

A Message from your Vicar

Laughing out loud has been one of the most important aspects of my work and life for many years. In fact, one of my core values, no matter how many times I revisit them, is laughter.

One of the most heart lifting characteristics of the community at SABTL is how willing you all are to laugh. And not just laugh in a chuckling kind of way, but in a healthy, strong, belly laugh kind of way. I love the playfulness you all bring to our worship and to our ministry.



On the 24th of October, we celebrated new ministry, not just mine, but the ministry we will do together. As the Bishop said in his sermon, our work together is rooted in our baptismal commitment to the Church and to the world. That's not very funny, but I suppose not everything is all that hilarious.

I will say, our entire ministry together, all the work we do, the worship we share, will be rooted in the joy we know from God's abundant presence. There will be bumps on the road, and valleys to get lost in, but I hope and pray we will be able to smile and laugh together.

The smiles, the energy we shared together on the 24th felt so real, welcoming, and energizing. I felt transformed, as if I was being offered an opportunity to be a part of something unique, spectacular and world changing. I felt as if we were making a commitment to one another that really could change the world.

During our Eucharistic service we make a commitment to pattern our lives after Christ's call to be disciples of Christ. I hope to continue to use that statement throughout our Eucharistic services no matter the season, no matter the worship. There is something about making such a statement that fills me up and points me to my center where I find God.

The more I look to my center, the more I experience God at my center, the more I find myself looking into the faces of the members of SABTL. Your smiles, our relationships, your laughter. I am so grateful to be with you all, and I am so excited to see where we go together, how God is working in our midst to move us in a direction together that will have an impact on the community where we reside.

Thank you all so much for receiving me, and my children so warmly and with so much laughter into your midst. I am looking forward to walking with current and future SABTL members on the way to knowing, loving, and serving God.

Aaron

GRAINS OF SAND

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

Calendar of Events

(Look for the details of these events in this newsletter)

November

- 1 Reader's Choice Book Club of St. Andrew's
- 3 Children's Banks for CHUM (Turned In)
- 5 Election Day
- 10 CHUM Bag Lunches
- 10 Letter-writing Workshop
- 17 Bishop's Committee Meeting
- 19 CHUM Dinner
- 21 Ladies' Night Out
- 23 Saturday Stitchers
- 26 Deadline for the Combined December/January Grains of Sand
- 28 Thanksgiving Day
- 30 St. Andrew's Day Celebration



Readers' Choice Book Club of St. Andrew's

November 1

I have been reading a lot lately and I hope you have too. If there is a good book you would like to talk about please join your fellow St. Andrew's readers on **Friday, November 1st** at Noon at Porter's Restaurant. We open our meeting with a prayer and since November 1st is All Saints' Day we will pause to remember all our loved ones who have gone before us with a special emphasis on those who may have taught us the love of books. Where did your passion for reading come from? Was it from a relative who has died? We will take some time to share our stories. I hope to see you there.



Submitted by Sandy Carlson

Christian Formation for Children

Christian Formation for the children of St. Andrew's continues on Sundays for elementary (K-4th grade) except on Youth/Family Sundays. We've learned the Old Testament stories through a combination of Godly Play with Bible stories and activities that help support SABTL outreach. The children made banks to collect or earn money for the children of CHUM. We'll collect the boxes on **November 3rd** and present the funds at the offering. In November, we're learning the 10 Commandments. Please sign up on the Education Board or talk with Sally if you're interested in teaching or caring for little ones in the nursery beginning in January.



Submitted by Sally Buck

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. —[Numbers 6:24-26](#)



CHUM Bag Lunch Sunday

Sunday, November 10

Ninety bag lunches continue to be made on the second Sunday of every month after church. Liz Maeshima and Liz Benson-Johnson are in charge of this outreach project through the end of this year.

New Right of Way is the Wrong Way Letter-writing Workshop

November 10



Enbridge Energy proposes to build an oil pipeline (ironically named Sandpiper – an endangered type of shorebird) to carry crude oil from western North Dakota, across northern Minnesota, through rural Carlton County, to a refinery in Superior, Wisconsin. (Not coincidentally, it will destroy about half of our woods and disrupt a large portion of our pasture.)

From Superior, the oil is destined for foreign ports via Lake Superior, the largest freshwater lake in the world, and the Gulf of Mexico, the site of one of the world's worst oil spills in history.

