

Logoi from Theo

Lo-gos (lo'gos; n. pl. lo'goi) [Greek: speech, word, reason]

We are now engaged in the Church's version of the membership pledge drive so common on public radio and television. (Aren't you glad we only do it annually?!) A dedicated and hard-working committee is preparing various pieces of information designed to tell you about the financial needs of the mission and how you might step up and assist in meeting them.

I hope that many of you will find this information useful, but the hard fact is (at least so research tells us) that most of you won't. "*Received wisdom*" these days says that congregational members tend to tune out requests to ante up in order to meet the budget. Generally, they don't respond to emphasizing scarcity or maintenance or need, either. These things, even when they are realities, just make people feel stressed and even resentful.

Besides, it's thinking small and it really doesn't display an attitude of trust in God at all.

So let me lay out a few alternatives:

Give out of gratitude and a sense of thanksgiving.

Let your giving reflect and celebrate the lavishness of God's bounty. God *has* blessed each one of us with so much. Calculate what percentage of your household income (*including*, for you retired folks, your savings and pensions) you currently return to God. Can you increase your proportional giving?

Give of your first fruits—the first, the very best, of what you have been given—not the left-overs. This means: give to God first, and then figure out your household budget. Isn't God worth it?

Give with a glad heart. If you can't, stop giving. Because the truth is that unless you are moved by the Spirit—unless you see the potential and are convicted of the worth of this community as a vehicle of God's grace in the world—nothing I or anyone else can say is going to make any difference. Will you invest yourself fully in the work God is doing in this place?

Don't forget that whatever you do with your money *is* a spiritual issue. Pray about it; search your hearts; strive for that child-like spirit of trust in God; and then act. May the decision you reach reflect the joy and abundance of God's presence in your life and in this place.

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P.S. Don't think I don't wrestle with this too. I currently return 10% of my salary or \$3200 to St. Andrew's, which makes me the 3rd highest pledge in the congregation. In addition, I underwrite the budget by another \$4000 in paying my own health insurance. This level of giving does not make me better than anyone else, but it does raise a question: If I, who am only a sojourner here, believe in the mission and ministry of this place enough to support it sacrificially, can you who are residents here do less? Yes, sometimes I am tempted to think that all this puts a real crimp in my life-style, but the reality is that I lack for nothing I truly need. And so with gladness, I present the offering of my life and labor to the Lord, and take my place as a co-creator with God, an agent of life and love in a Church whose purpose is to transform the world. Aren't you called to do the same?

Financial News

September-2012

	Actual	Budget
Pledge Income	\$ 9,997.77	\$ 7,119.41
Other Income	\$ 168.28	\$ 486.66
Total Income	\$ 10,166.05	\$ 7,606.07

Expenses	\$ 6,123.25	\$ 8,048.02
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Year To Date

	Actual	Budget
Pledge Income	\$ 51,875.96	\$ 64,074.77
Other Income	\$ 4,036.00	\$ 4,380.02
Total Income	\$ 55,911.96	\$ 68,454.79
Expenses	\$ 69,819.16	\$ 74,031.94
Surplus (deficit)	\$(13,907.20)	\$ (5,577.15)



Reader's Choice Book Club of St. Andrew's November 2

Our next meeting is Friday, November 2 at Noon at Porter's. Call Sandy Carlson at 723-1181 or Heather Pitschka at 218-591-5667 if, at the last minute, you find you can make it to this meeting.

Submitted by Sandy Carlson

A Visual Story of St. Andrew's By-the-Lake November 4



A new art exhibit opens with a reception in the mission hall after the service on Sunday, November 4. "A Visual Story of St. Andrew's By-the-Lake" is a photo exhibit with seventy photos chosen mostly from the church archives to illustrate the history of St. Andrew's. Bible verses and other affirmations are displayed among the pictures attesting to the spiritual strength of the church community from past generations to the present.

An effort has been made to identify people in the photos and dates of the photos. However, this information is incomplete for some photos. We encourage viewers to help us by providing missing information if they can and writing it on the labels adjacent to the pictures.

