

Logoi from Theo

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

Every year in October and November we talk more pointedly than usual about giving thanks to God for all that we have received. As the *New Zealand Prayerbook* puts it in this beautiful prayer:

*Dear God, thank you for all that is good,
for our creation and our humanity,
for the stewardship you have given us of this planet earth,
for the gifts of life and of one another,
for your love which is unbounded and eternal.*

When we become aware that there is nothing—nothing—that is not a gift from God, we are moved to a profound “*attitude of gratitude*,” which we pour out in praise and thanksgiving as we lift our hearts in worship.

And every year in November our thanks are given tangible form as we pledge financial support for the maintenance of buildings, staff, and programs and for outreach to others in the name of Christ.

This year is no different: we know the depth of God’s gracious love, we know the needs of our congregation, and we are moved to respond. Yet this year is also very different: a continued unstable economic climate and very real losses of financial and even job security threaten to overwhelm whatever sense of well-being we may have. Some days, things can seem pretty bleak indeed.

So what better time to increase your pledge!

Say *what* again?!?

What better time to increase your pledge? As Christians, we do not live as people of fear but as people of hope, a hope that we gain through personal and shared prayer. Our heritage, particularly the Gospel, is filled with countless stories of hope arising in the midst of terrible fear and even panic. Our call, in the midst of such fear, is to remember these stories, to be upheld and transformed by them, to invoke the calming of the Spirit, and to practice our faith, that we and those around us may be moved from fear to trust.

There will be more information to come in the weeks ahead, but the basic questions are already there before us: Are we willing to risk for the Gospel, to take a chance on mission over maintenance? Can we make it our goal to live as people of abundance, not scarcity; as people of faith, not fear?

The Episcopal Mission of St. Andrew's By-the-Lake

GRAINS OF SAND

If you believe in the ministry and mission of the household of God gathered here on the Point and beyond, and in what you may yet accomplish, I encourage you in this pledge season to be bold, to remember the heritage of hope that is ours in Jesus Christ. Hold close your gratitude. Stretch your generosity. Not for the sake of our budget, but for the sake of our common need to grow in faith, which can only happen when we ask ourselves to take risks. Let us offer ourselves and our lives wholly to the service of God, who commissions us to be co-creators in the world.

Theo

Discovery Team Update September 2012

The Discovery Team has transitioned from the busy summer schedule to an even busier fall season. Our committed Team has continued to move forward in our task of defining who St. Andrew's is today and who we want to become. The team is working on a draft Parish Survey Summary with the intention to have it ready for October 14. **We will give a presentation on the survey summary after our church service on October 14.** The summary will be published in the November Grains of Sand.

In addition to completing both presentations, we are scripting the questions that we will be asking in the "Focus Group" meetings. The Focus Groups will start in the latter part of October and run into November. During the course of these meetings we will be gathering additional information on questions or issues not covered in the surveys. We will have the opportunity to further define the results that have been shared with the members. The Discovery Team will also be listening for any additional input or ideas that members may not have previously shared.

Your Ideas Are Important

We want to stress that as *"WE move forward"* your questions and concerns are important in

the process. We are providing the structure for additional member input but when you think of something, make a call or send an email or text to any of the Discovery Team Members. We are all open to any communication and ***your ideas and thoughts are important and need to be heard.***

Bishop's Visit with Team and Bishop's Committee

Bishop Prior is meeting with the Discovery Team and the Bishop's Committee on October 8 at St. Andrew's. We will have an opportunity to both update him on our progress and gain his insight on how to continue to move forward. We look forward to this time for dialogue with him on the Discovery Process and the general state of St. Andrew's. If you have questions of the Bishop please pass them to the Discovery Team or Bishop's Committee.

Bishop's Committee Work on the Discovery Process

The Bishop's Committee continues to do the organizational work needed to support the Discovery Process and ensure that we are able to call a vicar that is a good fit for us when the time comes. They are working through bylaws, financial procedures, and website development. They are reviewing the budget and its current deficit, along with beginning to gear up for stewardship this fall.

We continue to move forward but please know that this is, again, a process intended to involve our entire membership. When asked, please share your thoughts, needs and desires, as they are critical to the success of this process and the future of St. Andrews'.

With God, your continued support, involvement, and prayers we continue to move forward.

Submitted by the Discovery Team

Friday Prayer Group

The Friday Prayer Group held its first meeting of the fall on September 14. In addition to our prayerful sharing of joys, concerns, and hopes we planned our meetings for the remainder of the church year.

