

## A Message from your Vicar...

“I Love you”, “Can’t buy me love”, “Love will keep us together” (sort of), “Let me love you” and “We found love”. Finding songs with love in the title is like finding a snowflake in a snowman. There have been 121 songs with the word love in the title that have also been number one in the country since 1943.



Love is a fascinating thought, a hard idea, a challenging experience. What is love? Love is different for each person, but I think we often believe love is a universal feeling, something we all understand and know.

The cinematic expression of love tends to be the accepted understanding of how love should operate in our lives. Love gives you butterflies, makes you irrational, makes you do crazy things. There is a prescribed way we are supposed to act when we are in love.

But those experiences, those feelings are often quite one dimensional, individual and isolated. There are so many different ways to feel love, and to understand how love is to be in our world. The Greek language has many different words for love: Agape, or unconditional love; Eros, or physical, passionate love; Philia, loyalty, friendship; and finally, Storge, or affection as parents hold for children.

Paul would have understood love in this Greek context, though I am unsure if this explains his Colossians reading, identifying love as so many different things. Paul, in his letters talks about what love is, and works hard to describe it as more than a romantic, emotional feeling.

Traditionally the heart has been understood as the seat of wisdom in human bodies. The heart is the place where intelligence, compassion, our empathy resides.

We all have different understandings and experiences of love because of our unique perspectives. We must resist the urge to define the worlds understanding of love as our own. How we have known love is different from how even our loved ones have known love.

This was made clear to me when I told Eliot and Naomi, their Mom and I were getting a divorce. As we shared what we wanted to and needed to share with them, you could see their little minds moving and trying to understand what was happening. Their understanding of love was different from what mine was. It was the first time I understood how I saw love was not a universally understood way to love.

If there is a universal way to love C.S. Lewis, in the below quote, nails it, of course love, he says is more importantly about vulnerability:

*“To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must give it to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements. Lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. To love is to be vulnerable.”*

To love is to be vulnerable. To be vulnerable is to be open to the “other” and the “other’s” perspectives. When we are open in such a way, our own world becomes bigger, broader and more filled with love, not because it stayed the same, but precisely because it was broken open.

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## Epiphany Adult Education Series

“Knowing, loving, and serving God”

What do we know about love? Join Aron for an Epiphany bible study that will look at First Corinthians and some of Paul’s ideas about love. The study group will meet in the Memorial Room after our morning Church Service.

Dates: February 2, 9, 16, 23.

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## Youth News

### Confirmation and Activity Schedule

February and March

**February 2**, 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Confirmation Class

**February 16**, 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Confirmation Class

**March 1**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bowling at Incline Station. \$10.00 per person for 2 games, pizza and pop.

**March 2**, 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Confirmation Class



Submitted by: Brian Lundberg

## Christian Formation for Children

We had a wonderful Epiphany Pageant on January 5<sup>th</sup> despite the cold weather with an active Baby Jesus! Thank you to everyone who participated or supported the Pageant through their children's participation. It was a fun way to end the Christmas season.



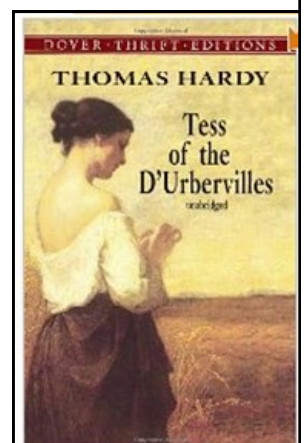
The elementary children will learn about early years of Jesus in February through Godly Play and the Bible stories in Spark. We'll make Valentine's Cards for the CHUM lunches too. We will not have Christian Formation classes on February 16<sup>th</sup> due to the school break.

Peace,  
Sally Thomas Buck

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

February 7

The February book challenge was to re-read a classic, one that you read many years ago and either liked or did not. It will be interesting to see if you changed your opinion of the book. Re-reading a classic is not a requirement, any book you choose to talk about will be fine. We will enjoy hearing about it. Please join us on **Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** at Noon at Porter's Restaurant. For more information contact Sandy Carlson at 723-1181 or [carlzimm@msn.com](mailto:carlzimm@msn.com)



## CHUM Bag Lunch Sunday

February 9

Sharon and Mike Oliver will be in charge of getting the supplies and the delivery of the finished products, for the next five months. As always, we will be putting the sandwiches together on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.

We would like to thank everyone for their past support and help in the kitchen. A great big Thank You to Liz B-J. and Liz M. for spearheading the Chum sandwiches for the last 6 months. Great job!!

Submitted by Mike and Sharon Oliver



## Bishop's Committee Meeting

February 16



The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be held **Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>** immediately following our morning service until 12:30 p.m.

## Ladies' Night Out

February 19

We'll have a Ladies' Night Out at 6 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Pickwick Restaurant, 508 East Superior Street. Come and enjoy an evening of relaxation, stimulating conversation and fine dining with many of your friends from St. Andrew's. If you would like to join us, please call Elena Knezevich 724-2939 or email her at [eknezevich@hotmail.com](mailto:eknezevich@hotmail.com).



Submitted by Elena Knezevich

## Creative Hands

February 22



Are you tired of this long winter? Would you like to spend quality time working on a project and visiting with friends at St. Andrew's? If the answer is yes, bring your handy-work to the Mission Hall on **Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We meet from 9:30 to 2 p.m. Marge Stenstrom will be the host and provide the main dish. Please bring a side dish to share. New members are encouraged to attend.

Submitted by Sandy Carlson

# Share the Love Concert

February 22

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Share the Love Concert is scheduled for **Saturday, February 22, 2014** with Laurie and Bill Bastien returning with their wonderful music.



As in the past, tickets are available (to help keep a count of how many we can expect). There is no admission charge, but a free will offering is greatly appreciated.



