

GRAINS OF SAND

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

Logoi from Theo

April 2013



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

"We engage God's mission when we come clear about the gifts of our faith community: our **identity**, and when we become clear about the world's needs in our neighborhood and beyond: our **context**. When these two things come together, we engage God's mission, transformation for all begins to take place, and the kingdom of God has come near." (Bishop Brian Prior; weekly blog for March 12, 2013)

The discovery of which +Brian speaks has been your work for just a little over a year. Before I say more, let me first take a moment to thank the **Discovery Team** for all their work: **Mark Bovee and Mary Gaidis, co-chairs; Mary Anderson, Abby Anderson, Bob Carmack, J Laundergan, Karen Nichols, Ellen Pillsbury, Ann Price; Cammie Beattie, transition consultant**. From initial meetings through the survey and small group work to the narrative questions profile and the congregational brochure, it has been a major undertaking, and I hope one that is ultimately satisfying and a source of pride. Well done, all.

So what is left for you to do? Do you just coast into the call of a new priest and the "down time" of summer? Surely you know me well enough that this won't be on my recommendation list! I think there's a lot more work to do to achieve the twin points of clarity about identity and context highlighted in the Bishop's statement above.

And you think so too, or you wouldn't have "developed a strategic plan" as the number one goal in your congregational profile. I will not be here to take part in that work or even watch from the sidelines, so what follows is a suggested lens through which you might begin to take an even closer look at who you are, who you are becoming, and where you want to go. As you read this material, you may be tempted to create comparisons or find the places where "we don't measure up". Resist this temptation! Focus instead on all the things you do well, what you might do better, and where the Holy Spirit is leading you to do something completely different. I think you'll be surprised.



In the end, it's all about how to be an intentional Christian community rather than a casual one.

Blessings,

Theo+

Friday Prayer Group

April 4

The Friday Prayer Group will meet on **Thursday**, April 4 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Andrew's. We will have a potluck lunch and then assemble treat bags for our visit to the Bayshore Health Center.



At 1:30, Fr. Theo and the group will meet at Bayshore to celebrate an Easter Eucharist. All are welcome at either or both of these events.

Submitted by Joanne Blyler

Reader's Choice Book Club

April 5

Please join us for our Friday, April 5 book club meeting. We'll meet at **noon** at Porter's Restaurant, have lunch and share our latest good reads. Join us for an hour of fellowship during your busy day.

Submitted by Sandy Carlson

Christian Formation for Children and Youth

April 14

Christian Formation for the children of St. Andrew's By-The-Lake



continues on Sundays. Family Church will be held April 14 and on May 19 (Pentecost) and there won't be Sunday school on those days.

Thank you to **Liz Maeshima** for leading the middle and high school and **Cameron Hubley** for teaching the elementary class the past session. We'll celebrate Rogation Sunday on May 5 and the final classes are June 2.

Peace, Sally Buck

Bishop's Committee Meetings

April 21

Next Bishop's Committee meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 21. Our May meeting is on Wednesday evening, May 8.

Submitted by Roberta Cline

Saturday Stitchers

April 27

You are invited to the Saturday, April 27 Stitchers get-together. The meeting is held in the Mission Hall of St. Andrew's By-The-Lake from 9:30 to 2 p.m. with a potluck lunch served at Noon. Kris Rauschenfels will provide the main dish. Please bring a side dish to share.



Submitted by Sandy Carlson

Update from the Bishop's Committee

The Bishop's Committee designated the **Search Committee** members at their March meeting. The Search Committee members are:

Rita Bovee
Dick Braun
JoAnne Axtell
Sally Buck
Mary Anderson
J Laundergan



The Search Committee will be commissioned at the April 14, 2013 Sunday Service.

The Parish Profile and Brochure have been submitted and accepted by the Diocese. The Profile has been posted to the Web and we expect to hear that the Brochure has also been posted to the Web by the time this **Grains of Sand** is published. We have put a deadline of April 22, 2013 for applicants. This deadline can be extended if there is a need. We expect to have candidate names forwarded to the Search Committee by the Bishop soon after that date.

The Parish of St. Andrew's By-The-Lake is on to the next phase of the process in calling a new vicar and the Search Committee should be in full swing come May.

Roberta Cline, Senior Warden

UMD Library Introduces Muslim Journeys Collection



A free film series for public audiences will feature some of the resources received by the UMD Library as part of a Bridging Cultures bookshelf collection on Muslim Journeys, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association.

UMD Library was one of over 840 libraries and humanities councils across the United States to receive this bookshelf collection, which includes 25 hardcover books, three full-length films, and a one-year subscription to *Oxford Islamic Studies Online*. The purpose of the Muslim Journeys collection is to familiarize audiences in the United States about the people, places, history, faith and cultures of Muslims in the United States and around the world.

