



The Spirit

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

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The
Lord is the refuge of my life; of whom then should I go in dread?
Psalm 27:1

Schedule of Lay Ministers

June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 ALPHA meets At 6:30 PM	4 Freedom Works meet At 6:00 PM	5	6
7 Education Sunday	8	9 FGBMFI meeting Roseville at 12 noon	10 FGBMFI meeting North Mpls at 12 noon	11 Fr. Roger leaves for Monrovia, Liberia Freedom Works meet At 6:00 PM	12	13
14 Morning Prayer at St. Andrew's Church Fr. Roger preaches, St. Augustine's Ch. Barnersville, Liberia	15	16	17 Region 8 meets At Gethsemane Ch. ALPHA meets At 6:30 PM	18 Freedom Works meet At 6:00 PM	19	20
21 Father's Day Brunch by ECW Fr. Roger preaches, St. Stephen's Ch. Monrovia, Liberia	22	23	24 Fr. Roger's Ordination Day - Anniversary.	25 Freedom Works meet At 6:00 PM	26	27
28 Baptism	29	30	Notes: <i>As we are preparing our July 2009 newsletter, we would highly appreciate articles from all interested parishioners including youths. Please see Joy Larmouth concerning the newsletter.</i>			

Lectors & Intercessors

June 7th (Education Sun.)
OT: Kpormah Rennie
NT: Joyce Brewer
POP: Otis Gardiner

June 14th
OT: Rosalind Cole
NT: Doug Brewer
POP: Ann Heath

June 21st (Father's Day)
OT: Irene Gibson
NT: Jestina Gardiner
POP: Emmanuel Wilson

June 28th
OT: Jackie Cooke
NT: Comfort Rennie
POP: Mariecus Jarvis

Altar Guild

June 6th - 7th
Callyne Craigie
Cindy Miller

June 13th - 14th
Mae Ngafua
Anna Larmouth

June 20th - 21st
Callyne Craigie
Cindy Miller

June 27th - 28th
Mae Ngafua
Anna Larmouth

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

June Birthdays

Emmanuel Manow – 6/2
Clement Gibson – 6/5
Mercy Appleton – 6/7
Makia Camara – 6/8
June 10th
Emmanuel Wilson
Frances Togba
Geordia Wuo – 6/11
June 12th
Mary Young
Cecilia Nwonye

Chris Prowd – 6/14
June 16th
Martha Williams
Harry Farmah
June 22nd
Martha Ballah
Alban Cooke
Jaidyn Rennie – 6/23
June 24th
Robert Berg
Jackie Cooke

Joy Larmouth – 6/25
June 26th
Rhea Taylor
Keeren Wicker
Crystal Chenoweth
Jognel Vah – 6/28
Leona Paye – 6/29

Fr Roger's Notes

The English word for "mission" means "sending". Jesus tells us in the Gospel of John that He has been sent into the world to redeem it and in so doing He enlists followers like us at St Andrews to help Him. "I sent them into the world, just as you Father sent me into the world". Jn 17:18

Redemption is a really big concept when applied to the whole world. The root word means to take back or be rescued. A house can be recovered out of a debt or foreclosure by being "redeemed" by money or a refinance of a mortgage. A broken relationship with someone can be "redeemed" or healed by asking for forgiveness. So redemption of the whole world is God's recovering or rescuing what was taken away from Him by sin.

Christian theology has held the coming of Jesus Christ as God's way to get back all that He originally created for His purposes. And the original purpose was to have a relationship of love with His people. Sin best describes the breakdown of this relationship with God. Redemption is the repairing or reconciling of this breakdown with God. When we become Christians, we are thereby "rescued" from alienation or isolation from God.

When Christians offer their lives in this work of redemption, they are doing "mission". We are sent. God enlists us with a purpose to help Him rescue others who are alienated from God. Inviting someone to St Andrews for Sunday services or to an evening program is really doing "mission" as you are sent to invite people to meet with God in our community of faith.

This "sending" as your personal everyday "mission" is just as important as going to another continent as a "missionary". Both are telling about bringing people to know how much God loves them. It doesn't matter so much "where". God created the whole world. He is just as much God in north Minneapolis or Brooklyn Center as in Africa.

I am being "sent" to Africa for a couple weeks to help Jesus do some redeeming ministry there. I will be in Liberia first and then cross over to East Africa. Like you, I am "sent" each time that I tell someone about Jesus Christ and how much God loves them. Jesus will be with me there, just like He will be with you here. Everyone needs to hear His message. And I am sure you know plenty of people who need to hear this saving message of redemption. Bring them to hear it at St Andrews while I am gone.

The problem is that telling this message, no matter where you are, takes resolve and determination. It takes power that comes from prayer. So I am going to be praying for you while I am gone that the Holy Spirit gives you the power to tell others about Jesus, and invite them to St Andrews Church where there is plenty of God's love to share around.

Fr. Roger's Notes Cont'd

And I hope that you are praying for me too. You might even put my "mission" for the next couple weeks on our PSG prayer chain. I will need plenty of Holy Spirit power along the way. In this way we are being "sent" all together as a Church of St Andrew and we will give Him all the Glory for the new souls who are redeemed into His Kingdom. Please pray a lot.

Fr Ed's Notes

The Episcopal Church Emphasizes Knowledge and Reason

Knowledge and reason have been important in the Anglican Church (and the Anglican Church in this country which we call the Episcopal Church) as long as there has been a church. We have the freedom to decide what to believe and what to reject in many areas of our faith (unlike our brothers and sisters in the Roman Catholic Church who are told what they must believe on many issues).

This situation makes education and learning vital to our faith. For this reason it is so important to have a quality Sunday School so our children can grow up with a good knowledge of our faith and the ability to use their reason when facing various situations where a Christian choice must be made. Years ago I heard it said that more Episcopal Church Sunday Schools drive children away from the church as compared with the Sunday Schools which equip and keep our children enthusiastically in our church as they grow and mature.

This summer we will have Sunday School for children up to the sixth grade from June 21st through the end of July. These children will come up to join their parents at the time of the peace. Older children and youth should come to the entire worship service.

Please offer your help in making our Sunday School a high quality experience for our children. By the way, don't forget the importance of adult Christian education! We would love to get a meaningful class started.

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.

Fishing for Life

Last Saturday we had a wonderful time together at Weaver Lake in the program called Fish a Thon. There was a free food picnic, games, fishing together on the lake in boats and even a chance to volunteer in the Godmobile.

The next opportunity to join the fun and fellowship with Doug and Laura Brewer and others from our Church is June 27 at Lake Marion in Lakeville. Get out your fishing pole and meet at the Church early on that Saturday to car pool together. It is free and supports our Godmobile ministry and all proceeds go to our youth group.