Dessert and coffee will be served at 6:30 p.m., with music starting at 7 p.m.

**We need your help!** Please plan to come and please invite your friends and neighbors, too. Please sign up to help set up and clean up. We also need donations of festive desserts—we have excellent bakers in our midst! And finally, we will have a silent auction of baskets during the festivities, so we need donations of baskets of goodies.

Sign up sheets and tickets are in the entry foyer at church. Questions can be addressed to Ginny (721-1350), Jan (729-7837), or Margaret (393-2493).

Come enjoy the music and food and camaraderie and help support St. Andrew's and the CHUM outreach projects.



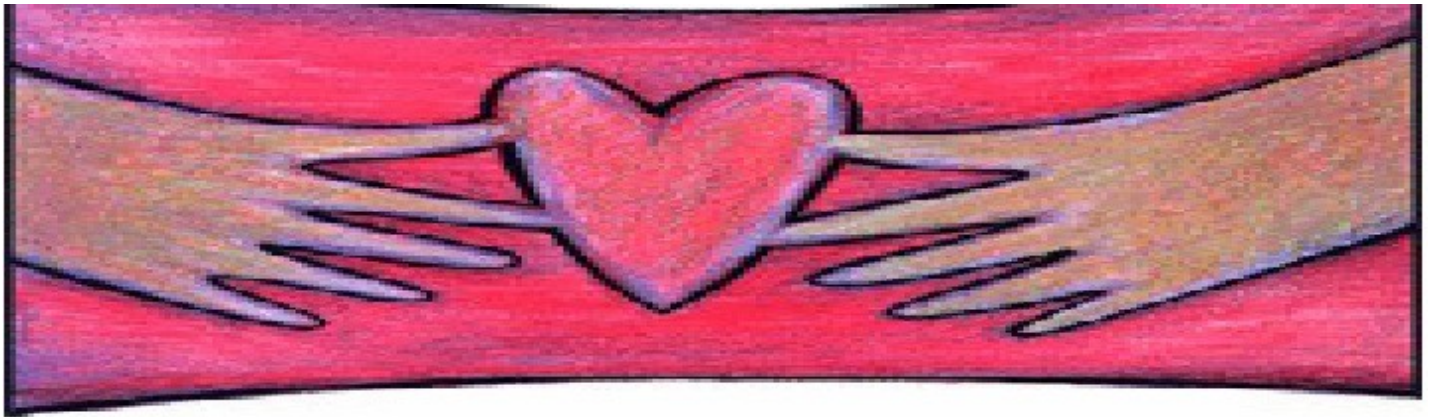
(See the poster on page 6. Feel free to print and post it.)

Submitted by Margaret Handley

## Church Directory

### Additions and Changes

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<b>The Rev. Aron Kramer's</b> new Phone number: 218-310-8749	<b>Rita Bovee's</b> new email: <a href="mailto:ritambovee@gmail.com">ritambovee@gmail.com</a>	Please up-date your directory.



## Share the Love Concert IV

An Evening of Music and Dessert

St. Andrews by the Lake Episcopal Church,

2802 Minnesota Ave., Duluth

Saturday, February 22, 2014

featuring **Laurie and Bill Bastian**

Coffee and Dessert, 6:30 p.m. - Music starts at 7:00

No admission charge\* Free Will Offering for  
St Andrews' / Peace & Justice Chum Meal Programs

Seating is limited. Free tickets available at St. Andrews or from a "Peace and Justice" committee member.

Call Jan @ 729-7837, Ginny @ 728-1350,  
for more information.

## McCabe Renewal Center Classes

Take a look at the latest newsletter from McCabe Renewal Center. There are lots of new offerings. Upcoming ones:



A Ministry of St. Scholastica Monastery

- The Art of the Mandala on March 1
- Teaching Meditation to Children and Youth on March 2
- Conscious Aging on March 22
- Windows Into the Soul: Art as Spiritual Expression and Prayer on April 1 and 8 (Arlene Renken is one of the leaders!).

See the newsletter on the table in the entrance to the church for descriptions, and other programs. You may call or email McCabe at 218-724-5266, [www.duluthbenedictines.org](http://www.duluthbenedictines.org)

## Annual Meeting

### Report of the Nominating Committee

There are two outgoing members to the Bishop's Committee this year. They are Mark Bovee and Bob Owens. It is with great joy we give thanks for their ministry and leadership. Their ideas, energy and passion will be missed, but will continue to be a vital part of the St. Andrew's Community.

Mark and Bob, along with the Wardens and the Vicar identified a number of candidates and asked two members of the St. Andrew's Community to become new members of the Bishop's Committee.

Cameron Hubley and J Laundergan have both agreed to serve three-year term on the Bishop's Committee, 2014-2017.



Cameron and J will join current Bishop's Committee members: JC Curtis, Karen Nichols and Ken Oliver; other members of the Bishop's Committee include: Kinnan Stauber, treasure and Roberta Cline and Mary Anderson, wardens.

Cindy Hendrickson, long time clerk has decided to step down. Cindy has been faithful and diligent in keeping the records of our Bishop's Committee meetings, and we thank her for her commitment and time.

Jean Laundergan has graciously volunteered her services as the clerk to the Bishop's Committee. Thanks, Jean and thanks to Cameron and J and the current members of the Bishop's Committee. Your service is valued and appreciated.

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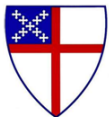
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Winter morning on Lake Superior.

**A Blessing**

My friends, life is short. We haven't much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. Rest assured that God is infinitely more concerned with the promise of our future than the mistakes of our past. The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you now and always. Amen.



— attributed to Henri-Frederic Amiel

**The Deadline for the March Grains of Sand  
is Noon on Sunday, February 23.**

