



July 21, 2021

A Message from the Vestry...

To the Parishioners of St. Andrew's,

Regarding the search for a new Rector, the Search Committee made a unanimous recommendation to the Vestry to issue a call for a new Rector. The Vestry unanimously voted to issue that call. The call has been accepted subject to St. Andrew's and the new Rector entering into a formal Letter of Agreement. Under Diocesan protocol, it is not official until we complete, and the Bishop also approves and executes, the Letter of Agreement with the new Rector. Until that time, again under Diocesan protocol, the Vestry cannot formally announce. That is why we have not done so yet. It is not that we have not wanted to do so. I know that a number of people have been frustrated with the process and the time it has taken. I have heard some of that frustration as recently as yesterday. It is my hope that the details can be completed possibly as soon as the end of next week or the week thereafter. Once that is done, we can and will make a formal announcement with more details as to the start date, which will hopefully be by October 1 or sooner if possible, and the road ahead. The Vestry received word yesterday that the St. James' equivalent of the Voice In the Desert announces the appointment of our new Rector. If you are wondering how St. James' obtained this information, the relatively new Rector at St. James' went to seminary with the individual to whom we issued the call. I believe he is excited to have his friend coming here to Las Cruces and is happy for St. Andrew's in general. To say the least, so are we. The Vestry very much looks forward to making a formal announcement soon. Thank you for everything you do for St. Andrew's.

David Lutz, Sr. Warden

Lifting Social Distancing Requirements

Bishop Hunn and the St. Andrew's Vestry maintain the lifting of social distancing restrictions and have made optional the use of masks by those who have been vaccinated. Those who have not been vaccinated, including children, are required to wear masks while in the building.

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

Dearest St. Andrew's Family,

Carolyn Lewis and I (Candace Fitch), have volunteered to take over Hospitality for coffee hour after the 8:15 service and 10:00 service on Sunday mornings. With the lifting of the restrictions on getting together safely, we hope to begin offering coffee hour in the coming weeks. Coffee hour will take place in the Parish Hall. We are looking for volunteers to begin to build our team(s) so we are ready to go. Here is what we envision for each coffee hour:

- **After the 8:15 service (Parish Hall)** Carolyn is looking for people who would put out and serve appropriate goodies for that service such as muffins or breads, and maybe a fruit tray, coffee and decaf coffee. Clean-up is needed as well. PLEASE CONTACT CAROLYN (505-867-5322 or mclewis45@msn.com) IF THIS MINISTRY IS FOR YOU.
- **After the 10:00 service (Parish Hall)** I (Candace) am looking for those who will put out and serve cookies (including gluten-free), lemonade for children, water, and coffee (including decaf). Clean-up is needed as well. It's not going to be as elaborate as the wonderful food Christine Courtney and her team put out after each service, but I think it will be plenty as most will be heading to lunch anyway and will just want to pick up a cookie and run. PLEASE CONTACT CANDACE (210-248-7374 or canbf044@aol.com) IF THIS MINISTRY INTERESTS YOU.

Our thanks to Christine Courtney for all her hard work and the great job she did heading up Hospitality in the past.

Worship Services

Please note the following opportunities to worship with us:

Sunday @ 8:15am - Rite I Eucharist (in-person)

Sunday @ 10:00am - Rite II Eucharist (in-person and live-streamed via Facebook Live)

Daily @ 7:00pm - Compline (live-streamed via Facebook Live)

Tuesday @ 9:30am – Morning Prayer (in-person in Kendrick)

Thursday @ 12 noon – Eucharist and Healing Service (in-person in Kendrick and live-streamed via Facebook Live)

How to Donate Food and Money

Despite the church building closure, we continue to receive individuals and families wanting food. If you would like to donate food for our food pantry, please bring it by the church during church office hours of operation (Tue-Fri, 9:00am-2:00pm) and ring the bell. Someone will meet you at the door with further instructions to maintain social distancing.

Likewise, if you contribute financially on a regular basis, please continue doing so by bringing or mailing it to the church. You may mail it to the church (518 N. Alameda, LC 88005), or if you would like to bring it to the church, you may leave it in our secured mail slot on the wall near the door.

Support for the Second Sunday Supper each month is always greatly appreciated (we're trying to cover the monthly expense for approximately 70 meals). Feel free to send or bring checks to the church. Be sure to put "Second Sunday Supper" in the memo line of the check.

Birthdays

Jane Mount (July 24)

Karl Rysted (July 24)

Wendy Beserra (July 26)

Kathy Morrow (July 26)

Richard Lemons (July 27)

Alexis Ross (July 27)

Frank Peacock (July 28)

Anniversary

Brian and Kristin Knight (July 23)