An opening reception in the library rotunda on Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m. will introduce the collection, and a film series will show the three films received as part of the set:

- **Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m.**
"Islamic Art: Mirror of the Invisible World"
- **Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 p.m.**
"Koran by Heart: One Chance to Remember"
- **Saturday, May 4, 1 p.m.** at the Duluth Public Library green room, "Prince Among Slaves."



For more information about the Muslim Journeys collection and to view trailers from the films, visit http://libguides.d.umn.edu/muslim_journeys. The Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys is a project of the National Endowment for the Humanities, conducted in cooperation with the American Library Association. Support was provided by a grant from Carnegie Corporation of New York. Additional support for the arts and media components was provided by the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art.

Submitted by Liz Benson Johnson

2013 Membership Directory

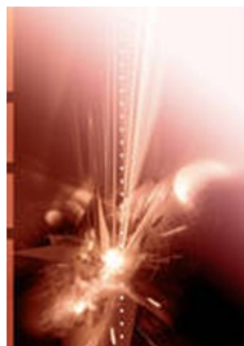


The 2013 Membership Directory will be coming out in May. Please send any corrections, changes, or additions i.e. new address, email, phone, etc. to Fr. Theo **by May 1** via phone or email. Office phone 218-727-1262, office email:

standrewsbythelakeduluth@gmail.com or salamander.park091@gmail.com

Building the Dynamic Church

Paul Wilkes, religious writer, university teacher, and author of: Excellent Protestant Congregations and Excellent Catholic Congregations developed



the following criteria to find life-changing community building churches.

According to Wilkes, a church should:

- Have a joyful spirit and nurture a "habit of being"; be a place where people enjoy being part of the community.
- Be welcoming and accessible to everyone in its community. People should feel comfortable saying what they need and telling their stories.
- Be innovative and thoughtful in worship—alive and appealing, yet reverent.
- Instill values of Christian community.
- Have Scripture-based teaching and preaching—not merely "feel good" religion that waters down the true meaning and demands of Scripture.
- Serve the needs of people in the surrounding areas and beyond.
- Be aware of the diversity of members; be open and willing to adapt.
- Emphasize spirituality and a deep relationship with God, not just social interaction.
- Have a sense of God's complexity and not base its theology on one characteristic of God.



- Be a place where decisions are made collaboratively, not only by the priest or a small group of leaders.
- See value in Christian tradition, yet not be static.
- Attempt to boldly confront real problems within its membership and community and not be content with its successes.

So how do you think St. Andrew's is doing?



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More Books!!

Our visitor from Ellsworth WI, Rodney Pearson, who last month generously sent us a number of books, has again given materials for the St. Andrew's library. Look for these new additions:

- "Paw Prints In the Moonlight"
- "Kaspar the Titanic Cat"
- "Cats Miscellany"
- "Good Old Dog"
- "Dancing Dogs"
- "Uggie"
- "Just A Dog"
- "A Dog Called Homeless"
- "Show Dog"
- "Shelter Puppies"
- "Shelter Cats"
- "The Last Walk"
- "What's a Dog For?"
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- "The \$60,000 Dog (My Life with Animals)"
- "...I never saw another butterfly...- Children's Drawings and Poems from Terezin Concentration Camp, 1942-1944"
- "The Holocaust by Bullets-A Priest's Journey to Uncover the Truth Behind the Murder of 1.5 Million Jews"
- "The Girls of Room 28-Friendship, Hope, and Survival in Theresienstadt"
- "Extraordinary, Ordinary People-A Memoir of Family (Condoleezza Rice)"
- "Peace Like a River"
- "The Genius of Dogs"
- "The Divinity of Dogs"



Two DVDs:

- "The Trip to Bountiful"
- "The Fox and the Child"

Look for a display after Easter.

Submitted by Ginny Berger

Cindy at McCabe



We congratulate The Rev. Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski on her appointment as associate director at McCabe Renewal Center. McCabe's Mission is "to offer space and opportunities to nurture the whole person through private and group retreats, workshops, and a variety of programs. The Center is committed to journey with others as they seek wholeness and inner peace." We know that this is a wonderful opportunity for Cindy's gifts and her passions to come together in ways that will further God's kingdom. Hip hip hooray!

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to
knowing,
loving,
and
serving God.***

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and the Web!
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Thanks!

Here's a BIG THANK YOU to the Discovery Team. Their efforts over the last year plus produced a Parish Profile and Brochure we can all be proud of. They spearheaded a truly representative effort of the lives of our Parish Family and pulled together the essence of St. Andrew's By-The-Lake as a family in Christ. With the fruits of their labor as a guide, we have solid ground to build on as the Search Process goes forward.



Roberta Cline, Senior Warden

**The deadline for the May Grains of Sand
is Wednesday, April 24.**