

June 15, 2013

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

I want to write to say, briefly, that I am so excited to be coming to the Episcopal Church on Park Point. As many of you know, I worked in Duluth from 2000 to 2005, I fell in love with Duluth and it became a true home for me.

As I studied the profile so thoughtfully created by the discovery and search teams I knew there was something special residing in the fabric of St. Andrew's, and I knew that there was a thread preparing to be woven into the tapestry you all have worked so hard to create, a thread that I would be able to add to the beauty of your own ministry and mission.



As we prepare to embark on our journey together, I would ask you to keep me in your prayers, my children, Eliot and Naomi as well. I will keep you in my prayers as well, I will pray for peace, hope and love to fill our hearts, bodies and minds as we prepare for this ministry to begin.

I would love to hear from you all about what draws you to St. Andrew's, what hopes you have for the future of St. Andrew's. As we move forward together this summer, I hope to begin to create a common vision for what it is God is doing in our midst. God is up to something exciting at St. Andrew's and I for one cannot wait to find out what.

Love,

Aron

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GRAINS OF SAND

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

Update from the Bishop's Committee

June 2013



The Bishop's Committee met twice during June 2013. On June 6, 2013, the committee met to receive the recommendation from the Search Committee on the candidate for vicar. The Search Committee unanimously recommended the Rev. Aron Kramer for the position of vicar at St. Andrew's. After review and discussion the Bishop's Committee unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Search Committee. A call was placed to Aron informing him of our offer at the end of the special meeting. Aron asked for a day to consider. Aron accepted the offer and met with the wardens on June 10th to discuss particulars. The contract was then forwarded on to Bishop Prior for his approval which was received within a few days. We have a new vicar!

The Bishop's Committee met for their regular monthly meeting on June 12th. We started planning for a welcoming picnic for Aron Kramer planned for July 14, 2013.

We reviewed the Stewardship Ministry outline, which includes the following activities – Stewardship, Finance, Green Team, Building and Grounds. You will be hearing more about these activities in the coming months.

The Bishop's Committee members are looking forward to working with Fr. Aron in our ongoing efforts to clarify the mission of St. Andrew's and find ways of moving our mission forward.

Roberta Cline, Sr. Warden

P.S.

Thank you

to the Search Committee for your hard work and deliberation—Rita Bovee, Dick Braun, JoAnne Axtell, Sally Buck, J Laundergan, and Mary Anderson. You forwarded a great candidate to the Bishop's Committee. Thank you again.

Co-chairs Add Their Thanks

We, Dick Braun and Mary Anderson, would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the St. Andrew's community for their prayers and patience during this interim period, especially the Discovery Committee members: Bob Carmack, Ann Price, Karen Nichols, Mark Bovee, J Laundergan, Mary Gaidis, Ellen Pillsbury, and Abby Anderson. We would also like to thank the other members of the Search Committee: Sally Buck, JoAnne Axtell, J Laundergan, and Rita Bovee for their thoughtfulness and wisdom in choosing a new Vicar who will help us carry out the mission of St. Andrew's By-The-Lake. The process has been enlightening and helpful in discerning who we are as a community and where God might take us in the future. We welcome Rev. Kramer into our community and look forward to walking this path with him.



Peace be with all of you,
Mary Anderson and Dick Braun
Co-chairs Search Committee

Brat Sale—A Huge Success

We want to thank everyone for all the work done behind the scenes, on the front lines cooking, and those doing customer service during this two-day event. Everything came together and it was a pleasure to be able to come on down for one of our famous breakfast Taco's. Without your dedicated service, the sale would not have happened. Thanks to those who donated to help defray the cost and again to all who participated at the sale. Congratulations on a job well done. A certain percentage of this year's proceeds, \$2,254.00, will go to the Diocesan Mission project Mama Ada's Foundation in Kenya "*Seeds and Scholarships*". <http://mamaadafoundation.org/>



Submitted by Ken Oliver and JC Curtis

'Open Your Heart' to Match July Food Shelf Donations

"When we are rich and others are hungry
or impoverished beyond description,
justice calls for ending this imbalance."

—Art Simon, founder of *Bread for the World*

School is out and our children are eager to start their summer vacations. But hunger in our community doesn't take a summer vacation. You can help the CHUM Food Shelf fill empty plates this summer through the fourth annual Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless food challenge.



This challenge offers a matching grant to organizations like our CHUM Food Shelf. The more you **donate to the food shelf in July**, the larger our share of the Open Your Heart grant will be. The \$150,000 challenge will proportionately match your donation.