Submitted by Arlene Renken

Christian Formation for Children and Youth November 4

The Christian Formation for the children of St. Andrew's By-the-Lake begins a **new two month session** November 4. Thank you to JoAnne Axtell, Fern Penick, Cameron Hubley, and Brian Lundberg for teaching and helping with the classes and nursery.

We have a few openings later in the year for middle or high school. Teachers are needed for 2 month segments (6-8 classes). **Please** consider signing up for a 2 month segment or split 4 months with someone and divide the schedule as convenient. Also, we need adult volunteers to watch children in the nursery. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Education Wing or contact Sally Buck at 722-5822 or timnsalbuck@gmail.com.

For the youth that are confirmed, there will be the opportunity to visit other churches and have discussion/coffee hour on Sunday mornings. The next gathering will be held November 4. Mary Anderson or Lori Thompson will lead these gatherings for youth.

Submitted by Sally Buck

CHUM Benefit Concert November 4

On November 4 there will be **two** benefit concerts for CHUM. The Mozart Requiem will be performed at 3 p.m. at Pilgrim United Church of Christ and, again, at 7 p.m. at First Lutheran Church. There will be a free will offering for CHUM. Both churches have magnificent pipe organs to accompany the chorus.

Submitted by Joanne Blyler



Friday Prayer Group Goes Off Site November 9

On November 9, the Prayer Group will meet at 10 a.m. at the Seafarers' Center on West Third Street and 23 Avenue West. This is the third year we have visited the center. In addition to our prayer meeting, we will be decorating the Center for Christmas—early you might say, but the seafarers who visit the Center from October on may well be on the high seas at Christmas. We will also help pack gift boxes that are delivered to vessels departing Duluth for foreign ports. These boxes provide every crew member with a gift to open on Christmas. Cookies are also taken to the Center so that visitors will have a treat while they are there. This is always a favorite meeting event. If you are free and want to join us, learn about the Seafarers' Ministry, and go out to lunch, you are welcome to join us!



Submitted by Joanne Blyler

SABTL Saturday Stitchers November 17

Our next meeting is Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Mission Hall. Margie Stenstrom will host the gathering and provide the main dish. Please bring a side dish to share.

Mike and Sharon Oliver have volunteered to host the December 15 gathering. Save the date!

Submitted by Sandy Carlson

Turn to the last page of the newsletter to find out about the St. Andrew's Day Celebration on November 30. You won't want to miss it!

St. Andrew's Youth Group November 2012



Sunday, 11/11 Youth Group from 9:45 a.m. to noon, Coffee Hour, and Chum Sandwiches.

Wednesday, 11/14 Family Fun Night—6 to 8 p.m.: Meet at the home of Bob and Mary Ellen Owens, have a camp fire, and make smores.

Sunday, 11/18 Youth Group from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Andrew's for a Service Project: We will be making Christmas ornaments and decorations for residents at the Bayshore Health Facility. A light lunch of grilled cheese, soup and chips will be provided.

Wednesday, 11/21 Family Fun Night—6 to 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's By-the-Lake for a bonfire and games and to "talk turkey."

December 2012

Wednesday, 12/5 Family Fun Night—6 to 8 p.m. Bayshore Health and Rehabilitation: Deliver Christmas ornaments and door decorations to the residents. Enjoy cookies and hot chocolate. Meet at Bayshore at 6 p.m.

Sunday, 12/9 Youth Group from 10:45 a.m. to 3 p.m., Coffee Hour and CHUM Sandwiches: Following coffee hour the Youth Group will make Christmas cookies; have a cookie decorating contest and a Gingerbread House making contest.

Wednesday, 12/19 Family Fun Night—6 to 8 p.m., Bentleyville Tour of Lights: Meet at St. Andrew's and carpool to Bentleyville.

We hope you find some or better yet, **all** of these activities interesting and we hope to see you there!!!

In Peace!

Brian

St. Andrew's Youth Minister

Berger's Annual Advent Lunch-Save the Date!! December 13



It is almost time for the Berger's Annual Advent Lunch. You are all invited to join us on Thursday, December 13 at 12 noon. A sign-up sheet is available in the Mission Hall so we have an idea of numbers. Everyone is welcome. Bring nothing but your appetite and voice (if you want to sing, but we also welcome listeners). Donations to the food shelf are also welcome.

