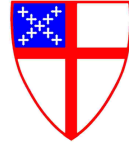


# GRAINS OF SAND

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

# Logoi from Theo



March 2013

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

## “Who killed the Diocese?”

This wasn't exactly the way the question was phrased, but recently someone asked why the diocese had been abolished. That hasn't really happened. It can't happen: a diocese is a canonical entity within the Episcopal Church and a legal entity under American law. The term comes from a Greek word meaning “administration;” no matter whether large or small a diocese is defined as the area administered by a bishop (the Greek roots of which word mean “over-seer”). But how we view this entity and the language we use for it have shifted, certainly here in Minnesota. What follows is a brief attempt to explain where we are now.

Sometime in the early 2000s, a group of congregational leaders in Minnesota, both clergy and laity, began to articulate that the Church of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century would need a more collaborative style of organization and leadership than the Church has practiced in the past. By 2005, the loose thinking of this group took shape as the *Mission Strategy Network* and the work it proposed as necessary for the continued growth and health of Episcopalians in Minnesota was formally adopted by our convention delegates. A report with recommendations for further work was adopted by the convention of 2008 and this ground-plan was then used to create the profile for the call of Bishop Prior. (Whether you're calling a vicar or a bishop, it's all about articulating a clear community vision and the goals that go with it, then finding the person with the right skills to fit the job!)

Two of the goals set early in this rethinking are particularly pertinent here:

“to redevelop the entire diocese by the end of 2009 to function primarily as a decentralized network of faith communities [that will] exercise local initiative and responsibility for shared ministry in their contexts”; and

“for every congregation to connect or re-connect to ministry directly related to its particular mission field and become communities in which discipleship is a way of life for all God's people” (empowered grass roots renewal).

As part of living into a fuller expression of this new identity, the narrow ecclesiastical terminology of “Diocese of Minnesota” has been replaced by the use of “Episcopal Church in Minnesota,” which is intended to embrace more clearly who we are as a network of faith communities, all called to transformation by engaging in God's mission but all in the particular manifestation of our various local contexts and cultures.

Organizationally, things have changed as well. The work of ECMN has been restructured into three areas—Mission, Ministry and Management—giving us a new common language through which to engage in meaningful conversation. So too we have reorganized around geographic areas of the state, called “Mission Areas” to emphasize our common purpose: discovering, within our own communities, the gifts and grace God has planted here. When we “network,” when we are connected to other faith communities in ministry, we can use all of our gifts—our time, talent, and resources—more collaboratively in new ways and participate more fully in God’s mission, engaged and motivated by ideas that stretch us beyond what we’re used to.

To learn more about what The Episcopal Church in Minnesota is doing, please visit the website: [www.episcopalmn.org](http://www.episcopalmn.org)



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## March is Minnesota FoodShare Month: Help CHUM Fight Hunger in Duluth!

If Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign did not exist, local food shelves throughout the state would truly be facing "Mission Impossible." But for 29 years, civic groups, businesses, congregations, schools and individuals have come together in this grassroots effort to fight hunger.

As you probably know, the need for food assistance in CHUM’s service area continues to grow. Every day we see individuals and families coming to our food shelves for the first time, people who have never before needed assistance from social service programs. The food shelf is a vital support to families in time of crisis, helping to keep the family system stable by providing groceries to put dinner on the table tonight, information and referral services to our network of service providers, and short-term case management help.

March provides an unequalled opportunity for people to stretch cash and food contributions to food shelves. The Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign provides a proportional match for all food and financial contributions received throughout the month of March. The Feinstein Foundation provides a proportional match for all gifts given in March and April. What a way to double our contribution!

## Cash Donations are Especially Welcome



They allow the Food Shelf to take advantage of lower prices available through local vendors. Simply write a check to St. Andrew’s and put “CHUM Food Shelf” in the memo line at the bottom.