As quoted from the CHUM Congregational News June 2013

Bike or Walk to Church this Summer



The Green Team is encouraging biking or walking to church as a sustainable transportation mode. You can participant by riding or walking either all or just part of the way.

St Andrew's Trip Log: Do not forget to keep track of your walk/bike trips on the trip log sheet located on the sign-up table. Before Diocesan Convention, we will report how far we collectively went in a few months (and no trip is too small). The Green Team will add this information to our application for the top green recognition.

Ride as a Group: Since it is more fun to ride with others, we'll have a standing meet up spot this summer. Gather around 9:15 a.m. on the Point side of the Aerial Bridge, riders should wait 5 minutes and then head off to church (of course invite others to join along the way).

Submitted by Ellen Pillsbury

Reader's Choice Book Club

July 5

Our next meeting is on **Friday, July 5** at Noon at Porter's Restaurant. If you have not been able to join us lately this might be your chance. Call or email Sandy Carlson if you would like to join the group. All are welcome. 723-1181 or carlzimm@msn.com



Book titles are posted on the St. Andrew's website <http://standrewsbythelake.org/> Click on the Parish Life tab and in the drop down menu click on the Reader's Choice Book Club. I recently read three excellent books from the lists and there are many more to pick from.

Christian Formation for Children and Youth

July 7



We are on summer break for weekly Christian Formation for the children and youth of St. Andrew's By-The-Lake however, on **Sunday, July 7**, we invite all children and youth to come for a Bible Story and special activity on creation. Brian and Sally will gather the children and youth together inside for a video, story, and prayer and then we will go outside for a fun activity.

Submitted by Sally Buck

Bishop's Committee Meeting

July 10

The July Bishop's Committee Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 10** at 5:30 p.m.

CHUM "Bag Lunch" Organizer Needed

Mike and Sharon Oliver have been in charge of making bag lunches for CHUM on the second Sunday of every month for the first half of this year (an ongoing project of theirs for several years). They normally pass the torch on to a new team for the second half of the year. Last year Liz Maeshima and Liz Benson-Johnson took on the project (again, ongoing), but they are not (as) available this year.



We are looking for someone who would like to do it for one, three, or six months in their place. The job involves purchasing sandwich ingredients, bags, and fruit and dessert, having these items available at church after the second Sunday service for volunteers to put together, and transporting the finished lunches to CHUM. If organizing this project is something that appeals to you, contact Margaret Handley (jhandley1@gmail.com) or talk to Mike and Sharon or Liz or Liz.

Welcome Picnic for Father Kramer

July 14

A welcoming picnic for Aron Kramer is being planned for **July 14th** following our Sunday church service. Save the date! More information will follow via an iContact message from our Senior Warden, Roberta Cline.



Second Sunday CHUM Bag Lunches

July 14



This will be an extra busy day with our picnic and bag lunches needing to be put together. We will start filling the bags right after church services and, hopefully, we can get our gracious volunteers to lend a hand putting the 90 sandwiches together for the folks at CHUM. With all that is going on, we should have a great time getting to share our talents with everyone. THANK YOU for all the help we have had in the past. It makes it soooooo much easier when we have all the wonderful helping hands.

Youth Events/ News

Sailing into Summer with St. Andrew's By-The-Lake!

July 21 and August 18

Don't Miss this event!

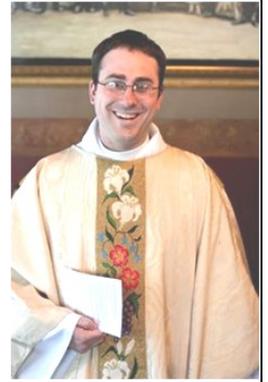
We will be having two Sailing free events this Summer targeting families and youth in the community to come and see what St. Andrew's is all about. Dave Johnson, Kinnan Stauber and Sally Buck have volunteered their boats and sailing expertise to support these events. We will begin with a scripture passage and give participants a question to talk with others as we sail around the Bay and Lake. We will then have a hot dog roast and have a discussion of their experience. These events will be publicized in the Breeze, Duluth News Tribune and sent to local Radio and Television Stations to invite anyone age 12 and older to come Sailing with St. Andrew's. We will also send invitations to St. Paul's and Hermantown Trinity Episcopal Churches. The two sailing events are scheduled for **Sunday, July 21** from 1 to 5 p.m. and **Sunday, August 18** from 1 to 5 p.m. Dave will be creating a webpage with details for these events.



