



The Spirit

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

May 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>1</u>	<u>2</u> Mission Convocation: Breck School 9 AM-3 PM
<u>3</u> Mariann Budde's visit	<u>4</u> Clergy Conference	<u>5</u> Clergy Conference	<u>6</u> Soup, Teaching & Discussion 6:00 – 7:30 PM	<u>7</u> FreedomWorks At 6:00 PM	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>10</u> Mother's Day Brunch sponsored by ECM	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> Presiding Bishop's Visit FreedomWorks At 6:00 PM	<u>15</u> NorthCommons Hip-Hop Youth Crusade Outreach At 6:00 PM	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u> Vestry Meeting	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> Diocesan Immigration Committee Meet at St. Andrew's	<u>21</u> FreedomWorks At 6:00 PM	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u> Memorial Day Service at 10 AM	<u>25</u> Memorial Day	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> Alpha Program	<u>28</u> FreedomWorks At 6:00 PM	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>31</u> ECM & ECW meetings Pentecost Day – Baptism	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>

Schedule of Lay Ministers

Lectors & Intercessors

May 3rd

OT: Amaechi Okpara
NT: Douglas Brewer
POP: Ann Heath

May 10 – Mother's Day

OT: Theresa Caine
NT: Joyce Brewer
POP: Jestina Gardiner

May 17th

OT: Elijah Kollie
NT: Tony Nwonye
POP: Irene Gibson

May 24th

OT: Comfort Rennie
NT: Otis Gardiner
POP: Mariecus Jarvis

Altar Guild

May 2 – 3

Anna Larmouth
Mae Ngafua

May 9-10 – Mother's Day

Callyne Craigie
Cindy Miller
Charlotte Pocrnich

May 16 – 17

Anna Larmouth
Mae Ngafua

May 23-24

Callyne Craigie
Cindy Miller
Charlotte Pocrnich

May 30-31 – Memorial Day

Anna Larmouth
Mae Ngafua

May Birthdays

Kadiatu Butler – May 4th
Tata McCauly – May 5th
Zarihana Rennie – May 9th
Bernard Gibson – May 12th
Emmett S. Kpola – May 4th
Isaana George – May 16th
Cyrus Varney, Jr. – May 19th

May 20th

Smith Cargeor
Berlyn Clark
Philomina Togba
Otis Gardiner II
Charlesetta Page – May 21st

May 22nd

Anthony Kollie – May 22nd
Zenaria Rennie – May 22nd
Jebbeh Kiawoin – May 23rd
Emile Kpola – May 25th
Klade Brownell – May 26th

May 28th

Budude Zawu-Roberts
Ann Heath

May 30th

Christine Sirleaf – May 30th
Naomi Cargeor – May 30th
JoAnn Samuel – May 31st

Fr Roger's Notes

Our Strategic Planning Goals for St Andrew's Church are in place now and we are proceeding as planned. We have seen an increase in growth slightly already. There are four main areas of ministry that we are focused upon for growth:

- 1) caring and communication
- 2) welcome process
- 3) outreach
- 4) worship

There is much to do, but already in Lent we witnessed the Lord's anointed presence in all our Wednesday dinners. Our inspiring Easter Service was packed out. We had three baptisms and a Happy Birthday party for Fr. Ed. The luncheon afterward was wonderful and the food was delicious.

We have organized our **prayer chain** to enable our pastoral support groups (PSG) to improve our caring and the communication among our members. If you have a prayer need, please call your pastoral support group leader and immediately the information will be spread to everyone in the church to pray. This is so vitally important for our ministry as a church to one another. Fr Ed or myself will be on call for any pastoral visits to supplement the prayer chain and PSG ministry.

The **welcome process** is next on our schedule to revise and improve. If you are interested to help build up the welcoming committee for St Andrew's, please see me as we will be having a organization training meeting with the ushers on Sunday, May 3rd. There is no more important ministry on Sunday morning at worship than in making visitors feel comfortable and welcomed.

Let's continue the team effort as we build our attendance in 2009.

Fr Ed's Notes

Our Sunday School program at St Andrews has been one of our strongest ministries over the years. Children who grow up and encounter life's difficulties with a good foundation of worship experience and knowledge of the Bible usually do better than those without. There have been several changes that we would like now to implement. One change is that the Sunday School children will be coming up to sit with their parents at Communion time. The reason for this is that we feel the children would better understand the importance of prayer and spiritual values as part of family values when going up for Holy Communion together. Also this will allow our terrific teachers to be with their families.

You may note that we have changed our downstairs classroom configuration to put the young children in one of the larger rooms, and we added a carpet that I found at a low price which really looks good. Lastly, on Sunday, June 7th we will be honoring our Sunday School students and teachers with a special Education Sunday service to commemorate all that they have done this year before summer vacation.

Pentecost Sunday is May 31st this year. This is traditionally thought of as the Birthday of the Church really and you can read all about it in Acts chapter 2 and following. The whole idea of redemption through Our Lord is put into high gear with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Church gets power over evil and sickness through this outpouring in the lives of the believers in a risen Jesus (1John 2:20). See Char in the office to arrange for a baptism on that special day. (612) 529 1320)

Bishop Jelinek is scheduled to visit us on September 20th and this will be his last time with us, as he is retiring at the end of the year after we have elected his successor at the diocesan convention in October. We will be planning our traditional International Day in conjunction with the Bishop's visit on that weekend. If you have not been confirmed yet, or not been received into the Episcopal Church, the Bishop's primary duty on that visit to us at St Andrew's is to perform these sacred rites. Please take a moment to prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity for blessing on our life.

About St. Andrew's Altar Guild

The origin of the Altar Guild goes back to the earliest days of the church. Christians gathered together to break bread at one another's houses and it was the responsibility of the host family to make arrangements for the meal. Until recently Altar Guild work was the only way women could serve God at the Altar. The purpose of the Altar Guild is to assist the priest to see that the service runs smoothly. At St. Andrew's Church we have four dedicated persons who do this ministry. They are: Callyne Craigie, Mae Ngafua, Anna Larmouth, and Cindy Miller. We can always use more help, and if anyone feels the calling to help us, it would be most appreciated. Please see Charlotte if you are interested.

Fish a Thon announcement

Do you want to learn how to fish? Our children have several opportunities to fish together this summer with the Fishing for Life organization: May 30th at Weaver Lake, June 27th at Marion Lake in Lakeville, July 25th at White Bear Lake, and August 21st on Lake Minnetonka. See www.fishingforlife.org for more details. There are terrific prizes and our youth program could "catch" thousands of dollars in dedicated funds to St Andrew's youth ministry through this program. Please ask Doug Brewer (763 381 2227) about getting your child involved in this free program.