***STRETCH* your donation**



**Your \$10.00**



**Your food shelf's \$10.00**

*Food shelves can stretch donations of cash further than donations of food, because of their access to discount products and programs.*

*Feed more Minnesota families. Donate cash to your local food shelf today.*



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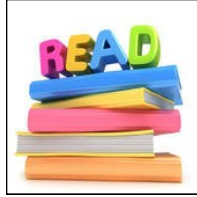
## **Foods Most Needed**

- Canned stew, chili, hash, Spaghetios, ravioli
- canned fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges, peaches, pineapple, pears
- canned whole kernel corn
- chicken noodle or cream of mushroom soup
- tuna or Spam; ramen noodles; baked beans
- boxed potatoes; spaghetti sauce
- canned (not frozen) juice or juice concentrate in flip top cans

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

March 1

Have you read a good book lately? Maybe it's one you would like to talk about and share with someone. If so, this is the group for you! Join us on Friday, March 1 at Noon at Porter's Restaurant. For more information call Heather Pitschka at 218-591-5667 or Sandy Carlson at 723-1181.



Can't make it this month? Friday, April 5 will be the next meeting of the book club.

## Friday Prayer Group

March 8

Our monthly meeting takes place on Friday, March 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Mission Hall. Please join us for a prayerful time of sharing joys, concerns, and hopes.

Submitted by Joanne Blyler

## Second Sunday

March 10

We will be making CHUM sandwiches/bag lunches, once again, on March 10 following our Church service. The volunteers helping put these lunches together are phenomenal! We wish to thank each and every one of you.



Submitted by Mike and Sharon Oliver

## Saturday Stitchers

March 23

Please join us on Saturday, March 23 from 9:30 to 2 p.m. in the Mission Hall of St. Andrew's. A potluck lunch will be served at noon. Host Liz Benson Johnson will provide the main dish. Please bring a side dish to share. Come for the day or for as many hours as you can spare but do come! Feel free to bring a guest. For more information, call Sandy Carlson at 723-1181 or email at:

[carlzimm@msn.com](mailto:carlzimm@msn.com)

## Holy Week Schedule

Watch for more information closer to the dates.

**Maundy Thursday**, March 28, 5:45 p.m.

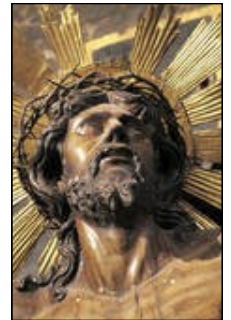
Eucharist, *agape* meal, and the stripping of the altar

**Good Friday**, March 29, Noon

Prayer Book liturgy;  
7 p.m., a contemporary  
presentation

**Holy Saturday**, March 30, 7 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter



## Christian Formation for Children and Youth

Christian Formation for the children of St. Andrew's By-The-Lake continues on Sundays except for Family Church on the second Sunday of each month. Thank you to Mary Ellen Owens for leading the middle and high school the past two months. Liz Maeshima will continue through Easter. Cameron Hubley is teaching the elementary class this session.

Peace, Sally Buck

## March Youth Group Dates

**Sunday 3/10**, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Movie, Popcorn and fellowship at St. Andrew's.  
Open to all youth.

**Friday 3/14 through Monday 3/17**, Great Northern TEC at St. John's in the Wilderness, White Bear Lake. **Wheat donations of letters, food or money are always welcome.** Please see Abby Anderson, Joey Nichols or Brian Lundberg if you have a question or would like to make a donation.



