

A Message From Roberta Cline

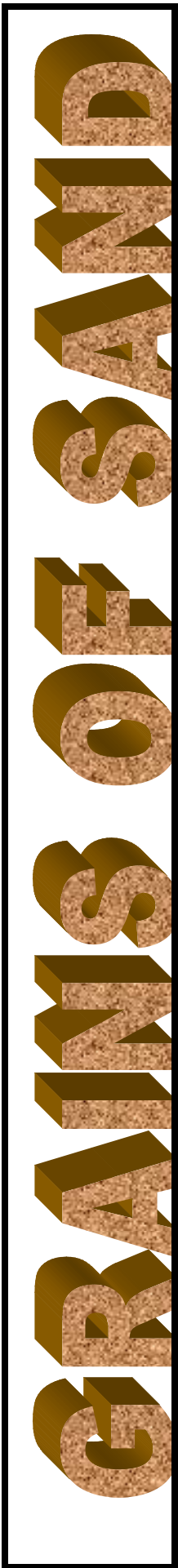
Dear Members of St. Andrew's—

I know the wait has been long and frustrating for all of us. I am inspired every day by the love and caring this congregation shares on a daily/weekly basis to each other, to Aron and his family and to the greater family of God. Your prayers are being heard. Although we don't know what the next phase of our ministry will be, God is with us. Thank you to those who have sent letters and emails to Bishop Prior. Many of you have shared them with me and I am humbled by the loving care and commitment (and frustration) you have demonstrated in these messages.

We have not been standing still during this time of waiting. The Liturgy Committee met and has made a few modifications to the Liturgy for September through November. You will see a revised booklet on September 7 in the pews. Sally Buck organized two family gatherings this summer at St. Andrew's. Elena Knezevich planned two fun Ladies' Night Out and actually invited men to join the last event. The Reader's Choice Book Club celebrated its third anniversary in August. Brian Lundberg has been working with Sally Buck in transitioning the leadership for Youth Christian Formation. Our Visual Arts group has been encouraging us to participate in the creation of our next art display which will be going up in October. Our CHUM ministry continues with the monthly Sunday bag lunches, the CHUM picnic, preparations for the Fern Valley FiveK, CHUM Church service leadership, etc. I know that I have missed some of the many activities that continue to go on and I apologize for any oversight.

For September we have asked Karen Olson to arrange for supply priests to provide our Sunday services. She will be forwarding the schedule to Mary and Sandy. It is possible that we will have another Morning Prayer service. I am hopeful that Aron will be back sometime in September and we can move forward with greater heart to reach out with God's love and compassion.

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The Episcopal Mission of St. Andrew's By—The—Lake

Many of you know that Adelaide and I are leaving for a 3 week cruise on August 25. We will be following in the wake of the Vikings on their voyages leading to the discovery of the new world. We start our cruise in Copenhagen with stops in Bergen, Norway; the Shetland Islands; the Faroe Islands; Reykjavik, Iceland; two stops in Greenland; 2 stops in Newfoundland, and two stops in Nova Scotia before we disembark in New York City and fly home. With all of that traveling, I will still be in touch by email and can be reached on my cell phone as needed. Our prayers will be with St. Andrew's and all of you.



Please contact Mary Anderson or other members of the Bishop's Committee in my absence with your concerns. They are JC Curtis, Ken Oliver, Karen Nichols, J Laundergan, Cameron Hubley, Kinnan Stauber and Jean Laundergan.

My email address is: 21rsc-btl@charter.net My cell phone number is: 218-464-8299. I have arranged for International service on my cell phone but I don't know if you will have any charges if you call me.

Take heart and know that the Spirit is with you always,

Roberta Cline, Sr. Warden

Reader's Choice Book Club of St. Andrew's

September 5



If you have been enjoying some light summer reading it is time to delve into something a little more serious. Okay, "Madd Addam" is not serious reading but it was interesting. How about "The Narrow Road to the Deep North" by Richard Flanagan? That is what I am reading now and I would call it a serious novel. Please join us for our next meeting on **Friday, September 5** at noon at Porter's Restaurant. For more information contact Sandy Carlson at 723-1181 or carlzimm@msn.com

Children and Youth Christian Formation

September 7

There will be a blessing given to all students and their parents during our morning worship service on **Sunday, September 7**. Start the school year off right and plan on attending.



We are getting ready for another awesome year of children's Christian formation. We will continue to use the Spark curriculum and Godly Play. **September 14** will be the day classes start. We are in need of volunteers to help teach lessons to our children. Would you consider volunteering one, two or three Sundays throughout the year? Please Call Brian at 218-591-2583 or email bllund@msn.com.

Turn to page 3 for a list of children, their class schedule and information about confirmation.