This oil will be extracted from the ground by pumping millions of gallons of water contaminated with poisonous chemicals in a process called hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking". It will then be pumped through a 30-inch diameter pipe buried only four and a half feet underground which, when it cracks or breaks, will leak into surface and ground water.

The pipeline's construction will disturb over 600 miles of forest, prairie, and aquatic ecosystems. The pipeline also crosses hundreds of acres of farmland, much of which is farmed organically on some of the richest soil in northeastern Minnesota. These farms provide healthy food to many St. Andrew's members and other families, stores, and restaurants throughout Duluth and its surrounding communities.

Enbridge already has six oil pipelines that traverse our region, and rather than risk any new land to an oil spill, or disrupt the lives of any additional families, they could route the Sandpiper pipeline in their existing right of way or along the abandoned Soo Line railroad grade which also would eliminate the need to disrupt any new land.

In the near future, Enbridge will be filing for a Certificate of Need and Routing Permit with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. There will then be a specified comment period in which the public can express their concerns regarding the project. Following church, on **Sunday, November 10th**, in the Mission Hall, there will be a letter-writing workshop teaching how to write the most effective letter to the MPUC. I sincerely hope you will join us.



Submitted by Mary and Tim Anderson

Bishop's Committee Meeting



November 17

The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be held **Sunday, November 17** immediately following our morning service until 12:30 p.m.

CHUM Dinner

November 19



We are on CHUM's calendar to make, transport and serve dinner on **Tuesday, November 19th**. As usual, we are looking for volunteers and donations. Ginny will be in charge of cooking and can use help at St. Andrew's kitchen from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. that afternoon. Dinner is transported to CHUM at 4:15 p.m. Margaret and John will be in charge of serving and clean-up at CHUM (the drop-in center is located at 125 N. 1st Ave. W.) from 4:45 to 6:15 p.m. and six more volunteers are needed. We also ask for donations of baked goods and fruit for dessert. These can be dropped off on Sunday, November 17 after church or on Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Please sign up at church or call Margaret at 393-2493.



Ladies' Night Out

November 21

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lease join us for Ladies' Night Out on **Thursday, November 21st** at 6:00 p.m. We will meet for dinner at Valentini's Restaurant, 1400 London Road. Call Elena Knezevich at 724-2939 or email her at eknezevich@hotmail.com by Wednesday, November 20 to spend an enjoyable evening with your friends.

Saturday Stitchers (the "hands-on" group)

November 23



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o you have holiday projects you need to work on? Are you short on time and have limited space to work on your projects? St. Andrew's has the answer for you. Join the Saturday Stitchers on **November 23** from 9:30 to 2 p.m. The Mission Hall at St. Andrew's will provide you with all the table space you need and you will have four hours of quality work time. Liz B J is the host for the meeting and will provide the main dish. You just need to bring your project(s) and a side dish to share. Coffee and tea are provided along with a warm and friendly atmosphere.

Submitted by Sandy Carlson

St. Andrew's Day Celebration

November 30



An exciting event, our Patronal Feast, don't miss it. **Saturday, November 30th**, early evening, festivities and laughter. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Blessing of the Animals Service, A Howling Success

Thanks to all who made the Blessing of the Animals Service on **Sunday, October 6th** a howling success. Cindy Hendrickson braved the storm the night before to help set up after the two weddings. Ginny Berger set up and served the goodies, Mark Berger and Bev Mimm were greeters, and many others helped to set up, serve, and clean up. Elena Knezevich performed on the piano and the singers were **great!**

In attendance were a little over one hundred people and thirty plus animals including two baby goats and a 20 year old dog. Aron planned a wonderful service and kept his composure and sense of humor even when my "well-trained" Irish Setter sneaked up behind him and almost hauled off with the communion wafers. Our Mission Hall was filled with smiles, laughter, and song. It was truly a happy event.



In appreciation, Jan Peterson

Green Team "Evergreen" Award

Under the leadership of Kinnan Stauber, St. Andrew's was awarded its third and ultimate Green Team level on **Sunday, October 13th**. Jill Peterman and Helen Hanten represented MEESC in the awards ceremony during worship. Congratulations to everyone who was a part of this effort. The green team will continue its efforts and keep us aware of our environmental stewardship.



Grubby Sunday

On **Sunday, October 13th** the Green Team held a Grubby Sunday. Clean up work was done both inside and out with participation from Kinnan Stauber, Ellie Alspach, Jeff Stark, Ginny Berger, Mary Anderson, Karen Nichols, and Aron Kramer.



