



THE CROSSROADS

From the Desk of the Rector

More Reflections on a Broken Leg

As my leg continues to heal I have had some exciting and spooky moments. Early in May, my doctor indicated that I should wean myself off of my crutches and begin to put weight on my leg so that the fractured bones would begin to take the nourishment that they needed to be strong. A week later came the evening that I put my crutches down to take my first actual step without support. The first thing that occurred to me was that after going an entire month without using my leg, my body had seemed to have forgotten the rhythm of something as simple as taking steps! The next realization was just how weak the muscles in my leg were from no use for so many weeks.

Something as routine and important as walking, and my body had lost the memory and strength to do it! Walking would have to be something that my body would have to relearn and I would have to be intentional in going about it. It is a strange revelation to discover that something so simple and necessary to my existence can be so easily lost in just a few weeks' time. And yet I must confess that I have had similar experiences before.

There are many things that can get "broken" in the course of daily life that knock a person out of the routine of daily prayer and scripture meditation as well as weekly participation in the Holy Eucharist. I can easily justify not exercising my "prayer muscles" for one reason or another and before I

know it many days, or even weeks, have passed. By the time I try to sit down to offer prayer and meditate on the scriptures, I find it awkward and unnatural. Then I have to be as intentional in my first faltering moments of prayer as when taking those first few faltering steps without crutches.

Like walking, the life of the Christian is a rhythm of daily prayer and weekly nourishment through the Holy Eucharist that can be easily broken without regular practice. Unfortunately, when we don't, it is at some inopportune moment of crisis that we realize that we are completely crippled in our prayer life and our souls are weak from lack of nourishment. Then we must make those faltering, unnatural feeling steps at a time when we are already dealing with more than usual.

As the summer months roll by, we break routines and find ourselves traveling to other places, but let us not neglect the care and feeding of our souls. Let us be intentional in setting aside time for daily prayer and meditation as well as weekly nourishment at an altar near wherever we find ourselves. If we continue to be intentional, we will find ourselves with a strong and steady gait no matter what life throws at us.

Pax,
Kelley+

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Vacation Bible School

Sign up now and get ready to surf the scriptures

Here's your chance to enjoy a beach party without making a cross-country trek. This year's Vacation Bible school will offer five evenings of "Beach Party: Surfin' Through the Scriptures.

Again this year, St. Andrew's will be joining with St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Emporia Presbyterian Church for a week of Bible-school classes for children and adults.

Classes will meet from 6 to 8:15 p.m. June 16 through 20 at the Presbyterian West Campus, 1702 W. 15th Ave. Adults will share a discussion group for the first four evenings; on the last evening, everyone will get together to share a family potluck and concert.

Vacation Bible school registration forms are waiting for you on the table outside the Parish Hall.

Can you help with Bible school?

Planners are seeking volunteers to help in a variety of areas, including food for adults, recreation, music, story snacks and science. Volunteers are also needed to work with the children in the program. Anyone from seventh grade on up is eligible to volunteer.

For those who are more inclined to volunteer goods, organizers have put out a call for celery and carrot sticks, bread, peanut butter, jelly, ranch dressing, fruit, sliced ham, sliced turkey, tuna, American cheese, drink mix and cookies or brownies. Anyone who doesn't have time to shop is welcome to donate cash, which will be used as needed. For more information or to sign up, get in touch with Deborah Cotterman or Leigh Dyer.

Hey! Let's go bowling!

St. Andrew's parishioners and friends will be lacing up their bowling shoes on Saturday, June 7, for a family bowling night. Ann Jacob, who is organizing the event, says that bowling is planned from 7 to 9 p.m. at Flint Hills Lanes, 1519 W. Sixth Ave. The cost is \$6 a person, payable at the door, and each family can purchase any snacks and beverages (with and without alcohol) they want.

Look for a sign-up sheet on the Parish Hall doors. Sign-up will let Ann know how many lanes to reserve, so everyone will be able to join the fun.

The bowling night is the first of a number of family-oriented, child-friendly events that will be appearing on the calendar, so parishioners can be watching for future opportunities to share fellowship and good times.

St. Andrew's families plan for weddings

Two St. Andrew's families are in the final stages of planning weddings.

Tom Resch, son of Jim and Ruthann Resch, will marry Megan Swingle on Saturday, June 7, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Willowdale, where Megan's grandparents were married.

Amy Schwenn, daughter of John and Judy Schwenn, will marry Jarrett Leeds at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 21, at St. Andrew's. As with all weddings in our parish, the congregation is invited and encouraged to witness the nuptials.

