

# St. Andrew Scroll

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## Christmas at Almost Like Home



Thank you to our dedicated volunteers who are still doing ministry with Almost Like Home! Under the leadership of Julie Cunningham and Debby Hartke, ALH volunteers donated items to fill Christmas bags for the staff and their families at each of the six houses. Jazlin was so very grateful!

The bags were filled with individually wrapped snacks, candy, ornaments, and activity toys for the children of the staff and included a special handmade gift card. Thank you to all those who sent cards to staff and residents as well!



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OFFICE HOURS:

TUESDAY 11 TO 4  
WEDNESDAY 9 TO 2  
THURSDAY 11 TO 4

Sunday Worship 9 a.m.  
[via Zoom]

*We do have limited seating capacity in the sanctuary in line with the current public health orders.*

For Sunday's Zoom link check the weekly bulletin, email the office, or text 'Sunday Zoom' to 720-641-1961



**"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you."**

*Isaiah 60:1*

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

8th Julie Cunningham  
28th Diane Lascot  
29th Erin Lascot  
Tanden Hovey  
30th Naya Johnson Wellnitz



## Endowment Fund Update

A HUGE Thank You to everyone who gave so generously to our Endowment Fund during the year and during this Christmas season. With such support, the Fund continues to grow. We look forward to supporting more outreach ministries in 2021. Please let us know if you have a favorite that the Fund could honor.

## Rocky Mountain Synod “Next Faithful Step” campaign

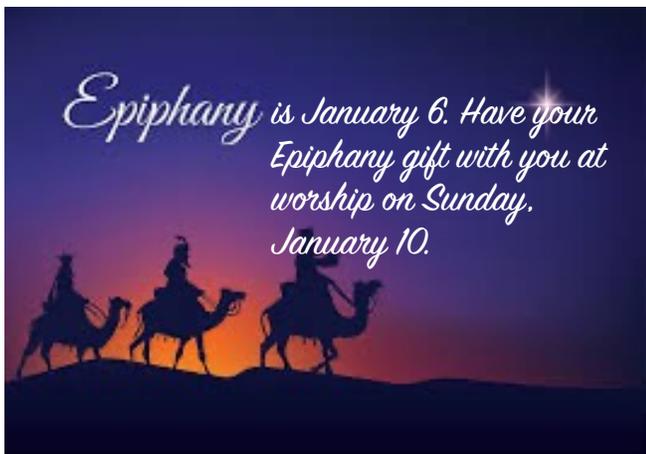


The Rocky Mountain Synod council has launched a fundraising effort for four ministry initiatives that are the Synod’s ‘Next Faithful Step.’ Bishop Gonias explains that these initiatives are deeply rooted in our “ELCA DNA” of equipping the baptized for ministry, engaging in life-long faith formation, centering our witness on God’s living Word and gifts of the Sacraments, and living as a public

church for the life of the world. The first two initiatives focus on vital health leadership and the second two focus on being good stewards of two key synod properties, one of which is the Messiah Mountain Retreat Center.

You can read more about the campaign here:

<https://www.rmselfca.org/next-faithful-step>



**We welcome Pastor Bonita Bock back to St. Andrew this Sunday, January 3 as Pastor Bev enjoys some time off.**

## You are invited to an Epiphany Weekend ZOOMfest!

January 8 - 10, 2021

In a community gripped by fear, the magi step on in, and there they find themselves overwhelmed with joy! It's there that they open their gifts before the infant Jesus, not for their own benefit but in the joy of being in the presence of Christ. In this time when fear has its grip on so much of our life together, how can we step into the middle of it and therein find our joy as we celebrate who we are and who we are being created to be in Christ?

Join others across the Rocky Mountain Synod - via either Zoom:  
<https://zoom.us/j/98084210913> or  
FaceBook Live: [www.facebook.com/rmselca](http://www.facebook.com/rmselca)

Click here for the "[Draft ZOOMfest Progam Booklet](#) "

## PANDEMIC RELIEF GRANT

Thank you to Erin Knight for sharing information about the application process for grant money available to non-profit organizations as part of pandemic relief. And thank you to Jefferson County for considering our application.

St. Andrew applied for the grant and was awarded a very generous \$23,000 award. The funds are to help with the impacts of the pandemic on our church community.

The St. Andrew council will meet this month to discuss suggestions and ideas for being good stewards of this grant; feel free to share your thoughts with any council member.

## Christmas Gift For Pastor Bev -



It is hard to pull off a secret collection for the pastor any time, but it is especially challenging in a pandemic! Your generosity and a little creativity combined to collect \$265 as a special gift for Pastor Bev. Thanks to those who donated and to Liz Shinn for making the 'tree!'

And from Pastor Bev, a VERY appreciative THANK YOU for a Christmas Eve surprise! There is a big smile behind that mask.



# Christmas Gifts of Compassion and Ministry

2020

## Given By:

Myrta Anderson

*Given in Honor of Worship Assistants for St. Andrew Endowment; In Memory of Charles Anderson for Arvada Community Table; In Honor of Secrest Liaisons, Jenny Carpenter & Mary Ann John for Denver After Dark; In Memory of Charles Anderson for Mission Arvada; In Honor of Elizabeth Shinn and helpers for Worship Enhancements*

Joe and Julie Cunningham

*Given in Memory of Joe's sister Marilyn for St. Andrew Endowment Fund.*

Laura Heagle

*Lovingly gave to Denver After Dark and Worship Enhancements*

Elaine Hemphill

*Lovingly gave to St. Andrew Endowment Fund*

Greg and Bev Hovey

*Given in Memory of Evelyn Zettlemyer for Worship Enhancements*

Mary Ann John

*Lovingly gave to St. Andrew Endowment Fund*

Lynn Kimbrough

*Given in Honor of Front-Line Workers for Arvada Community Table; In Memory of Lauren Thomas for St. Andrew Endowment Fund*