On **October 14**, in conjunction with the parish meeting we will have our second annual **Taco Soup Lunch and Sale**. We will sell the soup by the quart. There is a sign-up sheet in the Mission Hall. Orders will be taken through October 7. The donation requested for a quart of soup remains at \$10. The suggested donation for the taco soup, dessert, and beverage lunch is \$5. Anyone who chooses to just have coffee and a bar is encouraged to stay for the parish meeting. There will be a child friendly soup for younger children who may not choose Taco Soup. The proceeds realized by the soup and lunch sale will be given to the church to apply toward unmet budget needs occurring this year. The **Friday, October 12 prayer group meeting** will be dedicated to preparing for the lunch and sale. Don't miss this delicious soup; be sure to sign up for lunch and an extra quart or two. It can be frozen.

On **November 9**, we will hold our meeting at the Seafarers' Center in West Duluth. We will help pack Christmas gift boxes that are given to the crews of foreign vessels entering the port from October until the end of the year. There are Seafarer's Watch Cap and Scarf knitting patterns available on the table in the Mission Hall if you would like to knit a set to be included in a gift box. We will also decorate the lounge at the Center and its Christmas tree. This is the third year that we have participated in this activity.

On **December 14**, at 1:30 p.m. we will go to Bayshore Nursing Home for a service of the Eucharist, with a hymn/carol sing, and we'll share treats with the residents of Bayshore.

Anyone who is interested in joining our group is more than welcome.

Submitted by Joanne Blyler

Christian Formation for Children and Youth

The Christian Formation for the children of St. Andrew's By-the-Lake began September 16. There are 3 groups of classes: Kindergarten – 4 grade (Elementary); 5 - 7 grade (Middle School); 8 grade to Confirmed (High School). Classes will be held 3-4 Sundays per month.

Thank you to those who have volunteered to teach this fall or later in the year. We still have a few openings for teachers later in the year for middle and high school classes. Teachers are needed for two month segments (6-8 classes) to provide a familiar face to the children and consistency for the teachers.

A schedule of lesson plans and activities are provided that focus on Bible stories using the Spark, Reform and Rob Bell teaching materials. This is a great opportunity to meet the children of St. Andrew's, revisit Bible stories and consider theology through a teenager's point of view.

Please consider signing up for a two month segment or split four 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 email at timnsalbuck@gmail.com.

For the youth that are confirmed, there will be the opportunity to visit other churches and have a discussion/coffee hour on two Sunday mornings. These gatherings will be held on October 28 and November 4 and Mary Anderson or Lori Thompson will lead them.

Submitted by Sally Buck
Coordinating Children's Christian Formation

St. Andrew's Youth Group November 2012

This year we will be combining Junior and Senior High youth groups for activities. Please note that these activities are separate from the Sunday morning Faith Formation classes.

Wednesday Night SABTL Family Fun Night

The St. Andrew's Youth group is sponsoring an activity two Wednesday evenings per month beginning in October. Here at St. Andrew's... **we are family** and we thought it would be a great way to gather for fellowship and fun. All families are welcome!!!!

The following is the schedule of planned events for October – December. This schedule includes the SABTL Family fun nights and youth group activities.

October 2012

Sunday, 10/7 Youth Group, Blessing of the Animals Service—9:45 a.m. in the Mission Hall

Wednesday, 10/10 Family Fun Night—6 to 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's By-the-Lake: We'll have a Hotdog roast, games, and popcorn. Please bring a snack to share and your favorite family game!

Sunday, 10/14 Youth Group, Chum Sandwiches (made before Church) Parish Meeting: Youth to help serve and clean up after soup luncheon-parish meeting.

Thursday, 10/18—Sunday 10/21 Great Northern TEC at St. Cloud, MN: Wheat donations (food, money, letters...) are greatly appreciated. Please see Abby Anderson, Joey Nichols, or Brian Lundberg if you would like to make a donation.

Wednesday, 10/24 Family Fun Night—6 to 8 p.m., Haunted Ship tour: Meet at St. Andrew's at 6 p.m. We will go and tour the haunted ship (William A. Irving) and meet back at St. Andrew's for Hot Chocolate.

Friday, 11/2—Saturday, 11/3 Youth group, Day of The Dead (Dia de los Muertos) Worship and Halloween Costume Dance-Lock In: Friday, 7 p.m. Worship Service (Church Wide). A Youth Halloween Costume Party, Dance and Lock In will follow the service.

Help! I need a couple of volunteers to help provide munchie snacks and punch...and one adult female willing to stay overnight. Saturday, 8 a.m. wake up, breakfast, and cleanup. We'll be done at 10 a.m.

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, games, and "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

The Reader's Choice Book Club of St. Andrew's Friday, October 5

Our next meeting will be Friday, October 5 at **noon** at Porter's restaurant. If you have already signed up and are on our email/calling list you need do nothing except set aside the date and read a book. If you haven't joined the group and would like to do so, call Sandy Carlson at 723-1181 or Heather Pitschka at 218-591-5667. We'd love to see you there.

Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 7, 9:45 a.m.

We will meet in the Mission Hall to commemorate the feast of St. Francis. All non-human companions are invited to be present and enrich our worship together. We will bless the living, remember the dead, (bring your favorite picture) and celebrate God's gift in Creation. (Stuffed animals are companions, too.)

Prayer Group's Soup Luncheon Discovery Team Presentation Sunday, October 14

The Discovery Team will be making a presentation

on October 14 during the Prayer Group's "Soup Luncheon", on their progress in our process in preparing to look for a new rector. Plan on staying after service on the 14 for delicious taco/or chicken noodle soup to support this fund-raiser and to learn what progress is being made by the Discovery Team. It will be a tasty and informational event.

Submitted by Ginny Berger

SABTL Saturday Stitchers Saturday, October 27 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Mission Hall

Kris Rauschenfels will be the hostess for October 27 and she'll provide the main dish for the potluck luncheon. Bring a side dish to share and don't forget your stitching project! Hope to see you there. New members are always welcome.

Submitted by Sandy Carlson

All Saints' and the Faithful Departed

In the New Testament, the word "saints" is used to describe the entire membership of the Christian community, but from very early times the word "saint" came to be applied primarily to persons of heroic sanctity, such as martyrs and those whose deeds were recalled with gratitude by later generations. Beginning in the 9 Century, November 1 was designated as a special day set aside for this remembrance. Today we have recaptured the earlier sense of referring to all the Body of Christian faithful and we allow the feast day to be moved to the Sunday after it so that all may celebrate together.

Beginning in the 10 Century, it became customary to set aside another day—as a sort of extension of All Saints'—on which the Church honored the memory of the local dead who, though no less

members of the company of the redeemed, are unknown in the wider fellowship of the Church. It has become a day for particular remembrance of deceased family and friends.

Feast of All the Faithful Departed Friday, November 2, 7:00 p.m.

You are invited to bring photos and candles to place on the altar. There will be time to name those dear to you who are among *“those whom we love but see no longer”* (BCP, p. 498). If you choose, you may also submit the names of four people to be read out in this service of remembrance.

Feast of All Saints (observed) Sunday, November 4, 9:45 a.m.

A Visual History of St. Andrew's

The art committee is preparing a visual history of St. Andrew's with a display of old photos to be shown at the end of October or beginning of November. The exhibit will coincide with a time of change in our church and will give us a glimpse into the past as we prepare for the future.

We are searching church archives for photos that will be enlarged to 8x10 size, matted and framed for display. Contributions of old pictures from family collections and frames of appropriate size will be gratefully accepted. Please talk to Ellie Alspach, Donna Grover, or Arlene Renken if you have photos or frames to contribute. Pictures will be returned to their owners but be sure your name is on the backs. It would be helpful to have people in the pictures identified.

Thank you to all who contributed to the current show. We have received many compliments from people within and without the congregation and it is truly amazing to have so much talent in the St. Andrew's family. We will let you know when to

take down your art.

Submitted by Arlene Renken

Marriage Amendment and Voter ID Amendment Signs

It is not the church's job to tell you how to vote, but it very much *is* the church's job to stand up for all of God's people, not just those who are like us. After all, Jesus taught us to love one another as he loved us, and Jesus loved everyone, rich or poor, sick or healthy. The Bishop's Committee has voted to post two signs in front of the church, one urging people to vote no on the marriage amendment, and the other urging a no vote on the Voter ID amendment. We see both of these amendments as efforts to further disenfranchise certain groups of people who are already on the margins, and we believe it is our role to stand up and speak out for God's love and justice in the face of such efforts.

Submitted by Liz Maeshima and Fr. Theo
for the Bishop's Committee

Directory Changes/Updates

Mike and Sharon Oliver's new email address is:
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From Your Editor

I still consider myself a *“new”* editor who has a lot to learn about Microsoft Publisher! You will have noticed that there are *not* any pictures in this publication. For some reason I couldn't put any in this month. Do I need help? Yes, I surely do! We'll see what happens next month. Till then....

Sandy

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**October 25 is the deadline
for the November Grains of Sand.**

Website Committee

Hurrah! We now have a new website. It's only a shell at present and needs further tweaking before going public. It also needs new content —this means decisions need to be made—this means a task-force (time-limited involvement). An up-to-date website is an important piece of our *"next step identity,"* so please consider what you can contribute to this enterprise. Then speak to Ellen Pillsbury, who worked hard with a consultant from the Diocese to get us this far.

(Ed. Note: Please thank Ellen for all her hard work; also thank Dave Johnson, who has been maintaining our website up to now and has gone equally above and beyond the call of duty!)