## Great Northern TEC (Teen Encounter Christ)

St. Andrew's By-The-Lake will be represented at the next Great Northern TEC weekend by Abby Anderson and Garrett Reedy, youth leaders in the conference room, Joey Nichols, on the Music Team and Madeline Stauber and Brian Lundberg, on the Wisdom Team, for this Spring TEC March 14 - March 17 in White Bear Lake. Please keep all candidates, youth and adults in your thoughts and prayers this month! Please see an initial draft of the team for TEC #48 below. Also, there is a link to a you tube video that was recently produced about Great Northern TEC featuring many youth including our own Abby, Garrett and Joey and pictures of past SABTL young adults. Please check it out if you are interested and would like to know more about TEC and share with others <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9cMZugjG-E&feature=youtu.be>

## TEC #48 in White Bear Lake



**Youth Advisor** – Garrett Reedy and Abby Anderson

**Youth Directors** – Donny Hoover and Sylvie Weintraub

**Adult Director** – Gail Coon

**Adult Advisor** – Alison Feigh

**Kitchen Youth Leaders**- Jane Stonehouse and Tom Welinski

**Kitchen Youth** – Cedrik Cady-Hill, Hattie Powers, Sarah Smith, Chrissy Vor, Caleb Weber

**Kitchen Adults** – Rachel Babbitt, Becky Monson, Steve Mullaney

**Wheat Youth Leaders** – Josh Whitesell and Kori Worra

**Wheat Youth** – Sierra Bieniek, Jackson Brown, Charlie Franklin, Mason Moran, Ginka Tarnowski and Megan Thoemke

**Wheat Adults** – Beth Carpenter and Siri Hustad

**Sky Youth Leaders** – Jack Dudley and Toby Foster

**Sky Youth** - Lizzie Karp, Christof Krumenacker, Davis Long, Haylie Madkins and Bri Reischl

**Sky Adults** – Tom Erickson, Sara Hill and BreAnne Rice

**Music Youth Leader** – Maway Quillo

**Music Youth** - Lisa DeGuisseppi, Abbie Mitchell and Joey Nichols

**Music Adults** – Carrie Thomas and Mark Ward

**Clergy** – The Rev. Cheryl Harder, The Rev. Marta Maddy, The Rev. Linda Lundgren and The Rev. Rick Todd

**TLC** – Sheila Foster

**Adult Table Leaders** –Leah Harder, Becky Gauthier, Kim Johnson, Kate Reeher and Margaret Thor

**Conference** – Annie Brunner, Red Doherty, Helena Oglesby, Hannah Smith and Reeder Smith

**Voices of Wisdom** – Maxine Kobinski and Sydney Foster

**Wisdom Chaplains** –Brian Lundberg and Jessica Sundell

**Wisdom Team** – Maggie DeSmet, Grace Hiltner, Olin Johnson, Matt Kohne, Ch'aska Quillo, Kjersten Rice, Nikki Roche and Madeline Stauber

**Voice of Reason** – Katrina Gadwa

## Life House Community Service Project

We brought the **Life Aid** kit donations to Life House two weeks ago and they were very appreciative of our effort. We donated: 50 winter hats; 100 pair of gloves; 50 Life Aid kits; 3 boxes of tampons; 45 packages of animal crackers, 25 packages of gold fish crackers and 25 packages of fruit snacks. Each Life Aid Kit contained: one of each (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, body wash, lotion, hand sanitizing gel, lip balm, and 4 band-aids). Thank you for your support in making this a successful community service project.



## A Message From Brian



We are experiencing a "lull" right now with active participation of youth in worship, youth group and educational opportunities and activities offered at SABTL. There may be many reasons or factors for this... but instead of getting stuck on "why" our youth are not participating... I would like to focus on "what" we can do about it. I thought the presentation by the Discovery Team was excellent and it inspired me to look at this "issue" or "problem" a little differently. I will begin by inviting our current youth members to embrace; (1) the reality that things are not going to be the same... or maybe even similar to the way things were previously and (2) this time as an opportunity to make things their own unique experience. I will be contacting all of our current youth members and parents by letter and in person to initiate discussions. We, as a congregation, have gone through an extensive "discovery journey" to define who we are...

I think the youth need to go through a similar journey to define who they are as current young people of St. Andrew's and where they want to go.