All are welcome, bring a friend.

An Interview with The Rev. Aron Kramer

By Sandy Carlson



The most important question we all have is, “How would you like to be addressed?”

Aron, just call me Aron.

How old are you and when is your birthday?

I’m 38 years old, my birthday is August 31.

Tell us a little about your family.

I have two children, Eliot will be 9 on July 19 and Naomi is 7. Her birthday is January 18. My parents live in Stillwater, MN and I have two brothers, one lives in Duluth and one in Vermont.

What seminary did you attend:

Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, CA. I received my undergraduate degree from the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN.

What is your favorite sports?

Playing soccer and cross-country skiing are my two favorites and I plan on bike riding in Duluth. I’m a deer hunter and I hunt grouse.

How about hobbies?

I like to read; fantasy and work related books.

What do you like about Duluth?

The weather and Lake Superior; I enjoy all that there is to do on the beach and come July 1st I’ll be swimming in Lake Superior.

Are you a coffee drinker?

No, I drink smoothies and hot chocolate.

What is your favorite restaurant in this area?

I’m a huge fan of the Scenic Café.

What kind of a car do you drive?

A Subaru, I’m a proud owner of a Subaru.

Do you have any favorite music artists?

The two that I listen to the most are “Mumford & Son” and “Sheryl Crow.”

Last questions—can you sing and do you like to sing?

Yes, I like to sing, but I have to warn you that it may not always be in perfect pitch. I’ll be singing during the service and I’ll give it my best effort.



Welcome to St. Andrew's, Aron!

St. Andrew's Pilgrims: Where are they and what are they doing now?

This month Brian would like to feature Hannah Anderson.

Hannah Anderson:

When and where did you graduate High School?

I graduated in 2010 from Cloquet Senior High School.

What did you do after high school?

I went straight to college.

Where did you attend college and what degree did you earn?

I'm currently attending Brandeis University in Boston, triple-majoring in International and Global Studies, Economics, and East Asian Studies.

Did you do any traveling since high school graduation...when and where?

I am currently studying abroad in Shanghai, China. Since coming to China, I have done a small amount of traveling around Shanghai and also been to Hong Kong, Macao, and Guangzhou. At the beginning of May I will be traveling the Silk Road through Western China and visiting Inner Mongolia and the Great Wall.

Any life changing events?

Going abroad has been pretty eye opening. It has really exposed me to alternate ways of thinking about globalization and development with the rest of the world in mind.

What are you doing now?

I'm studying Economics and Chinese at the top Business school in China and interning for a market intelligence-consulting firm in Shanghai.

Plans for the future?

Getting a job would be nice. I'm not sure what I'll be doing after graduation, but I will hopefully be employed and living and working in China.

How can people of St. Andrew's contact you if they would like?

Email is the best way to contact me (my most frequently read email is handerso@brandeis.edu), Facebook is usually blocked in China.

Any personal message you would like to send your St. Andrew's family?

I miss you all.



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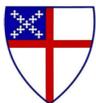
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**This Is My Song,
O God Of All The Nations**

This is my song, O God of all the nations:
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

May truth and freedom come to every nation;
May peace abound where strife has raged so long;
That each may seek to love and build together,
A world united, righting every wrong;
A world united in its love for freedom,
Proclaiming peace together in one song.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
They kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Thy love be lifted up till all shall serve thee,
And hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations:
Myself I give thee, let thy will be done.

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New Exciting Art Exhibit Coming in October

A recent art exhibit at St. Andrew's celebrated the history of our church via photos from the archives, reminding us of God's presence through generations of members who have been part of the church community over many years. In October we will once again feature a historical exhibit allowing each participating member to reflect on a personal connection to the stories of great migrations in Biblical times such as the story of Ruth and Naomi and the exodus story of the Israelites.



Most of us have historical roots in some other part of the world. What caused our ancestors to leave their countries of origin to settle in the United States? For each of us our migration story will be unique and in some ways similar to others. **What is your story of migration? Does it affect you today? Do you have tangible symbols to share in a display—photos, letters, and documents?**

Over the summer we are asking you to reflect on your ancestral migration and how it may have shaped the person you are today. Then sign up to put together a small display to share your story with the rest of us. Each person/family will be given wall space for their display. It will be interesting to see how many different nationalities [or nations] are represented in the St. Andrew's community. Just as our nation has benefited from the enriching power of many migrations since its beginning, the church community also benefits from diversity.

Submitted by Arlene Renken

**The deadline for the August
Grains of Sand is July 25.**