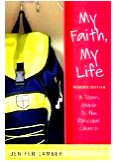
Children involved in Christian formation in the **Nursery** are Wyatt Alsum, Ava Yeaton, Wyatt and Olivia West. At the **Elementary** level are Bergen Hubley, Edward and Isaac Buck, Wyatt and Lily Oliver, Madison Rosenberg-Stenlund and Naomi and Elliot Kramer. We are always open for suggestions and ideas for giving our children meaningful opportunities to explore stories in the Bible, look at Creation and begin to develop an understanding or deepen their own understanding of faith, Church and Community.

Children's Class Schedule for September through October

September 7, Blessing for students and families	October 5, Blessing of the Animals
September 14, Classes Begin	October 12, Class
September 21, Class	October 19, Class
September 28, Class	October 26, Class



Youth Confirmation



We are gearing up to start our Confirmation journey again this year. We will continue to use the Confirm Not Conform Curriculum along with selected readings and activities from *My Faith My Life: A Young Person's Guide to the Episcopal Church*.

As part of our confirmation program, each youth is encouraged to seek a mentor. Aron and I had conversations previously and would like to encourage each of our youth to have a mentor who is an active member of St. Andrew's. If you would be interested in helping our youth explore their faith and community at St. Andrew's please let Brian know by calling 218-591-2583 or email him at bllund@msn.com. **Youth** who are currently participating in confirmation are: Emily and Jared Autio, Michael Knezevich, Jonah Laundergan and Siiri Truckey. We are always open for suggestions and ideas for giving our youth meaningful opportunities to explore and strengthen their faith, deepen their understanding of the Church and Community and give service to others.

Youth Class Schedule

September 7, Acolyte for Church, Blessing of Students and Families	October 5, Acolyte for Church, Blessing of the Animals
September 14, Help make CHUM Sandwiches	October 19, Confirmation Classes Begin
September 21, Confirmation Planning with youth, Harvest Potluck	October 26, Acolyte for Church

Submitted by Brian Lundberg, Children and Youth Ministry

"Love doesn't sit there like a stone, it has to be made, like bread: remade all the time, made new".

—Og Mandino



Bishop's Committee Meeting

September 7

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will take place **Sunday, September 7**, in the Memorial Room, immediately following our morning worship service.

Submitted by Mary Anderson, Jr. Warden



CHUM Bag Lunches

September 14

Liz and Liz are requesting your help in the kitchen on **Sunday, September 14** following our morning worship service. We will be making and packing 90 bag lunches for CHUM. Many hand will make the task go quickly. Please join us.



Creative Hands and Visual Arts Join Hands

"Creatively Using Our Hands"

September 20



This combined meeting gives **everyone** at St. Andrew's an opportunity to learn new techniques in creating art for the Signs and Symbols exhibit this fall. Those who choose to participate will work with Ellie and Arlene to create designs from our Christian heritage using various art materials that will be provided. Put your thinking cap on, come up with your own ideas and be prepared to expand on them with guidance from Ellie and Arlene. Please bring any materials you would like to use along with scissors, glue, markers, paints, etc.

You may choose to work on your current Creative Hands project, the Signs and Symbols project or you may participate in both. If you have been working on handiwork projects this summer bring them along for a show and tell. If you have made any hats, mittens or sweaters that you would like to donate to the Kids Closet please bring them. Sandy will deliver whatever is collected. She will have a sweater to donate plus all the recycled wool mittens and hats that our two combined meetings made last spring.

We will meet in the Mission Hall from 9:30 to 2 p.m. on **Saturday, September 20**. Sandy will host and provide the main dish for our noon lunch. Please bring a side dish to share, your projects and your ideas. Be prepared to have fun!

Submitted by Arlene Renken and Sandy Carlson

Welcome Home Sunday, Harvest Potluck Picnic

September 21

Our Welcome Home, Harvest Potluck Picnic will take place on **Sunday, September 21** following our morning Eucharist service. It will be an opportunity to rekindle relationships after a busy summer away.



The harvest potluck picnic will give you a chance to share some of your produce from your garden. **Please sign up** to bring a dish to pass and be ready to greet your friends, old and new.

PS: Remember to bring in beverage cans for recycling. All money collected will go towards our building fund.

Submitted by JC Curtis



Ladies' Night Out

September 26

We will have a Ladies' Night Out on **Friday, September 26** at 6 p.m. at "Trapper Pete's", 1306 Minnesota 45, Scanlon. If you would like to join us, please contact Elena Knezevich at 724-2939 or eknezevich@hotmail.com.



Convention of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota

September 26-27



The 157th Convention of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota will be held **Friday, September 26 through Saturday, September 27** at the Sanford Center in Bemidji. The theme for this year's convention is "Engaging God's Mission Through Ending Hunger". Your delegates, Gene and Sandy Carlson will be attending and will report back to the congregation Sunday morning.