I cannot do this without your help... so I am dedicating March, April and May to inviting young people to begin to discover who they are as "young people" of St. Andrew's in 2013. Lori Thompson and Cindy Hendrickson have already agreed to help me with youth development and I will be asking for more help as we adults begin to prepare and give our youth opportunities to re-discover who they are as young members or our community. If you would like to help out or have ideas or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 218-591-2583 or [bllund@msn.com](mailto:bllund@msn.com).

Peace,

Brian Lundberg

## Share the Love Concert

Sunday night, February 24, saw the successful completion of St. Andrew's 3rd CHUM "Share the Love" Concert. About 80 people heard a wonderful concert by Bill and Laurie Bastian that had the audience laughing, and singing along on some old favorites.



After a wealth of delicious desserts and great music, people were generous in their support of the Peace and Justice Committee's fundraiser. We took in \$1458 at the concert and expect more to come with the last few items from the silent auction. Thank you to every one who worked to make the evening a success and to those who came to support our efforts.

Submitted by Ginny Berger

## Visual Arts Exhibits

After Easter our current St. Andrew's history photo exhibit will be taken down. **Now is the time to let us know if you wish to purchase any of the framed pictures.** Anyone who is interested in buying one or more of the photos may do so by signing up in the Mission Hall where there is a notebook on the table for that purpose.

An interim art exhibit will replace the photo exhibit for a few months. Over the past few years we have collected prints and framed pictures for various displays that have been shown at our church. Selected prints will be assembled from that collection for an exhibit that will remain through the summer months. Another major exhibit will take place next fall. We will tell you about that in the April Grains of Sand. The committee members are: Ellie Alspach, Donna Grover and Arlene Renken.

Submitted by Arlene Renken

## St. Andrew's Website

Our new website is looking great. To check it out go to: [standrewsbythelake.org](http://standrewsbythelake.org) and it will take you right to the Homepage.



If you click on the **Calendar Tab**, you will find the current month with posted events plus the following months well into 2014. This is **now** our **Church Calendar** and the place to go to see what is happening at St. Andrew's. Cameron Hubley is keeping the calendar up to date. If you want her to add an event to the calendar, you may call her at 218-591-5633 or email your information to her at: [cameronhubley@hotmail.com](mailto:cameronhubley@hotmail.com)

When you click on the **St. Andrew's Tab**, a drop-down menu shows four headings. They are **History, Committees, Sermons and Newsletters**. Check out what you will find if you click on each of these headings.

The **Parish Life Tab** also has a drop-down menu with four headings titled **Faith Formation, Reader's Choice Book Club, Friday Prayer Group and Saturday Stitchers**. You'll find up-to-date information in each of these.

The **Lay Ministry Tab** has the current three month schedule posted on it.

The last four Tabs are **Outreach, Special Events, Resources, and Contact Us**. Check them out.

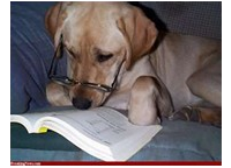
I strongly suggest that you add the St. Andrew's website to your "**favorites**" since this will be an important source of up-to-date information for you. Our goal is to keep it current. The people who are responsible for entering data are: Ellen Pillsbury, Dave Johnson, Cindy Hendrickson, Cameron Hubley, Ginny Berger, Liz Maeshima, Brian Lundberg, and Sandy Carlson.

Submitted by Sandy Carlson

## New Books in Our Library

Rodney Pearson, a frequent visitor to St. Andrew's from Ellsworth WI, has donated a number of new books for our library. Rod first came to St. Andrew's for the "Blessing of the Animals" several years ago. He is an ardent supporter of animals and how God is revealed in our relationships with them. The new books for us to share are:

Two children's books titled *Sammy* and *Maggie's Second Chance*.



Eight adults books titled *Kissed by a Fox, Nop's Trials, Nop's Hope, Wallace, A Dog's Purpose, Let's Take the Long Way Home, Unsaid, and Rose in a Storm*.

