



# *The Spirit*

*St. Andrew's Episcopal Church -  
A member of the worldwide Anglican  
Communion*

The angel of the Lords encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver them. Taste, and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

Psalm 34:7-8

## Schedule of Lay Ministers

### Lectors & Intercessors

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**OT:** Mary Young  
**NT:** Mariecus Jarvis  
**POP:** Gailmett Kpola

**August 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**OT:** Emmanuel Wilson  
**NT:** Albert Cooke  
**POP:** Theresa Woods-Caine

**August 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**OT:** Amachi Okpara  
**NT:** Irene Gibson  
**POP:** Ann Heath

**August 23 (Baptism)**  
**OT:** Tony Nwonye  
**NT:** Jackie Cooke  
**POP:** Otis Gardiner

**August 30**  
**OT:** Kpormah Rennie  
**NT:** Theresa Togba  
**POP:** Augusta Paye

### Altar Guild

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 Callyne Craigie  
 Cindy Miller

**August 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 Mae Ngafua  
 Anna Larmouth

**August 16<sup>th</sup>**  
 Callyne Craigie  
 Cindy Miller

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 Mae Ngafua  
 Anna Larmouth

**\*Vant Washington & Charlotte Pocrnich** are available for substitutions and extra help.

## August 2009 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> ALPHA Meeting at <b>6:30 PM</b>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>9</u> Vestry Meeting	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> ALPHA Meeting at 6:30 PM	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>16</u> Restoration Church Service at <b>2 PM</b>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> ALPHA Meeting at <b>6:30 PM</b>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> Family Day BBQ
<u>23</u> Restoration Church Service at <b>2 PM</b>  Baptism	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> ALPHA Meeting at <b>6:30 PM</b>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u> Restoration Church Service at <b>2 PM</b>  PSG Group Leader Meeting	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<b>Notes:</b> <i>As we are preparing our September 2009 newsletter, we would highly appreciate articles from all interested parishioners including youths. Please see Otis Gardiner or Joy Larmouth concerning the newsletter.</i>		

## August Birthdays

Bai Kiawoin **8/2**  
 Janet Wilson **8/4**  
 Kormassa Kollie **8/7**  
 Ann Marie Cole **8/8**  
 Phillip Nagbe **8/12**  
 Jada Wilson **8/21**  
 Elijah Kollie **8/23**  
 Dorothy Allen **8/24**  
 Andre Samuel **8/25**  
 Masimo Ballah **8/27**

Augusta Paye **8/28**  
**August 30<sup>th</sup>**  
 Charlotte Pocrnich  
 Aurelius Butler  
 Hareena Johnson **8/31**

## **Fr Roger's Notes**

**This year we will say good bye to Bishop Jim Jelinek as he is retiring. A new Bishop will be consecrated in February of 2010.**

**Last week all the clergy of the Diocese of Minnesota were sent information about three candidates who will be voted on at the October Diocesan Convention to replace Bishop Jelinek.**

**As I am somewhat new to the diocese, having left Seminary for Africa years ago and then transplanted from Western Washington, I have done my best to understand the intricate process that the Diocese of Minnesota has endured for this transition to a new leader. I have discovered that the whole diocese has been evaluating itself for several years to discern what God is calling it to become through a Bishop's Commission on Mission Strategy. There exists on line a very thorough 50-plus page report of this evaluation process as it impacts the transition to a new Bishop. Please visit: ([www.bishopsearch.org](http://www.bishopsearch.org)).**

**Part of the process has been discerning how the Lord is engaging the Diocese of Minnesota in mission for future. There are many initiatives which have been agreed upon through this discernment process and four main goals. They are 1) Spiritual Transformation, 2) Congregational renewal, 3) Recreating diocesan fellowship into "networks", and 4) Effective Stewardship. The expectation is that the new bishop elect will be guided by this ongoing discernment process, as he leads the diocese toward these future goals.**

**At the Diocesan Convention in October we will have three distinct candidates from which to choose. I have looked over their respective Resumes and really feel excited by these three wonderful ministers. All three have a strong academic backgrounds and a wealth of personal experience to draw upon.**

**It will be our job at St Andrew's to pray for our delegates to vote for the candidate who will lead all of the Churches of the Diocese of Minnesota faithfully.**

## **Thanks & Appreciation**

**Many thanks to brothers Paul George, Amaechi Okpara, Albert Cooke and Vant Washington for being so faithful in cleaning the church on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Many thanks also to sisters Anna Larmouth, Mae Ngafua, Cindy Miller and Ann Heath for their commitment in seeing that the Altar is prepared for Sunday worship service.**

**By Charlotte Poernich**

### **About St Andrews Alpha Outreach**

The Alpha program is running each Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm at the Rectory next to our Church of St Andrew. This educational program is for adults who are interested to deepen their understanding of the risen Lord Jesus.

As you know we have celebrated Pentecost at our Sunday Service last week. It was a glorious occasion with a baptism and wonderful praise and prayers. The meaning of Pentecost is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which inaugurated the Church on earth after Jesus was crucified and ascended back to the Father more than 2000 years ago. But the Lord continues to be on the move. And He is calling His followers to be serious about outreach to the surrounding community.

Our Alpha program is an extension of our outreach ministry to the community surrounding our Church building. Last week we had seven newcomers who shared a terrific spaghetti meal and fun fellowship. There is singing and a discussion about faith that is not dull. Each week there is a new topic and facilitators help us discuss.