Submitted by Sandy Carlson

Advent and Christmas Liturgy and Music Planning

September 28

Please gather in the Mission Hall following our morning worship service on **September 28** for a meeting to help plan for Advent and Christmas. Our discussions will include Liturgy and Music. All are welcome to attend.



Fern Valley FiveK

September 28

The Fern Valley FiveK, our church sponsored run to benefit the Steve O'Neil Apartments, will be held on **Sunday, September 28, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.** in the afternoon. The race committee is happy to announce that several generous sponsorships have been received and race entries are on the rise. Your help will be needed in many different ways. First and foremost please help spread the word about this exciting event; find sponsors and put up posters. Then be willing to help on race day and on Sunday's after church in middle to late September. We will make up-cycled race bibs and put together our racer' bags. Thank you to everyone in the church who has helped us secure sponsorship and helped spread the good news about the Fern Valley FiveK.



Submitted by Dave Johnson

Blessing of the Animals

October 5

The Sunday Eucharist Service on **October 5** will be held in the Mission Hall and will include the blessing of the animals in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis.

There will be special music and an individual blessing for animals as well as a prayer for animals who died during the past year. If you cannot bring your pet, bring a picture or a stuffed animal or just come and enjoy this meaningful service where the animals also take part with their wonderful "woofs", "baaas", "meows", etc.

All are welcome so invite your friends and neighbors. There will be special treats for animals and their human companions. We have a lot of fun! If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help please call Jan Peterson at 729-7837.

Submitted by Jan Peterson

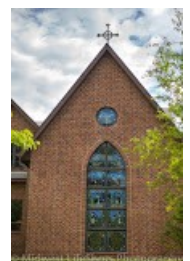


PS: Don't forget your goldfish, gerbils and other small pets.

Greater MN T.E.C.

October 17-19

The Greater Minnesota T.E.C. will be held at Calvary Episcopal Church in Rochester on **Friday, October 17 through the 19.** Young people in grades 9 to 12 grade are invited to attend T.E.C. All participants are asked to contribute \$25.00. Scholarships are available. For more information talk to Brian or Aron.



Autumn Art Exhibit Due Date

October 19



The time is approaching to replace our summer art exhibit with the new exhibit "Signs and Symbols". We encourage congregational participation in creating designs, drawings, paintings, collages or fiber art based on ancient design symbols of the church. Materials and directions can be found in the Mission Hall. Some designs have already been turned in. If yours isn't among them, look them over and then find a moment to express your own creativity by doing one or more for our exhibit. The due date for all designs to be turned in is **Sunday, October 19**. We thank you for your participation.

Submitted by Arlene Renken

New Adult Education Series

October 19

Classes are being organized and planned to begin on **Sunday, October 19**. We will meet on the last two Sunday's of the month in October and the last three Sundays in November. Watch the bulletin for more information.

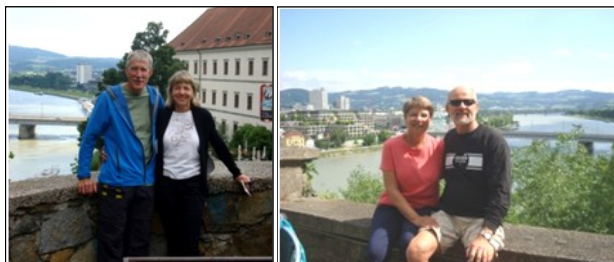


A Retirement and A Trip Abroad

Greg Peterson retired after teaching for 37 years. His field was industrial arts which included drafting, woodworking, and pre-engineering courses. His first teaching job was in Echo-Wood Lake School District near Marshall MN, where he taught for 3 years. He later moved to the Duluth School District. During his tenure, he taught in every junior high/middle school and high school in the district except Central and Lincoln. The majority of his career was at East High School where he taught for 25 years. In retirement, Greg plans to do even more rowing (if that's possible), sailing, hunting, fishing, and traveling. His current project is remodeling the kitchen.

The Rauschenfels and Petersons enjoyed a wonderful European journey in June. Tom and Kris began their trip by visiting German relatives who showed them medieval towns surrounded not only by castles and crop fields, but acres of solar panels and wind farms. Then it was on to Berlin where Jenny and Greg joined them after celebrating Greg's retirement from the Duluth school district. From there it was on to a river cruise on the Danube. Highlights from the trip included a bike tour of Berlin, the mineral baths in Budapest, and tours of Prague, Vienna, Budapest, and numerous small towns along the river. Oh, yes, Jenny, Greg, and Tom also managed to get a row in Berlin, Prague, and Budapest!