Looks for a display in the Mission Hall soon.

Submitted by Ginny Berger

## St. Andrew's Centennial Quilt in State Show

The St. Andrew's Centennial Quilt is going to be part of a special exhibit of mariner's compass quilts from around the world at the 2013 Minnesota State Quilters Show. The exhibit will be at the DECC and open to the public from June 13 through 15. The St. Andrew's Centennial Quilt design was developed by twelve parish members and constructed by Joan Hunn, Kris Rauschenfels, Liz Maeshima, Liz Benson Johnson, and Sandy Carlson, and hangs in the church Mission Hall.



Look for more details in the May issue of the Grains of Sand.

Submitted by Joan Hunn

## Calling a New Priest

During our annual meeting on February 17, the question was asked, "Exactly what is the process of calling the new priest and why does it say the Bishop 'appoints' the priest? Don't we have a say?" Let me start by saying that, yes, you will have a choice of candidates, but the list from which you get to choose will come from the Bishop. All candidates interested in the position will submit their inquiries to the Bishop's office; the Bishop and his advisory team will then review the applicants and select three to five who seem to exhibit the best "fit" for St. Andrew's, using as their criteria the profile you have just completed and provided to him. A St. Andrew's Search Committee will then decide who they want to interview, conduct those interviews, and finally recommend one candidate to the Bishop's Committee. After voting to endorse that choice (assuming they do!), the Bishop's Committee will then request the Bishop's final approval. Once they get that approval the Bishop will appoint the new priest to St. Andrew's and the Bishop's Committee will enter into a call process with that individual. (What exact form the call will take—whether it will be a call to the position of Vicar or Priest-in-charge—has not been determined at this time.) Most of this latter action will happen simultaneously, not as long-drawn-out process.



The prayerful oversight of Bishop Prior throughout this process is in part because he *is* the Bishop and all priests who enter the diocese do so only with his permission and oversight. This ensures that they meet the criteria he and the Commission on Ministry have identified as strengthening the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. The Bishop's involvement is greater in St. Andrew's case because you are a mission congregation and thus directly responsible to him as your Rector. The clergy in mission situations operate as the Bishop's appointed "staff" in a sense, and ultimate decisions about congregational matters are all referred to the Bishop's office for approval.

If all of these steps seem constrictive, it is important to note that Bishop Prior is all about greater local empowerment, not less. (see this month's *Logoi* article). He is, in fact, giving you a greater voice in finding your next clergy partner than you have ever had before. Although your last two vicars were interviewed for the position, essentially Bishop Robert Anderson appointed Cindy Peterson-Wlosinski and Bishop Philip McNairy appointed John Husband. And most will not remember that from your founding up into the 1950s the position of vicar was filled by clergy on the staff of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, all appointed by the Bishop of Duluth (when there was a Diocese of Duluth). So here is your chance to take full responsibility for your own future; may you choose wisely, with God's help!

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## St. Andrew's Now Has an Office Email Address

[standrewsbythelakeduluth@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsbythelakeduluth@gmail.com).

You may use this for general email and may continue to contact Fr. Theo at his personal address: [salamander.park091@gmail.com](mailto:salamander.park091@gmail.com).

## Book Recommendation

From The Rev. Stephen Wlosinski at the February 9, 2013 NE Minnesota Mission Area meeting at Trinity Episcopal Church.

[Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers](#)

by [Anne Lamott](#)



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## The Song of Praise: Canticle Q

Jesus, as a mother, you gather your people to you;  
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.  
Often you weep over our sins and our pride,  
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.  
You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds,  
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.  
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life;  
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.  
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;  
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.  
Your warmth gives life to the dead,  
your touch makes sinners righteous.  
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us;  
in your love and tenderness, remake us.  
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness,  
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.



Taken from: "Enriching Our Worship," an approved addendum to the Book of Common Prayer.

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for the April Grains of Sand.