Sara Larson

*Given in Honor of Loved Ones for Denver After Dark, Mission Arvada and Worship Enhancements*

Gloria Lopatofsky

*Given in Memory of Molly Brown for Arvada Community Table and Denver After Dark*

George and JoAnn Meneghini

*Given in Honor of the Doctors and Nurses and In Memory of COVID-19 Patients for St. Andrew Endowment Fund, Arvada Community Table, Denver After Dark, Mission Arvada and Worship Enhancements*

Connie and Jim Moodie

*Given in Memory of parents: Jim, Catherine, Leonard and Rosie for St. Andrew Endowment Fund and Worship Enhancements*

Joan Smith

*Given in Honor of Children and Grandchildren and In Memory of her Husband, Parents and Sister for St. Andrew Endowment Fund, Arvada Community Table and Worship Enhancements*

St. Andrew Endowment Fund

*Lovingly given to Denver After Dark*

Janet Weisheit

*Given in Memory of Julie and Andrew Baardson for St. Andrew Endowment Fund, Arvada Community Table, Denver After Dark, Mission Arvada and Worship Enhancements*

### **SUMMARY OF GIFTS OF COMPASSION – CHRISTMAS SEASON 2020**

ST. ANDREW ENDOWMENT FUND	\$300
COMMUNITY TABLE	\$190
DINNER AFTER DARK	\$305
MISSION ARVADA	\$50
WORSHIP ENHANCEMENTS	\$315
<b>TOTAL GIFTS:</b>	<b>\$1,160</b>

St. Andrew Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes – December 06, 2020

In attendance: Bud Obert, Gloria Lopatofsky, Mari Hackbarth, Robert Coppin, Liz Shinn, Laura Heagle, Joe Cunningham, Lynn Kimbrough, Pastor Bev Piro

1. Call to order - Bud called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
2. Opening prayer - Pastor Bev opened with prayer.
3. Approval of agenda - Gloria moved to approve the agenda, second by Mari, motion carried.
4. Approval of council minutes from November 15, 2020 – Mari moved to approve the minutes, second by Joe, motion carried.
5. Pastor's Report - Advent bags were delivered, there are some fun things planned for Christmas Eve and we will make it as special as we can. Pastor Bonita will be our pulpit supply on January 3rd. Pastor will not be in the office this Tuesday while she recovers from a dental procedure.
6. Council President's Report - no report
7. Treasurer's report – Our actuals for November is -\$3,046.91 if the report is accurate, but year to date is +7072.45. No notable expenditures, but while we are in the middle of switching banks there is a little bit of a dance with deposits going one place and bills being paid from the other place. Hoping January 1 begins all of our banking at Community Bank.  
There was a question about where we are at with the Financial Secretary duties. Kristi got everything updated through mid-November. We will work to finish up the year in a timely fashion, get the reports out, then start with a new system and have Sara Larson help with Financial Secretary duties beginning in January.
8. Ministry updates (Council liaison)
  - a. Worship (Gloria, Joe, Laura, Liz) - Pastor Bev will be off January 3rd. There was a question about Epiphany; we will celebrate the Baptism of our Lord and Epiphany kind of blended together on Sunday, January 10.
  - b. Fellowship/Member care (Liz, Lynn) - no report
  - c. Faith Formation (Laura) - no report
  - d. Communication (Joe, Lynn) - no report
  - e. Outreach (Mari) - The Heroes Forever organization will be our outreach for December. [More below.] Contributions are starting to come in for gifts of beauty and gifts of compassion.

f. Property maintenance (Bob) - Pastor noted that the doorbell is not working on the west side doors and with the lockdown situation it would be helpful. Bud will put new batteries in.

9. Liaison reports - (liaison)

- a. Healing Arts Center (Barb B) – nothing new to report beyond the fact the HAC is reopened.
- b. Secrest Elementary (Mary Ann, Jenny) - no report
- c. Almost Like Home (Julie, Debby) - Debby Hartke and Julie Cunningham will be putting together 6 large Christmas bags for the staff and their families to be delivered to each of the 6 houses at ALH. ALH employs 80 staff members. The bags will be delivered on Dec. 16. ALL of the items were donated by six of our faithful and long-time volunteers. The items include hygiene items, individually wrapped snacks, ornaments, books, and Bible activity kits for the children and families of the staff. We continue to minister in this very personal way to our neighbors at Almost Like Home. The residents are not allowed to receive such gifts. Thanks to those in the congregation who are sending Christmas cards to be distributed to the residents. During this Advent Season, we ask that all of us prayerfully support the care and health of all those who minister to our nearby neighbors at Almost Like Home.

10. Old Business -

- a. Budget recommendation to the congregation - After review, it was determined that we should increase the line item for landscaping from \$1600 to \$2000, to accommodate the need for fertilizer. Mari moved to increase that line item to \$2000, second by Lynn, motion carried. Robert noted that the amount might also be able cover the cost of new sprinkler heads.

11. New business -

- a. Heroes Forever - Gloria reported that they are going to just do gift cards for cancer families this year to simplify the process. We could also just make donations online and include a note that it is from St. Andrew. We will send out a congregation email with the information and the link. Gloria will send to Lynn to send out.
- b. Congregation Annual meeting - Council set the annual congregation meeting on the last Sunday of January, January 31, following worship via Zoom. Lynn will send the spreadsheet around of where people are at with council terms. There will be an announcement asking for annual reports.

12. Announcements - Thank you to Julie and Joe for their donation of a dedicated laptop to run the worship service.

13. Next meeting date – January 10, 2020 following worship at approximately 10:30. Adjournment - Joe moved to adjourn, second by Gloria. Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.