, just drop by at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and join the fun.

Fr. Kelley on vacation

Fr. Kelley will be out of the office Sept. 10-18. Fr. Craig Loya will be celebrate Holy Eucharist at both 8:30 and 11 a.m. on Sept. 13 and at 6 p.m. Sept. 16. Pastor John Davis from St. Mark's Lutheran Church will be available for pastoral emergencies during Fr. Kelley's absence.



No creature has meaning without the Word of God. God's Word is in all creation, visible and invisible. The Word is living, being, spirit, all verdant greening, all creativity. This Word flashes out in every creature. This is how the spirit is in the flesh—the Word is indivisible from God.

—A poem by Hildegard of Bingen, visionary of the 12th century. Her feast day is September 17.

In our daily prayers we celebrate

Births

Sept. 3 Cole Anderson
 Sept. 4 Ken Calhoun
 Sept. 5 Bob Johnson
 Sept. 10 Bob Basler
 Sept. 26 Susan Mai
 Sept. 30 Pat Adams
 Julia Williams

Baptisms

Sept. 28 Jim Resch

Confirmations

Sept. 16 Keith Foster
 Sept. 17 Alice Azzun
 Gladys Azzun
 Mary Halleran
 Mike Halleran (received)
 Nick Jacob
 Jacque Heckman James
 (received)
 David Mai
 Susan Mai
 Cody O'Mara
 Julia Williams
 Kevin Williams

Marriages

Sept. 13 Kelley and Carolyn Lackey
 Sept. 16 Emmanuel and Koseku
 Azzun

We remember

Sept. 1 Beatrice McClure
 Sept. 2 James D. Jones
 Sept. 4 Vergil Ferree
 Sept. 6 Helen Firth Bailey
 Sept. 8 Mary Ella Peak
 Sept. 12 Louise Throgmorton
 Sept. 16 Suzie Teichgraeber
 Sept. 17 Bill Heller
 Sept. 18 Catherine Neill
 Sept. 20 George Randall
 Sept. 21 Matthew Perry Day

Milestones

Sept. 23 Jerry Keller
 William Gerard Price
 Sept. 24 Bertha Catherine Kufaul
 Sept. 25 Agnes Finney Hancock
 Sept. 26 Wayne Nightingale Cuff
 Granville Holmes
 Clay E. Howerton
 Sept. 29 Edna Austine Stowe

Important date missing?

If your special date in September hasn't been included in the calendar, please let Karen in the church office know so she can add it to our listings. Email: office@standrewsemporia.org

St. Andrew's Prayer List

Those needing strength and healing: Liz Hollar, Reese Naylor, Briley Naylor, Terri Landeck, Tim Mai, Vazia & her family, Jud Lackey, Suzanne Pontius, Diane Valentine, Jennifer Nimh, the Nhem family, Shirley Schoap, Edith, Gary Romine, Gladys Ayres.

Loved ones in the military: Gregg Etter, John, Eric Muecke, Christopher Little, Aaron Riley, Daniel Pearson, Chris Milan, Ewardo Mendoza.

Thanksgiving: For all who are called to a ministry of Sunday service in this place: teachers and leaders of Sunday School and children's chapel, greeters, readers, nursery workers, Lay Eucharistic Visitors, acolytes, chalice bearers and priest servers; and for all who provide refreshment at coffee hour.

(As space permits, the prayer list as of publication date will be included monthly.)

September Server Schedule

	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27 Bishop's visitation	Oct. 4	Oct. 11
Chalice bearer	G. Garcia	J. Runge	G. Garcia	J. Runge	S. McKinney	G. Garcia
Priest server	S. McKinney	P. Kelley	S. McKinney	R. Mitchell	R. Mitchell	S. McKinney
Crucifer	G. Mason	J. Runge	G. Garcia	G. Mason	S. McKinney	G. Garcia
Torch 1	Chad Anderson	Christopher Anderson	Chad Anderson	Christopher Anderson	Christopher Anderson	Chad Anderson
Torch 2	A. Mitchell	A. Mitchell	P. Davis	A. Mitchell	P. Davis	A. Mitchell
Lector	M. Amend	L. Bonney	J. Runge	R. Call	M. Harrell	M. Amend
Intercessor	M. Harrell	B. Barnes	B. Clamurro	J. Runge	B. Clamurro	R. Call
Nursery 1	J. Hubert	A. Jacob	J. Scheuerman	A. Jacob	S. Brinkman	J. Hubert
Nursery 2	J. Scheuerman	N. Jacob	J. Hubert	N. Jacob	J. Scheuerman	J. Williams
Greeter 1	D. Mai	D. Mai	TBD	J. Hubert	J. Hubert	G. Mason
Greeter 2	S. Mai	S. Mai	G. Mason	N. Romine	B. Clamurro	TBD
LEV 1	G. Mason	P. Kelley	G. Mason	B. Barnes	S. McKinney	G. Mason
LEV 2	S. McKinney	G. Mason	S. McKinney	J. Hubert	B. Barnes	S. McKinney
Altar Guild	Pontius/Mai	MitchellMitchell	Gilpin/Weidert	Bailey/Schoap/ Basler	Garcia/Barnes	Pontius/Mai

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

From the Rector, cont.