Please keep these young people in your prayers as they join their lives in Christ.

Coffee hour times open

The coffee hour book shows a number of free Sundays over the next couple of months, opportunities to provide snacks after the 11 a.m. Eucharist. If you can volunteer for this informal but important ministry, check the sign-up book on the kitchen counter and choose the date that works best for you. It's even more fun if you pair up with someone to share the work with.

Looking ahead

- June 7 **Bowling party.** Parishioners can bowl together at 7 p.m. at Flint Hills Lanes. (See facing page.)
- June 16-20 **Vacation Bible School.** Beach Party: Surfin' the Scriptures. (Additional information on facing page.)
- June 22 **Reception for Schwenns.** Longtime parishioners John and Judy Schwenn will be saying goodbye to St. Andrew's as they leave Emporia for Georgia. John has been in Georgia for several months, but he is returning to walk daughter Amy down the aisle. Both John and Judy have served St. Andrew's in many capacities and we will miss them. The coffee hour is a time to tell them how important they have been to the life of our parish.
- June 24 **Women's luncheon.** The women of St. Andrew's will get together for their monthly lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Coburn's Family Restaurant, 18th Avenue and Industrial Road. The gathering is casual and everyone is encouraged to come as their schedules permit.
- June 29 **Chase County Eucharist.** The annual service and covered-dish lunch will begin at 11 a.m. at the Bazaar Schoolhouse. (Additional information in this issue.)
- July 4 **Fourth of July picnic.** David and Susan Mai are again opening their spacious back yard for a holiday picnic and celebration of Holy Eucharist. More details will be available later. Watch for them.
- July 10 **Vestry meeting.** St. Andrew's Vestry will not meet in June, but will convene at 7 p.m. on July 10 in the Parish Hall. All Vestry meetings are open to parishioners.
- October **CROP Walk.** St. Andrew's will again participate in the annual CROP Walk, which raises money to relieve hunger in our community and around our world. June Hubert will have more information about this project as the time draws nearer.
- October 4 **Episcopal Church Women.** The annual gathering will be held at Good Shepherd, Wichita. Sybil MacBeth, author of *Praying in Color*, will teach a new meditative way to pray. More information in the Harvest and at www.episcoapl-ks.org/ecw08.
- October 29 **Halloween Party.** St. Andrew's plans to pull out all the stops for a family Halloween party. Start thinking now about your costume and what you can do to help make this a great evening for everyone.

Date set for annual picnic in Chase County

On Sunday, June 29, St. Andrew's will be on the road to Chase County for the yearly Eucharist and covered-dish lunch at the Bazaar Schoolhouse. The celebration of the Eucharist will begin at 11 a.m. There will be no services at St. Andrew's on that day.

To reach the schoolhouse, travel west on Highway 50 from Emporia to Strong City. At Strong City, turn left at the corner where you find a center turning lane. St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church will be visible on your left. Travel through Strong City and Cottonwood Falls, to the schoolhouse, which is 6.5 miles south of Cottonwood Falls. The trip from the intersection where you make the left turn totals nine miles. You will see the Bazaar Cemetery on the west side of the road. The school is a white building, just south of the cemetery. If you need a ride or can offer a ride, let the office know.

Want to know more about Outreach? Mark your calendar for June 8

The Outreach Committee will be meeting in the conference room after the 11 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, June 8. We'll be getting in touch with everyone who has expressed an interest in planning parish Outreach projects. If you haven't been contacted, but you'd like to know more about Outreach—what we do and why we do it—let Lynn Bonney know at oread1978@yahoo.com.

And a reminder: The fourth Sunday of each month is Outreach Sunday. All loose offering and designated checks help support Outreach projects.



Why green for ordinary time?

The weeks between the first Sunday after Pentecost and Advent, also known as ordinary time, complete the church year. They offer us a chance to explore our world and the meaning of our lives as we live them between the first Coming and the final Coming of Jesus Christ into the world.

Green vestments are worn during ordinary time to signify new growth in the Spirit, and increase of our holy Church, the flourishing of the "vineyard."