Submitted by Ginny Berger

Friday Prayer Group December Meeting and Activities December 14

In recent years the Prayer Group has invited residents of Bayshore to come to SABTL for a service of Eucharist and a luncheon. This year Bayshore does not have a transport making the visit to SABTL impractical. So if Bayshore cannot come to the church, the church will go to Bayshore! At 1:30 p.m. on December 14 we will visit Bayshore to sing Christmas carols, share the Eucharist, and, yes, share our largesse of Christmas cookies. Again one and all are invited to join us.



When you are baking your cookies, consider saving a dozen for us to serve at Bayshore or pack in the Christmas baskets we make for our own members who may not have a wealth of Christmas treats. Sign-up in the Mission Hall. Cookies can be brought to St. Andrew's any time before December 14. Thanks in advance, for your generosity and participation in these activities.

Submitted by Joanne Blyler

Gems from the Beach...



- Jenny Peterson and her crew won a **Bronze Medal** in the Senior Masters Women's 4 (age 50+) at the Head of Charles Regatta in Boston on October 20.
- Helen Hanten's 25 Anniversary of Ordination was October 25.
- Turn your clocks back at midnight on November 3!
- Don't forget to vote on November 6!
- Gene Carlson is retiring from the DTA on November 24.

• Peace and Justice

As I write this, we are still planning our next CHUM dinner. As you read this, it will have happened! We're planning a dinner at CHUM on Monday, October 29. Liz Olson at CHUM reminded us that people struggle more at the end of the month to stretch their resources, so a dinner at the end of the month is appreciated that much more. Thanks for your support! Thanks also for your continuing support of the monthly Sunday bag lunches for CHUM.

Submitted by Margaret Handley

• Taco Soup Lunch and Sale

Kudos to Chef Mike Oliver and the cadre of helpers from the Friday Prayer group who prepared and served the successful taco soup lunch and sale on October 14. This was our most successful sale to date. The group realized a net profit of \$366. This money will remain at SABTL to help meet some of the increased budget needs in this year of discernment.

Submitted by Ginny Berger

• Blessing of the Animals a Howling Success

Thank you to those who helped with the yard sign, setting up Saturday evening, working in the kitchen, greeting people and their pets at the doors, and cleaning up afterward.



Father Theo planned a very meaningful service. The readers and musicians were terrific! Despite his allergy to dogs Fr. Theo blessed the many dogs, the cat, and the baby goat that all looked quite angelic during the blessing. The stuffed animals and pictures of pets also received a blessing. Many visitors joined us at the well attended service and a good time seemed to be had by all.

Submitted by Jan Peterson

Editor comment: Thanks to Jan for organizing this delightful event and for providing all the great treats, both human and animal!

• Membership Directory Update

Ken Oliver's new phone number: 391-4728

Dianna Venier's new phone number: 391-4728

Dianna's email address is: djvenier53@juno.com

Margie Stenstrom's email address has been changed to stephendlth@charter.net

• CHUM 2011-2012 Annual Report

The Chum annual report is in the hands of the public. If you do not receive a copy, some of the pertinent information will be of interest to you. SABTL is a significant supporter of CHUM. We

provide funding at the Justice Society level of giving, meaning we contributed anywhere from \$2000-\$4999 to CHUM this fiscal year. This does not include direct individual gifts made by members, or in-kind gifts of food collected and meals provided to CHUM.

Total revenues for the year were \$1,589,633 and expenses were \$1,644,714. The deficit is \$54,524. About \$70,000 of the expenses is related to depreciation. There was no need to tap reserves for operational expenses, but it does mean that we will not be placing monies in the capital improvements reserves this year. There has been a substantial increase in demand for services provided by CHUM this year so the report reflects great effort on the part of CHUM to be good stewards of their resources.