Anything to which we tie our identity, trust and hope so closely that it leaves us disillusioned when it goes away cannot be good for us. Whether it is a job, a relationship, a piece of property, a title, our health, our independence or something more internal, emotional or intellectual, it will ultimately fail and our illusion will be shattered. In the end there is only Jesus Christ to leave us fulfilled and never disillusioned.

Pax,
Kelley+

Small change can make a difference

To save money – and to benefit Mother Earth – St. Andrew's is saying goodbye to paper plates and foam cups in the kitchen.

The expense of the disposable items comes out of the coffee-hour donations, which tend to be on the scanty side, and we'll be using that money to pay for other coffee hour necessities – such as coffee, for example.

With this small change, also, we'll be joining many other congregations across the country in forgoing a bit of convenience to help keep down our contributions to landfills.

Whether your motivation is fiscal responsibility or environmental protection, this change offers something everybody can feel good about.

About Emporia Clean Sweep

Citywide program needs helpers and those who need help

Emporia is embarking on a project aimed at helping people clear away the clutter inside and outside their homes.

Over four successive weekends, beginning Friday, Sept. 18, and wrapping up on Saturday, Oct. 10, four different neighborhoods – covering the entire community – will have access to free Dumpster drop-off points for collecting appliances, tree limbs and yard waste, tires, furniture, building material, paints and cleaners, general trash and computers, monitors and batteries. There'll be a \$10 fee for dumping television sets, but everything else can be tossed free.

Anyone who needs assistance cleaning up or getting items to the Dumpster in their neighborhood on the designated weekend may call 343-4275. A map of the areas to be "swept clean" is on the bulletin board outside the parish hall.

The project also needs volunteers to handle a variety of chores, from picking up trash and handing out fliers to donating or driving a truck to pick up items for the Dumpster. Anyone wishing to help should also call 343-4275.

The project is sponsored by a variety of groups, including Emporia Building Futures, the City of Emporia, the Human Relations Commission, the Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau and Emporia Lions Club.

ECW Annual Gathering

Episcopal Church Women will meet at St. Thomas the Apostle in Overland Park on Saturday, Oct. 3.

The guest speaker is the Rev. Mary Earle, who will talk about women Celtic saints. She will use the stories of St. Brigid of Ireland and St. Melangell of Wales to reflect with the group on the lives of these women and to discover ways to live out the Gospel virtues of faith, hope and love. The fee for the full day is \$20. Registration deadline is Sept. 26. A flyer about the ECW gathering is posted on the bulletin board.

From the Senior Warden

Sunday school teaches lessons, builds memories

Sunday school starts on Sept. 13 and runs from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. The 3- to 6-year-old children meet across from the office in the nursery. (The babies and toddlers arrive just before the 11 a.m. liturgy.)

I know it seems difficult to get the children here an hour early. However, we do have a lively book discussion for adults during that time. Even if you had not read the book, you could enjoy a cup of coffee, relax and listen to views of others.

Here's what happens at Sunday school. Each teacher has a leader's guide that helps us with organization, presentation, enrichment and "Helps for Leaders" with tips and articles about Episcopal history, tradition, saints, feast days and biblical concepts.

The part I really like is that the session is tied directly to the week's lectionary readings. When I hear Father Kelley saying something in church that we learned in Sunday school, I want to hop up and say, "I know that!" Maybe some of the older kids will make the connection also.

We create papers to remind us about the lessons. I usually tape these, along with any art work, on the door, for children to pick up before they leave. You parents might want to remind the children so you can review the lessons at home.

In the 3- to 6-year-old group, we begin our hour with preparation of the altar (a cardboard box with a cloth and battery-operated candles) and an appropriate prayer. The rest of the time is divided into religious stories, coloring, singing, finger plays, a snack and free play until parents arrive. Sometimes the older kids come down to "cook" for us, share an activity or join in the "Make a Joyful Noise" band.

The Children's Chapel, led by Cori Anderson, is a great enrichment tool that provides an age-appropriate lesson and activities. The children leave for chapel after the collect for the day, returning to join their parents at the passing of the peace.

The bonding time in these activities is what we remember well into adulthood. Maybe that time makes the difference between making a lifelong commitment to the church or straying from it.

Some of my Sunday school memories: Bible stories, songs, pennies for birthdays, pansies at Easter, memorizing commandments and books of the Bible. I also enjoyed the security of sitting between my parents in church and the pretty stained-glass windows by our pew. At this year's high school reunion, I'll remember those boys who hid from their Sunday school teacher (my father) in the choir robe lockers. One of them is a retired four-star Army general and he still attends the Episcopal Church!

—Sue Wilson

Our shopping cart needs more food and non-perishable items

When you're shopping for your own pantry, think of the people in our community who are struggling to make ends meet, as food prices continue to rise. Please leave your non-perishable grocery items in the shopping cart outside the Parish Hall.

What's needed? Canned soups, vegetables, spaghetti sauce and pasta, boxed dinners, cereal, peanut butter (and jelly). Actually, anything non-perishable that's on your own shopping list will help another family in Emporia.

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

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



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