Submitted by Jenny Peterson
and Kris Rauschenfels



Pictures taken in Linz, Austria

The Newest Member of St. Andrew's

Moving to Duluth has been such an adventure for us! When we made the decision to move we had no idea what was ahead of us our first year in the northland. We found out two months after moving that a surprise was on the way, we were having a baby. At first we were pretty scared and unsure how to handle the news. But, soon we were excited and thankful for the gift that was on the way.

We called Morningstar Birth Center right away, and we were able to work with a wonderful midwife and staff there. They are such an amazing balance of medical expertise and emotional support. We felt like we were in such good hands. We also knew we were in good hands at St. Andrew's when so many showed their excitement and support for our new family. I was given books, cd's, was taken out for coffee and have been given wonderful advice.

Wyatt James Alsum was born on May 27, a day before his due date. It was Memorial Day the day before and we had a big gathering of friends at our house for a fish boil, so it was a really fun night! And then at 2 a.m. Rebecca went into labor. Once it started it was a very fast labor! We made it to the birthing center by 5:15 a.m. And by 8:07 a.m. he was in our arms. We had a water birth and everything went extremely smooth. It was a beautiful experience. Our midwife was incredible, she was the perfect coach. Wyatt was born 7 pounds 1 ounce and 21 inches long. He was healthy as can be (and so was Mom!) and we were able to go home just four hours after he was born to get settled in.

Now he is weighing in at almost sixteen pounds and growing like crazy! We are so in love with him. Life has actually transitioned very smoothly with this new little guy in our lives. We are so thankful for him. He is truly a gift and we would not want life to look any different right now.

Thank you so much to all of you for your support! Thank you to the ladies that threw a baby shower for us and gave us a crib! Thank you to you all for the books, clothes, bibs and prayers. We feel blessed by the St. Andrew's community and are so thankful for your support. Lastly, please let us know if you want to hold little Wyatt when we are at Church, we are more than willing to share our bundle of joy!

Submitted by Rebecca and Mark Alsum



Wyatt is three months old.

Other Events to Make Note Of...

"My Zip Code is Killin' Me!"

September 5

This is an interactive theatre experience that explores the intersection of health and race issues facing our community. This original theatre production is written by the theatre troupe and directed by Simona Simkins.

There will be two performances, both in Duluth:

Friday, September 5, 7 p.m., at the former Lincoln School, 2424 West 5 Street, lower level

Friday, September 12, 7 p.m., at Harbor City International Charter School, 332 West Michigan Street #300

Join us for an evening of empowerment as we move from talk to action in the struggle to end health disparities and build a stronger community!

Sponsored by the Health and Wellness Table and funding provided by the Northland Foundation.

Centering Prayer

September 6

St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Ely will sponsor a half-day workshop on Centering Prayer on Saturday, September 6. The seminar will begin promptly at 9:00 and end at noon, with a break for refreshments. Centering prayer is practiced in many faith traditions. No prior knowledge or background is required for participation. The Rev. Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski formerly of the McCabe Renewal Center at St. Scholastica in Duluth will be the facilitator.

All events at St. Mary's (715 South Central Avenue in Ely) are open to all. Come for a period of calm in the midst of the Harvest Moon festivities. Please arrive by 8:45 for coffee and introductions.

Wolffe Cultural Center Needs Your Help

The **Wolffe Cultural Center**, located at 2623 West 2 Street, Duluth, has gone through some challenges and is experiencing funding and sustainability issues. They are fundraising so that they can provide services and programs for neighborhood families. Their wish list includes: PC for main office, laptops (up to 3 for staff), printers, ink and paper, cell phone, monthly calendars, pens, notebook/pads, business cards, copy machine. The Wolffe Cultural Center is committed to representing both the African-American and Native American cultures and creating a culturally-specific experience. Your support is greatly appreciated. Renee Van Nett, Executive Director of the Wolffe Cultural Center. For more information and to make a donation, you may contact Renee at nativeallianceduluth@gmail.com, or 218-343-2602.



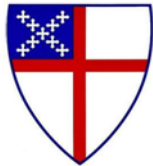
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Come, Holy Spirit, and show us what is true.

In a world of great wealth
where many go hungry
and fortunes are won and lost
by trading in money,
come, Holy Spirit, and show us what is true.



In a world of great knowledge
where many die in ignorance
and every piece of information
has a price in the market-place,
come, Holy Spirit, and show us what is true.

In a Church which speaks a thousand accents,
divided over doctrine, creed, and ministry,
more anxious for itself than for the Gospel,
come, Holy Spirit, and show us what is true.

—excerpts from *All the Glorious Names*, Stephen Orchard, England
United Reformed Church Prayer Handbook, 1989

**The Deadline for the October November
Grains of Sand is Tuesday, September 22.**