Milestones

In our daily prayers we celebrate

Births

June 5 Adam Law
 June 6 Jeff Hawes
 June 11 Jim Resch
 June 12 Shirley Bannon
 Marcia Law
 June 14 Sue McKinney
 June 17 Gary Mason
 June 19 Macey Adams
 June 20 Fred Adams

Baptisms

June 10 Judy Schwenn
 June 16 Jake McCracken
 John McCracken
 June 18 Mary Mingenback
 June 19 Rick Mitchell

Confirmations

June 4 Harry Bird
 June 8 Ben Resch
 June 29 Gary Mason

Marriages

June 7 Gould and Nancy Garcia
 June 10 Kevin and Julia Williams
 June 11 Ken and Judy Calhoun
 June 12 Bill and Gay Barnes
 June 14 Rick and Marcia Law
 June 17 Glen and Norma Gilpin
 June 22 David and Barbara Walker
 June 23 Jason and Susan Brinkman

We remember

June 3 William E. Teichgraeber
 June 8 Marie Romer
 June 11 Bertha Pedroja
 June 12 Rea Clark Haynes
 Vivian Cawood Kessler
 June 17 W.S. Dickensheets
 June 18 Wylie Price
 June 19 Homer Dorsey Gibson
 June 22 Mary Smith
 June 25 William R. James
 June 26 Leone G. Broderick
 June 28 Bernice Allen
 June 30 Fred P. Day

St. Andrew's Prayer List *as of May 28*

Reese Naylor, Sambo and Rob Kirkman, Bill North, Liz Hollar, Trudi and Virgil Cobb, Marsha Cowan, and Opal Glasgow. Loved ones in the military: Gregg Etter, Bob Garven, Matt Bright, John, Matthew Richter, Eric Muecke, Caleb Bright, Christopher, and Molly.

(As space permits, the current prayer list will be included monthly on this page.)

Banns of Marriage

I publish the Banns of Marriage between Amy Margaret Schwenn of Emporia and Jarrett Delano Leeds of Emporia. If any of you know just cause why they may not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are bidden to declare it. This is the third time of asking.

(signed) Fr. Kelley J. Lackey II

Important date missing?

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

June Server Schedule

	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	July 6
Chalice bearer	G. Garcia	P. Kelley	R. Mitchell	G. Garcia	P. Kelley
Priest server	S. McKinney	S. McKinney	A. Keller	J. Davis	S. McKinney
Crucifer	B. Dyer	G. Mason	B. Dyer	P. Davis	G. Mason
Torch 1	W. Dyer	J. Crofoot	W. Dyer	J. Crofoot	J. Crofoot
Torch 2	A. Mitchell	W. Dyer	A. Mitchell	W. Dyer	W. Dyer
Thurifer	-none-	-none-	-none-	-none-	-none-
Lector	M. Mingenback	J. Runge	M. Mingenback	B. Clamurro	J. Runge
Intercessor	L. Bonney	M. Amend	L. Bonney	M. Harrell	M. Mingenback
Nursery 1	H. Call	L. Dyer	A. Jacob	R. Call	A. Jacob
Nursery 2	R. Call	M. Halleran	N. Jacob	H. Call	N. Jacob
Greeter 1	A. Hartman	N. Romine	J. Hubert	A. Dye	A. Hartman
Greeter 2	J. Groves	B. Dyer	N. Romine	S. Dye	J. Groves
LEV 1	L. Bonney	G. Mason	J. Hubert	G. Mason	L. Bonney
LEV 2	P. Kelley	B. Barnes	A. Keller	L. Bonney	P. Kelley

NOTE: The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in Chase County on June 29.

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

Who's new in the pew?



Ian Brinkman shown on Pentecost, when he was baptized. With him are his dad Jason, mom Susan, Fr. Kelley, godparents John and Judy Schwenn, and Rivers Schwenn.

Five-year-old Ian Brinkman became a new Christian as he was baptized on Pentecost, May 11, at St. Andrew's.

Ian is the son of Jason and Susan Brinkman, who met as students at Emporia State University, where both were studying art. Jason is a native Emporian; Susan came to Emporia from Lenexa. They married at First Presbyterian Church, which Susan had attended. Jason grew up at First United Methodist Church.

When the time came for Ian's baptism, Susan said, they were looking for a church that was right for them. They attended a variety of churches, but felt drawn to St. Andrew's.

"We liked the people," Susan said, "and we liked the pastor. It seemed like the right fit."

Jason, a graphic designer, teaches graphic arts at Flint Hills Technical College.

Susan is the new assistant director at the Center for Great Plains Studies at Emporia State. She also teaches photography at ESU. In addition, she is a licensed counselor and has served as director of Plumb Place, the home for women in downtown Emporia. She is also an avid (and talented) quilter.

As for Ian, who will be a kindergartner in the fall, his mother reports that he loves trains. He also likes the water. "He's a fish," Mom says. And he rides a bicycle.

Introduce yourself to the Brinkman family and let them know that we're glad they're a part of the St. Andrew's family.

With this issue, "Who's new" becomes a regular feature of Crossroads. We plan to help newcomers feel at home, but we'll also be talking with folks who have been parishioners for a longer time—so we all get to know one another.