Submitted by Margaret Handley and Kinnan Stauber

ABC Summer of Service Award



On Tuesday, October 22, 2013, the announcement was made on Good Morning Northland (ABC - WDIO/WIRT, Channels 10 & 13) that **Jacob Laundergan** was one of two recipients of the ABC Summer of Service Awards for his volunteer service at "Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank". Youth Service America funded the awards; Hubbard Broadcasting and WDIO were partners. Second Harvest received \$1,000.00 for this award.

Submitted by Jean Laundergan

Renewal of Ministry and Welcoming a New Vicar

The Right Reverend Brian Prior, Bishop of Minnesota, family members of Aron's, and many of his friends along with the St. Andrew's community joined together in a "Renewal of Ministry" and the welcoming of our Vicar, The Reverend Aron Kramer, to St. Andrew's By-The-Lake on Thursday evening, October 24, 2013. We gathered together with grateful hearts to formally recognize and joyfully celebrate Aron's arrival on July 1 and his installation as Vicar of St. Andrew's.



The service was centered on the renewal of the Baptismal Covenant, the Letter of Institution of our new Priest in charge, and the Eucharist. The service of the Celebration of New Ministry was designed to emphasize the mutual ministry of clergy and people as they embark on a new ministry together. To that end, many people participated throughout the service.

In the service, led by Bishop Prior, we acknowledged and celebrated the gifts, responsibilities, and ministries shared by the people of St. Andrew's and our new Vicar, Aron.

Bishop Prior's sermon focused on the ongoing story of St. Andrew's By-The-Lake and the latest chapter introduced when Aron joined our community. He reminded us that this chapter, too, will end in the future but our strong community will continue on.

Before the final blessing Bishop Prior stated, "We have celebrated this new pastoral relationship in the great prayer of the Church. Aron, I commend to your love and care the people of St. Andrew's By-the-Lake. My brothers and sisters in Christ, I commend to your love and care your new Vicar, Aron."

A reception followed the service and, as Aron said on Sunday, October 27th, "It was a blast!"

Submitted by Sandy Carlson

Honoring our Immigrant Heritage New Exhibit at St. Andrew's



The history of immigration in our country is a long and continuing story. Our new exhibit reveals just how the story has shaped the lives of over 20 parishioners who contributed photos, objects and personal stories to the exhibit. It is a reminder of how American culture has been enriched by the coming together of varied groups of people who brought with them their talents, languages, and creative spirits. St. Andrew's is a microcosm of that broader society.

The displays will be shown until spring, giving everyone an opportunity to view the exhibits and read the stories. As you do so, keep in mind the words of a blessing spoken by Aron every Sunday at the close of the service, "May the protection of the ancestors be yours".

Submitted by Arlene Renken

C onfirmation/Youth Event Schedule

11/3, 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.—Confirmation—In Church

11/10, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.—Confirmation Class. Help with CHUM bag lunches after Church.

11/10, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.—All Youth Event. (Hot dog roast, games...)

11/17, Self Reflection—Youth can choose to spend time in reflection at home or in Church.

11/24, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.—Confirmation Class.



December

12/1, 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.—Confirmation—In Church

12/8, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.—Confirmation Class. Help with CHUM bag lunches after Church.

12/15, Self Reflection—Youth can choose to spend time in reflection at home or in Church.

12/22, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.—Confirmation class.

Submitted by Brian Lundberg

Realize that true happiness lies within you. Waste no time and effort searching for peace and contentment and joy in the world outside. Remember that there is no happiness in having or in getting, but only in giving. Reach out. Share. Smile. Hug. Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself.

—Og Mandino, *The Greatest Miracle in the World*

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Aron and his family. October 24, 2013
His mother, Vicky, his brother, Luke, and his father, Mike.

**Green Team Members
Present Aron With a Stole**

Thursday Evening, October 24

The Green team decided, at their June meeting, they would like to create a green stole for Aron for his Installation. We wanted the design to represent the four seasons.

- For Spring we choose a **Dragon Fly**.
- For Summer we choose a **Sail Boat**, a symbol we have at St. Andrew's.
- For Fall we choose a **Staff of Wheat**.
- For Winter we choose a **Dark Green Canadian Pine Tree** which is the last design on the Environmental Award we received in October.



Fern and Margaret presenting Aron with his Stole.

All of the designs were hand embroidered.

Submitted by Deacon Fern Penick

**The Deadline for the Combined December/January
Grains of Sand is Tuesday, November 26.**