For review, services provided by CHUM to the community include the **Food Shelf**, the **Drop-In Center**, **Street Case Management**, **Emergency Shelter** (there are dormitories for single men and women at the Drop-In and family shelter at a site removed from the Drop-In), **Church Outreach**, **CHUM Church**, **Nurses Clinic**, **RUAH Housing** (transitional housing), and **Employment**.



The CHUM organization model is unique and demonstrates well how 37 congregations can pool resources and meet community needs with economy, efficiency, a high level of expertise and without unnecessary duplication of cost and services. The support given to CHUM is used more effectively than if we tried to provide the range of services ourselves.

From CHUM there is an expression of deep appreciation for the gifts, volunteer service, and support they receive from SABTL. Their website is: CHUMDULUTH.ORG

Submitted by Joanne Blyler

• A Prayer

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.



May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing of God, who Creates, Redeems and Sanctifies, be upon you and all those you love and pray for this day, and forever more. Amen.

~ Sister Ruth Fox, Order of Saint Benedict

- If you would like a “special event in your life” included in the newsletter please contact the editor.



Comments from our Search Consultant

This interim time seems like a time of being lost, without direction, and it makes us all anxious. We are in a hurry for it to be over. Can't we just interview and call a new priest and be done wandering?

Jesus spent forty formative days lost in the wilderness. He was tempted with ways to end his wandering quickly and seemed on the brink several times. Ultimately, his faith in God's guidance pulled him back, and he continued his journey, not really knowing where or how it would end. He emerged from his wilderness with a clear sense of his ministry.



You are in a wilderness experience. Your leadership of many years is no longer available to you and you don't really know where or how this journey ends. It seems important to find your way to the other side as quickly as possible, as the wandering is painful. Just as Jesus, though, your faith can guide you through, and you will have a clearer sense of your ministry if you look and listen for God's guidance along the way.

Your Discovery Team is working hard to accomplish their task; that is, to be able to describe St. Andrew's strengths, challenges, and goals for carrying forth God's work in the world. They cannot do this without every one of you working your way through this wilderness with them. There is no such thing as *"I'll meet you on the other side."*

So when you are asked to participate in smaller discussion groups to follow up on this survey, to be part of a committee to further the work of St. Andrew's, or to give of your talents and treasure, I encourage you to step up and make the profile for St. Andrew's reflect what you value and what you can do.

Submitted by Cammie Beattie

Focus Group Schedule



The St. Andrew's Discovery Team has scheduled four focus groups in November to discuss where we see ourselves going into the future, *"what will St. Andrew's look like in 10 years?"*

Each group will be hosted by two Team members and have up to 12 participants with good food provided. The Focus Group schedule is:

- 1) **Tuesday, November 13, 4:00-5:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's**
Hosts: Mark Bovee & Mary Anderson #389-6910
- 2) **Wednesday, November 14, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Mary G.'s house, 3820 Minnesota Avenue**
Hosts: Ann Price & Mary Gaidis #722-8798
- 3) **Thursday, November 15, 10:00-11:30 a.m. at St. Andrew's**
Hosts: Bob Carmack & J Laundergan #879-1433
- 4) **Sunday, November 18, after worship service, around 11:00-12:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's**
Hosts: Karen Nichols & Ellen Pillsbury #260-1975

Please sign up for a Focus Group by one of the methods listed below:

- Call the host of the focus group you want to attend
- Sign up in the Mission Hall
- If the above dates and/or times do not work for you there is a separate sign up sheet on a table in the Mission Hall. Please sign up on that sheet or call Ellen Pillsbury at 260-1975 to indicate your interest in attending a focus group. The Team intends to include all who are willing to participate and will determine how to make sure all are included once the groups get underway.

Submitted by Ellen Pillsbury

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**November 21 is the deadline for the
December Grains of Sand.**

**St. Andrew's Day
A Festive Celebration
November 30**



St. Andrew's Day is fast approaching. We're working on a gala celebration. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Mission Hall. Please sign-up for the Pot-Luck Supper that follows the 5:30 p.m. church service on Friday, November 30, and for the talent show after the meal. We always have a great time, and it will be all the better for your presence. Watch for more details to come!

Submitted by Ginny Berger and Fr. Theo