Church school session closes Teachers sought for classes to begin in fall

Children's Christian classes will end on June 1 for the summer break. Thanks to Colleen Mitchell and Deborah Cotterman for leading the classes this year—and to all the parents who brought their children to Christian education. Classes will resume at the end of summer. St. Andrew's membership includes a number of new children, which will mean that more teachers are needed for the coming year. Please consider prayerfully whether you can make this part of your ministry and talk with Colleen in time to prepare for an exciting term of children's classes.

Daniel Hart returns to Emporia to give concert June 6

Ellen Hart, former organist and choirmaster at St. Andrew's for ten years, sent this (edited) letter to Fr. Kelley:

Over 20 years ago, we moved from Emporia and our beloved St. Andrew's to Dallas, Texas. Our youngest son, Daniel, was born in Emporia and was baptized at St. Andrew's. Both our sons sang in the choirs. *[I am writing]* to let people at St. Andrew's who remember us that Daniel is bringing his band to Emporia on June 6, courtesy of the Arts Council. It is a rock-style band (mature folks—chaperones for instance—are encouraged to bring ear plugs!) but belongs to the independent genre, a niche which thinks about social justice and peace issues more than popular rock. The band, "the Physics of Meaning" has a site at www.myspace.com/thephysicsofmeaning. Some songs from Daniel's latest CD can be heard and biographical information, tour dates are noted.

Card of thanks from Liz Hollar

Liz Hollar has sent a thank-you to all in the parish who have prayed for her and sent cards during her stay in the hospital. Her note is on the bulletin board.

From the Senior Warden

On Sunday after the 11 o'clock service, the coffee's on in the Parish Hall and "come on down." There will be a cookie or two also. Eddie Gilpin brews the coffee after opening the doors and some parishioners take turns setting up, cleaning up, and furnishing some refreshments. Our coffee hour provides hospitality to newcomers and helps us keep in touch. If you can help with coffee hour, there is a sign-up sheet on the kitchen counter. Don't stay away if you can't sign up. All are welcome.

We are deeply indebted to a small group in St. Andrew's who carefully help to provide all that Father Kelley needs for our services. They know which colors of chasubles to lay out and how to lay them out. They know what chalices and linens to use, when to put them out, and how to take care of them. They know what you need to prepare for funerals, weddings and baptisms, and Easter and Christmas celebrations. You don't see much of them because they do that work before we come and after we leave. They are our ALTAR GUILD. Bless them! If this is something that interests you, see Trish Weidert.

During the summer months, weekend trips and vacations sometimes take us out of town on Sundays. Feel free to mail your pledge or offering to the office if you need to. Our bills will continue.

Helen Call

Congratulations to our graduates

St. Andrew's is brimming with good wishes for parishioners who have graduated from high school and college and are now moving on to the next phase in their lives.

Chase Harder graduated from Emporia High School and plans to attend Emporia State University this fall.

Cody O'Mara, also an Emporia High grad, has left for basic training, but expects to be back in Emporia in October and to enroll at Emporia State for the spring 2009 semester. He's on a deferred-service plan with the Army.

Adam Rust graduated from Emporia State and is headed for Illinois to work with a program that helps community-college students find fulfilling work in public-service projects.

Kate Wise, another ESU grad, has a few more hours to complete before receiving her master's degree in library science. She'll finish her coursework while she works as a librarian at Cloud County Community College in Concordia.

Brian Dyer, who earned his master's degree in social work at the University of Kansas. has accepted a position with the Coffey County Special Education Co-op. He is the co-op's first social worker.

Tom Resch received his doctorate in medicine from KU and is embarking on his residency in Wichita. He will be married later this month.

To all our graduates, we send these words, adapted from Phillips Brooks:

Do not pray for an easy life; pray to be a stronger person.

Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers, but for powers equal to your tasks.

Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you will be the miracle.

Every day you shall wonder at yourself and at the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God.

What would you like to sing?

Everyone has a favorite hymn—or two or three—and now's the time to make sure that your favorite is sung. As the choir takes its summertime break, parishioners are invited to request the hymns they love to sing, whether your favorite is now in the hymnal or was formerly in the hymnal—even if it's a familiar hymn that isn't part of the hymnal. Jot down your request and leave it in the office. You can't request a date, however, so you'll want to be sure to be on hand each and every Sunday. You never know when "your" hymn number will be on the board.

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June 20 is the deadline for information to be included in the July Crossroads. Please drop off any information at the church office or e-mail it to oread1978@yahoo.com by noon that day.

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